

## Avondale Estrella Mountain Community College focuses on domestic violence

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EMCC shines spotlight on domestic violence  
Estrella Mountain Community College will present free activities in October in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness and provide resources.

Katie Hobbs, director of government relations for the Sojourner Center, will talk about why domestic-violence policy should be a state priority. Her presentations will be at 10 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Center for Teaching and Learning at the college, Dysart and Thomas roads, Avondale.

Here are highlights of other events:

### NEW LIFE CENTER DRIVE

**What:** EMCC is hosting a drive for personal items, baby products and clothing through Oct. 29 for the New Life Center. The Goodyear-based shelter provides a haven for families seeking independent, violence-free lives.

**Information:** [newlifectr.org](http://newlifectr.org).

**CLOTHESLINE PROJECT** Oct. 11-18,  
Ceremonial Plaza.

**When/where:**

**What:** T-shirts created by EMCC students,

faculty and staff will be displayed. They represent those who have been affected by domestic violence as part of the national Clothesline Project.

**Information:** [clotheslineproject.org](http://clotheslineproject.org).

### JUSTICE SERIES

**When:** 10 a.m. Oct. 12: Domestic-violence laws.

11:30 a.m. Oct. 19: Domestic-violence follow-up investigations.

10 a.m. Oct. 25: Domestic-violence community resources.

**Where:** Sessions will be at the Center for Teaching and Learning.

**Information:** Olga Tsoudis, 623-935-8592.

### SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP

**When/where:** Noon Oct. 18, Plaza Gallery.

**What:** Lecture on self-defense tactics and laws.

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**Information:** Olga Tsoudis, 623-935-8592

**WHAT'S BEHIND THE SMILE?**

**When/where:** 11:30 a.m. Oct. 21; 10 and 11 a.m. Oct. 22, North Community Room.

**What:** Students will discuss their experiences with domestic violence.

**Information:** Linda Cutright, 623-935-8827.

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