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## EMCC makes domestic violence key issue

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Throughout October, Estrella Mountain Community College is hosting a number of activities in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The free and public events are geared toward raising awareness of the issue, as well as providing assistance and resources to individuals involved in dangerous relationships.

- Through Oct. 29, EMCC is hosting a drive for the New Life Center, a shelter that provides a temporary haven for domestic violence victims.

Goods needed include personal items, baby products and clothing. Donation boxes are placed on campus in Estrella Hall, Montezuma Hall, Ocotillo Hall, Komatke Hall, Mariposa Hall and the Southwest Skill Center.

For information about the New Life Center, visit [www.newlifectr.org](http://www.newlifectr.org).

- From Oct. 11 to 18, T-shirts created by EMCC students, faculty and staff will be displayed at the college's Ceremonial Plaza. The T-shirts represent people who have been affected by domestic violence.

The display is part of the national Clothesline Project, started in 1990 with the goals of bearing witness to the survivors and victims of domestic violence; helping in the healing process; educating, documenting and raising awareness of the problem; and providing a nationwide network of support.

For information on the Clothesline Project, visit [www.clotheslineproject.org](http://www.clotheslineproject.org).

- The campus will host an Administration of Justice Series on three different days throughout the month.

At 10 a.m. Oct. 12, a lecture on domestic violence and the law will be held in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL).

At 11:30 a.m. Oct. 19, also in the CTL, guest speaker Detective Rod Ruiz from the Phoenix Police Department will review domestic violence and follow-up investigations.

At 10 a.m. Oct. 25 in the CTL, a workshop on domestic violence and community resources will feature a panel discussion with representatives from Arizona social agencies, including the New Life Center, Purple Ribbon Council and the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

- At noon on Oct. 18 in the Plaza Gallery, EMCC public safety officer, Tim O'Hearn will give a lecture about self defense. O'Hearn has more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement. The lecture will cover self-defense tactics and laws, as well as strategies for avoiding situations where self-defense would be needed.

- At 11:30 a.m. Oct. 21, and again at 10 and 11 a.m. Oct. 22, students will discuss their personal experiences with domestic violence during a session called "What's Behind the Smile?" The discussions will be held in the North Community Room.

For information on EMCC's Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities, contact Olga Tsoudis at 623-935-8592.

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