

## **October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

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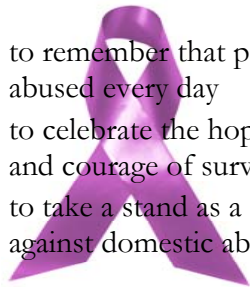
Domestic Violence Awareness month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end domestic violence.

This October people all over Maine people will gather to remember those individuals who have died as a result of domestic violence and those who are affected by it every day of their lives. Communities will come together to sponsor events to raise awareness and educate people about domestic violence. For more information about events happening in your community, please contact Amanda at 945-5102.

## **Wear a Purple Ribbon**

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- to remember that people are abused every day
- to celebrate the hope, strength, and courage of survival
- to take a stand as a community against domestic abuse



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## **NEXT STEPS AND BEYOND: TAKING A LOOK AT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**



**Thursday,  
October 23, 2008  
8:30am-4:00pm  
Katahdin Region Higher  
Education Center**

Sponsored by  
**KARE (Katahdin Area Response  
Effort)**  
with support from the following  
community partners:  
Penquis  
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Katahdin Region Higher Education  
Center  
Penobscot Valley Hospital

**Dr Jay Peters**

Dr. Peters is a Lecturer and Child Welfare Specialist. This position has dual responsibilities - teaching at the School of Social Work and consulting for the Maine Department of Human Services Bureau of Child and Family Services. At the school, he teaches in the areas of human behavior, psychopathology, research, and psychological trauma. His research interests center on the impact of trauma in childhood and adulthood, including the impact of domestic violence myth endorsement, the nature of self in dissociative disorders, child abuse history among college athletes, and the reactivation of trauma symptoms in elderly child sexual abuse survivors in institutional settings.

Dr. Peters has 8 years of clinical experience in outpatient mental health, including 4 years working exclusively with trauma survivors at Victim's Services in the Bronx, New York.

**Julie Marquis LADC, CCS**

**Julie Marquis LADC, CCS** – Program Director of the Women’s Treatment Facility for Wellspring.

Julie has been with Wellspring for more than 12 years. She currently oversees the programming and treatment for women that residing at Wellspring’s Treatment Facility. She has a Bachelors Degree from the University of Maine in Mental Health. She has been a part of the Muskie School Cross Disciplinary Training Team. In this role she has trained many childcare providers about the impact of substance abuse on the family. She also spent four years working with abuse affected children in the school systems, residential settings and foster care.

**Next Steps and Beyond: Taking a Look at the Connection Between Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Domestic Violence**

**October 23, 2008**

- 8:30 Registration**
- 9:00 Welcome**
- 9:10 Panel of Transitional Housing Residents**
- 10:00 Substance Abuse** ▪ *How it does and does not relate to domestic abuse* ▪ Julie Marquis, LADC, CCS
- 11:30 Lunch (Provided)**
- 12:30 The Link Between Mental Health and Domestic Abuse** ▪ Dr. Jay Peters, Lecturer and Child Welfare Specialist
- 2:15 Afternoon Break**
- 2:30 Safety Planning and Transitional Services in Northern Penobscot County** ▪ Amanda Cost and Suzie Boutilier, Spruce Run Advocates
- 3:45 Wrap-up and Evaluation**
- 4:00 Adjourn**

**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$15.00 per registrant**

Scholarships are available, please contact Marie Durant for more information.

**Make checks payable to: Penquis**

**Registration deadline: October 17, 2008**

Is there anything that we need to know to make your conference a more successful experience? (dietary requirements; physical accommodations)

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Questions? Please contact Marie Durant at Penquis

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