

# WDVS Newsletter

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- Events and outreach
- COVID-19
- Months of the second quarter
- Meet your **WDVS** Advocates

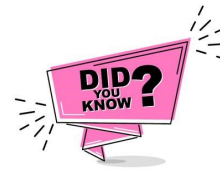
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## EVENTS

Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services (WDVS) has many amazing community based events they host through out the year. This quarter we have unfortunately had to cancel and try to reschedule many of the planned events.

WDVS does plan to start rescheduling a few of the event as soon as we are cleared to do so.



Events like these are set to encourage our community to learn and understand the local resources for families or even understand the assistance they are receiving. WDVS staff works hard with other organizations in Winnemucca to encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing in our community.

All events hosted by WDVS are open to the public. If your organization, small

business or family would like to participate in any upcoming events please contact the WDVS staff at their office Monday through Friday 9-5 or you can call them to answer any questions 775-625-1313.

## May

Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in May in the United States since 1949. The month is observed with media, local events, and film screenings. Mental Health Awareness Month began in the United States in 1949 and was started by the Mental Health America organization.



“I just want to say I’m so proud to be a part of a movie that addresses mental health issues (A Star Is Born). They’re so important. A lot of artists deal with that. And we gotta take care of each other. So if you see somebody that’s hurting, don’t look away. And if you’re hurting, even though it might be hard, try to find that bravery within yourself to dive deep and go tell somebody and take them up in your head with you.” — Lady Gaga, 2019 Grammy Awards speech

# April –Looking Back

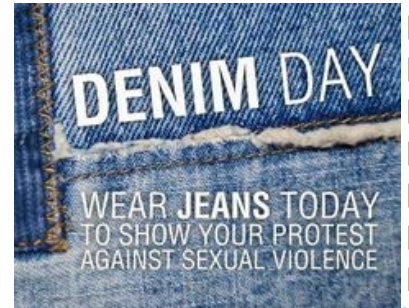


As spring has arrived WDVS had many events planned. Due to the unfortunate circumstances of the Coronavirus we have had to cancel, postpone, or take our event to social media.

- ◆ April 3rd Pinwheels for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention took place via social media.
- ◆ April 20th-25th National Crime Victims Rights Week took place via

social media.

- ◆ April 25th Party in the Park/Color the Mucc Run as been postponed until further notice.
- ◆ April 29th Denim Day took place via social media.



*The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. –Amelia Earhart*



All children deserve great childhoods because our children are our future.



# June –Looking Ahead

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as “Gay Pride Day,” but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the “day” soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions of

participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally

# How WDVS Is Doing Their Part During COVID-19

At Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services client's and staff's health and wellness are our top priority.

When someone comes to the office door there will be a series of questions about your health before we open the door. Once someone is in the office a mask will be provided if you don't already have one.

Masks are mandatory while in the office for both staff and clients. Gloves are also available. Everything is properly sanitized before and after each client.



WDVS is looking into other options mentioned by our grantors, such as, plexi-glass shields on the advocate's desk.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, has issued the "Kill COVID Challenge"! He is challenging residents to strictly adhere to mask and social distancing recommendations. Let's join together to control this virus through our actions.

## Meet Your Advocates!



**Tiffany Stickney**  
Executive Director  
Tiffany is been with WDVS for over 13 years. She enjoys painting, playing cards with her family, and barbequing.



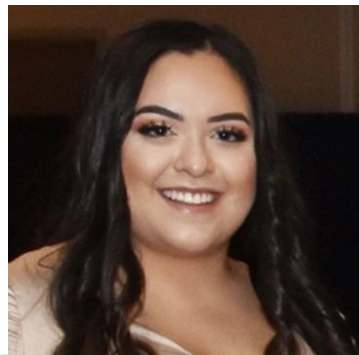
**Tabitha Morlan**  
Program Advocate  
Tabitha has been in advocacy about 3 years now. She enjoys a good book, quilting, and spending time with her family.



**Rosa Rodriguez**  
Bilingual Advocate  
Rosa has been an advocate for over 3 years. She enjoys family time, crafting, and gardening.



**Necie Tiffany**  
Program Advocate  
Necie has been an advocate for just under a year and is working on her Bachelors of Social Work. She enjoys summer days with her family, reading, and anything crafty.



**Nataly Mendoza**  
Office Support Advocate  
Nataly has been an advocate just under a year. She enjoys hunting and spending time with family.



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**Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services is dedicated to providing victims and their children with a safe environment free from abuse, while educating the community on the signs and effects of domestic and sexual violence**

## WDVS Staff

WDVS is staffed by Executive Director Tiffany Stickney who has been with the organization for over twelve years. She is joined by Rosa Rodriguez, Tabitha Morlan, and Necie Tiffany as advocates. The office also has the help of Nataly Mendoza as an office support advocate. These amazing individuals are joined by generous and kind volunteers to keep the 24/7 hotline running.

Volunteers are a celebrated addition to WDVS. Volunteers are always welcome and can apply at our office any time. There are multiple ways people can volunteer and it is always around their schedule and availability. If you have questions about volunteering please give the office a call at 775-625-1313



## Support Group

A peer based, confidential support group is normally offered four times a month at our office.

Every first and third Tuesday of the month support group is held in English. On the second and fourth Thursday of the month support group will be in Spanish.

Due to the challenges of working around the COVID-19 virus we are currently looking into our options of online peer to peer support groups. All support groups held in the office are postponed until further notice.

