



Wear Dark Blue Today

Color ME Aware – Awareness Days

Friday April 29, 2022

Homicide Awareness

Find additional Homicide information in the Victim Impact Curriculum.

Look for chapter 12 in the Facilitator Manual part 2, and the Participant Manual chapter 12.

Parents of children who are murdered are twice as likely to develop PTSD compared to parents of children who die accidentally or commit suicide.

In Virginia in 2020 there were 528 Homicides.

1 violent crime occurs every 25.3 seconds



In 2016, there were 7-10 close relatives for each murder victim.

80% of the homicides in VA in 2020 were by firearm.

77% of VA homicide victims are male.

A recent study estimated that murder costs society \$17.25 MILLION per offense.



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Awareness Activity Ideas:

Reactions to my Murder: Complete the worksheet on pages 98 and 99 of the VIP participants workbook. Have a discussion about the thoughts and feelings of those of your family and friends who experience the loss of you due to homicide.

Funeral Preparations: Have participants prepare funeral arrangements for themselves,. Use the handouts with Chapter 12 Victim Impact resource guide, or have a representative speak to the group about planning for a funeral.

Awareness Ribbons: Create a color sheet for participants of an awareness ribbon. Have participants color it and provide a story about someone they know who was lost to homicide. It could be a loved one a friend or even someone who is famous. Talking and sharing about the person, and what is lost now that the person is gone needlessly by homicide.

Video Awareness: Choose a popular TV show or movie to watch that is associated with a homicide. Show the entirety, or just a clip. Discuss who are the victims, or survivors of the particular homicide. Using the four quadrants of victimization: Financial, emotional, spiritual or religious, and physical discuss how the victims or survivors are affected by this particular crime.

Tree Ceremony: Honor those affected by violent crime by tying colored ribbons, signifying eleven types of violent crime on branches of a tree to represent themselves or others who have been impacted by violent crime. Participants can write names or circumstances on the ribbons.

Get creative and come up with additional awareness activities at your site.



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