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Go Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness

DCF and DOC Encourage People to Help End the Cycle of Domestic Abuse

(MADISON) — As part of [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#), the Departments of Children and Families and Corrections are encouraging people to wear purple on Thursday, October 20th as a sign of their commitment to end the devastating cycle of domestic violence and to show support for victims and their families.

In 2015, Wisconsin lost 58 people to domestic violence, with 48 of them as victims of homicide. Domestic violence affects tens of thousands of women, children and men in Wisconsin every year, with about 2,500 victims having to seek lifesaving assistance and shelters.

“The impact of domestic violence can be felt for generations,” DOC Secretary Jon Litscher stated. “Under Governor Walker’s leadership, state government has tools available to protect victims and their families and options to prevent future acts of violence.”

During the 2015-17 biennial budget, Gov. Walker increased domestic abuse grants to be administered by DCF by an additional \$5 million, representing a 50% increase in state funding, with a dedicated stream for initiatives focused on preventing domestic abuse.

“Wisconsin is fortunate to have a Governor who has made ending domestic violence a priority,” said DCF Secretary Eloise Anderson. “At DCF and DOC, we are working with victims and their children to heal from the trauma they have suffered, and engaging with the perpetrators to make the changes necessary to end the cycle of abuse.”

Please join us as we work together to end domestic violence in Wisconsin. By wearing purple this Thursday, you will be sending a powerful message that you share our commitment to this important cause.

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