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How Does Domestic Violence Affect the LGBTQ Community? Important Women's Coalition Forum Takes Up the Issue Oct. 27

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On October 27, the Women's Coalition of St. Croix will host its first forum focused on how domestic violence can affect people who identify with groups that have been marginalized historically.

According to a re-issued release, the forum will include a panel discussion and a question-and-answer segment for audience participation. Panelists will represent a variety of public service organizations, including Disability Rights of the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands Department of Health.

The “DV in Special Populations Virtual Forum” will be held via Zoom, on Wednesday, October 27, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Special populations to be discussed include: people with disabilities, seniors, people who self-identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and others (LGBTQIA+), immigrants and people who do not speak English.

“Tactics used to isolate or otherwise cause harm can target a survivor’s age, mental capacity, sexual orientation, a disability or their gender identity,” noted Clema S. Lewis, WCSC’s Executive Director and moderator for the event. Programs and services available to all victims and survivors in the U.S. Virgin Islands will also be discussed, including legal services.

Social workers, case workers, caregivers, first responders, victim advocates and others from agencies that offer direct services to victims and survivors of domestic violence are invited to attend the forum, in addition to the general public.

“It’s important that victims and survivors—wherever they are in their experience, and those who assist them, participate in this important conversation,” commented Pamela Sanes, originator of the forum idea and planning committee member. Zoom invitations will be emailed and the information will be available on social channels and websites of WCSC, VIDVSAC, LSVI and other outlets.

Contact WCSC at 340.773.9272, or visit wcstx.org, for more information on the “DV in Special Populations Virtual Forum” and the organization’s DVAM activities calendar. WCSC’s other upcoming DVAM events include Virtual “Take Back the Night,” on October 21, and the “Drive Out DV” Motorcade, on October 30.