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Special Points of Interest:

- *February is Black History Month*
- *February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month*

State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, dating violence is both a reality for many young people and an issue that many are unaware of; and

WHEREAS, one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence, one in five in a serious relationship have reported being slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by their partner, and breakups are a time of greater risk, even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and

WHEREAS, young people can choose better relationships when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and

WHEREAS, elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Dating Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of February 2010, as

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor

February is Black History Month

The 2010 Black History Month Theme: The History of Black Economic Empowerment

“When Carter G. Woodson established Negro History week in 1926, he realized the importance of providing a theme to focus the attention of the public. The intention has never been to dictate or limit the exploration of the Black experience, but to bring to the public's attention important developments that merit emphasis.

For those interested in the study of identity and ideology, an exploration of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History's Black History themes is itself instructive. Over the years, the themes reflect changes in how people of African descent in the United States have viewed themselves, the influence of social movements on racial ideologies, and the aspirations of the black community.” Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University.

Please access the following link for additional information on the 2010 Black History Month theme: http://www.asalh.org/themes_future.html.



Professional Development Opportunities

Developing A Multicultural Curriculum 15th ANNUAL SUMMER INSTITUTE 2010

Date: August 18 – 20, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Ledyard, CT

Workshop Brochure is located at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/equity/multicultural/dmc2010.pdf>.

Sponsored by Area Cooperative Educational Services and the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Accountability and Improvement.

CT Child Care Health Consultant Professional Organization

Attention: All Nurses, Head Start Health and Nutrition Managers, School Nurses, professionals that support health and safety in early care and education. Come and join your colleagues in the second meeting of our professional organization! The participants will review the topics identified by the group as priority topics, and decide on next steps.

Date: Tuesday March 9, 2009

Time: 10:00 p.m. -12:00 p.m.

Location: Meriden Department of Public Health, 165 Miller Street, Meriden, CT (Teen Room)

Send registration information below to Kimberly Sandor at k.sandor@comcast.net or Fax: 866-613-5274.

Name: _____ Home Zip code: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Select System: School pre-K; Head Start; Early Head Start; State Department of Public Health (DPH) licensed Infants/Toddlers; DPH licensed Preschool; or Other _____

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

www.TeenDVmonth.org

Governor Rell has issued a proclamation recognizing *Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month* in Connecticut (see page one of this publication).



HEART of the Matter

Break the Cycle invites you to join them in the creation of a united voice against violence. They are promoting a National School Awareness Announcement to be read by students in middle and high schools nationwide on February 10, 2010. Their goal is to reach every school in the nation, raising awareness of this issue and directing teens to their Web site at www.thesafespace.org and the National Dating Abuse Helpline (1-866-331-9474). Please visit the campaign's Web site detailing the school announcement at <http://www.haveaheartcampaign.org/heart-of-the-matter.html>. Help prevent abuse by making sure your school participates.

To register, please contact Eric Anderson, Director of Youth Programs at eric.anderson@breakthecycle.org.

On February 10, 2010, students from across the nation will hear this announcement:

"Did you know that as many as one in three teens will experience dating abuse? That means in the average classroom, as many as ten of us could be hurt by our boyfriend or girlfriend; physically or emotionally. February is teen dating violence awareness month. If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, visit thesafespace.org or call the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline at 1-866-331-9474. We all deserve relationships that are healthy, respectful and safe."

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**...Keeping CT School Nurses
Informed and Involved!**

School Nurse of the Year Congratulations to West Haven School Nurse, Susan Marchitto!

Susan Marchitto was named school nurse of the year by the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut, and those who know her say the honor is well deserved!

For additional information on this important story, please access <http://www.nhregister.com/articles/2010/01/25/news/metro/a1-mon-whnurse-art.prt>.

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