

april is sexual assault awareness month

SAAM events

April 1st - 30th

April 9th

consent is power

date: April 1st - 30th

To educate the community about consent, the YWCA of Kalamazoo is teaming up with Harvey's, Waldo's, and other bars around Kalamazoo to promote awareness about sexual assault and the importance of consent. Consent is a mutual, verbal, physical and emotional agreement that happens without manipulation, threats or head games.

Participating bars will use a hand stamp that says, "Consent is Power", during the month of April to raise awareness about the importance of mutually agreed upon and enthusiastic consent. Check our Facebook page weekly for a list of participating bars.

take back the night pre-event

date: Thursday, April 9th

time: 6:00 pm-7:00pm

location: WMU's Trimpe Multicultural Center

This special event will include a communal art piece where attendees will write their form of special strength on a puzzle piece. These pieces will be combined to form a larger shape. We will be presenting a non-violent, physical strength demonstration, as well as mental strength demonstration. We will be giving away raffle prizes.

take back the night

date: Thursday, April 9th

time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

location: WMU's Trimpe Multicultural Center

Join us for food, fun and prizes as we advocate, educate and inspire hope around the topic of sexual assault through inspirational speakers, group demonstrations and community bonding.

Join the YWCA of Kalamazoo by raising awareness and honoring those affected by sexual assault by participating in the following community events throughout April!

April 1st - 30th

April 22nd

teal ribbon campaign

date: April 1st - 30th

location: YWCA of Kalamazoo

Across the country, the teal ribbon has come to represent awareness about sexual assault.

In addition to the demonstration of support for victims and advocates, the display of teal ribbons throughout a community conveys a powerful message that there's no place for assault in the homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, or schools of its citizens. Throughout the month, teal ribbons are available for no cost at the YWCA of Kalamazoo.

open discussion on sexual assault

date: Wednesday, April 22nd

time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

location: WMU's Trimpe Multicultural Center

The YWCA of Kalamazoo is hosting an open discussion on sexual assault.

The focus is on empowerment and strength. Survivors, students and community members are welcome.

April 1st - 30th

April 29th

the clothesline project

date: April 1st - 30th

location: YWCA of Kalamazoo

This visual display bears witness to the devastating impact of sexual assault.

A collection of t-shirts decorated by survivors, friends, family, and the community will be on display at the YWCA.

denim day

date: Wednesday, April 29th

Denim Day has been internationally celebrated since 1999 in protest of an Italian High Court Ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing jeans. Enraged by the verdict, women of the Italian Legislation protested the decision by wearing jeans to work. As news of the decision spread, so did the protest. Wear your jeans to show support!! For more info visit: <http://supportdenimday.com>

Please support the YWCA's mission of empowering women and eliminating racism by purchasing a sexual assault awareness teal ribbon bracelet at the YWCA of Kalamazoo or at Sexual Assault Awareness Month events.

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May 15th & 16th

supportive volunteer training

date: Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th

time: 9:00am-5:00pm

location: YWCA of Kalamazoo

Supportive training is a 16-hour event geared toward individuals who are interested in serving as supportive volunteers within the YWCA's team of volunteers. For more information and to register, please contact the Sexual Assault Program at (269) 385-2869.

