

## This Month at WSS

### October: A Busy Schedule for WSS Staff!

WSS Community Engagement and Prevention Education staff members had a full schedule of classes this month, starting with a workshop at High Watch Recovery Center on developing and maintaining healthy relationships. Trainings on screening for domestic violence and the referral process were delivered to members of the Sharon and Salisbury volunteer ambulance squads and the Community Health & Wellness Center in North Canaan; training on victim support and facilitating disclosure was provided to staff at Sharon Hospital. WSS prevention education staff also launched programming at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Cornwall Consolidated School, Kent Center School, Lee H. Kellogg School, North Canaan Elementary School, Salisbury Central School, and Sharon Center School. With 255+ workshops scheduled at public schools across the region, it will be a busy year!

WSS is also excited to announce our first workshops for parents and caregivers in the Region One school district! Parents and caregivers, please join us **November 15th at 6:30 pm** for a one-hour Zoom session designed to set you and your kids up for social-emotional success in middle school. Created for parents and caregivers of 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders, we'll discuss strategies for healthy communication, trust building, and talking with your kids about the challenges they will be facing as they navigate their tween years. Our second Zoom workshop will be held **November 16th at 6:30 pm** and is designed for parents and caregivers of 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students, with discussion focused on more advanced topics for the teen years.

**Visit [www.wssdv.org/events](http://www.wssdv.org/events) to sign up!**

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### Spotlight on WSS: Emergency Response

WSS staff are more prepared for emergencies than ever thanks to our recent trainings with Steven Traver of the [American Red Cross](#) and Chelsea Kapitanek of the [McCall Center for Behavioral Health](#). Ten staff members completed a full-day training in adult and pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED, and six completed a one-hour training in Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Education (Narcan). Our thanks go out to WSS volunteer Robin Silvestri for making this possible by covering the hotline while staff were training.



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## RESOURCE ROUNDUP

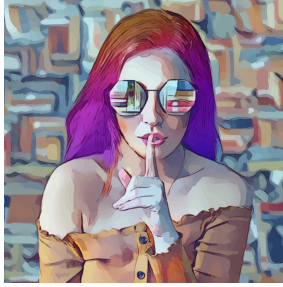
- **Webinar:** With original drawings and compelling stories, this presentation explains the tactics of coercive control, including isolation, intimidation, monitoring, gaslighting, stalking and physical violence. [Invisible Chains: From Domestic Violence to Coercive Control](#)
- **Website:** Child trafficking can happen anywhere, and victims may be more hesitant to report victimization in smaller communities where people know each other. Learn how to identify and address child trafficking wherever it may occur: [Child Trafficking](#)
- **PSA:** If you only have 30 seconds to learn something about coercive control, watch this: [Unhealthy Connections](#)
- **Article:** Having boundaries, not just physical boundaries but also boundaries related to your technology, is important -- and so is respecting those boundaries. Read here about making it happen: [How to Speak with Your Partner About Digital Boundaries](#)
- **Website:** These resources offer multiple ways to engage children, parents, and communities in important lessons in digital citizenship and online safety. [NCMEC NetSmartz](#)
- **Documentary:** Watch this 11-minute documentary to see how the activist efforts of a group of men from Gloucester, MA, challenged domestic violence in their community. Stream free on Kanopy: [Breaking Our Silence](#)
- **Screening:** On November 16, join the Partnership to End Human Trafficking in Westport for a free screening and panel discussion of the film *Surviving Sex Trafficking*. [Click here for details.](#)



Women's Support Services is proud to partner with [LaBonne's Markets](#) to support victims of domestic violence and their families. Just drop off your receipts at our office (13a Porter Street in Lakeville) or mail them to PO Box 717 in Lakeville. LaBonne's donates a percentage of each sale to WSS!

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**Psst! Stay tuned for some BIG news in our next installment....**



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