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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF  
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 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS  
 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS  
 ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS  
 ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS  
 ALL CENTER USERS

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 Office of Job Corps

SUBJECT: Upcoming Observances Related to the  
 Mental Health-and-Wellness Program

1. Purpose. To provide a list of observances March 2018 through March 2019 related to the Mental Health-and-Wellness Program (MHWP).
2. Background. Activities and education promoting mental health provide an opportunity to engage the entire Job Corps community in raising mental-health awareness. Like health promotion, mental-health promotion highlights the importance for students and staff to learn ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle which supports employability. This can help students and staff develop a positive attitude about mental health, reduce stigma and encourage them to seek needed assistance.

These events also address the electronic Policy and Requirements Handbook educational component of the MHWP (PRH 6.10, R3[c]). Centers are encouraged to plan MHWP-focused events around the observances listed below.

Date	Observance	Web site
March 11-17	<b>National Sleep Awareness Week®</b> Sponsor: National Sleep Foundation	<a href="https://sleepfoundation.org/SAW">https://sleepfoundation.org/SAW</a>
March 19-23	<b>National Youth Violence Prevention Week</b> Sponsor: National Association of SAVE	<a href="http://nationalsave.org/nyvpw/">http://nationalsave.org/nyvpw/</a>
April	<b>Sexual Assault Awareness Month</b>	<a href="http://www.nsvrc.org/saam">http://www.nsvrc.org/saam</a>

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	Sponsor: National Sexual Violence Resource Center	
April 3	<b>Sexual Assault Awareness Month- Day of Action</b>	<a href="http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/about/day-of-action">http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/about/day-of-action</a>
April 5	<b>RAINN Day</b> Sponsor: Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)	<a href="https://www.rainn.org/articles/rainn-day">https://www.rainn.org/articles/rainn-day</a>
May	<b>Mental Health Month</b> Sponsor: Mental Health America	<a href="http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may">http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may</a>
May 13-19	<b>National Prevention Week</b> Sponsor: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	<a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week">https://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week</a>
July	<b>National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month</b> Sponsor: National Alliance on Mental Illness	<a href="https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Minority-Mental-Health-Awareness-Month">https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Minority-Mental-Health-Awareness-Month</a>
September	<b>National Recovery Month</b> Sponsor: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	<a href="https://www.recoverymonth.gov/">https://www.recoverymonth.gov/</a>
September 9-15	<b>National Suicide Prevention Week</b> Sponsor: American Association of Suicidology	<a href="http://www.suicidology.org/about-aas/national-suicide-prevention-week">http://www.suicidology.org/about-aas/national-suicide-prevention-week</a>
September 10	<b>World Suicide Prevention Day</b> Sponsors: International Association for Suicide Prevention and American Association of Suicidology	<a href="https://www.iasp.info/wspd/">https://www.iasp.info/wspd/</a>
October	<b>Domestic Violence Awareness Month</b> Sponsor: National Coalition Against Domestic Violence	<a href="https://nrcdv.org/dvam/home">https://nrcdv.org/dvam/home</a>
October	<b>National Bullying Prevention Month</b> Sponsor: PACER Center, Inc.	<a href="http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/">http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/</a>
September 30 – October 6	<b>Mental Illness Awareness Week</b> Sponsor: National Alliance on Mental Illness	<a href="https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Raise-Awareness/Awareness-Events/Mental-Illness-Awareness-Week">https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Raise-Awareness/Awareness-Events/Mental-Illness-Awareness-Week</a>

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October 11	<b>National Depression Screening Day®</b> Sponsor: Screening for Mental Health, Inc.	<a href="https://mentalhealthscreening.org/programs/community/ndsd.aspx">https://mentalhealthscreening.org/programs/community/ndsd.aspx</a>
October 10	<b>World Mental Health Day<sup>5</sup></b> Sponsor: World Health Organization	<a href="http://www.who.int/mental_health/world-mental-health-day/en/">http://www.who.int/mental_health/world-mental-health-day/en/</a>
October 24	<b>Unity Day</b> Sponsor: PACER Center, Inc.	<a href="http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp">http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp</a>
November 17	<b>International Survivors of Suicide Day</b> Sponsor: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	<a href="https://afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/survivor-day/">https://afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/survivor-day/</a>
February 2019	<b>Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month</b> Sponsor: Break the Cycle	<a href="https://www.breakthecycle.org/blog/february-teen-dating-violence-awareness-and-prevention-month">https://www.breakthecycle.org/blog/february-teen-dating-violence-awareness-and-prevention-month</a>  <a href="http://www.loveisrespect.org/resources/teendvmonth/">http://www.loveisrespect.org/resources/teendvmonth/</a>
February 2019 <sup>1</sup>	<b>National Eating Disorders Week</b> Sponsor: National Eating Disorders Association	<a href="https://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org/nedawareness">https://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org/nedawareness</a>

3. Action. Addressees are to ensure this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded

5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Johnetta Davis at (202) 693-8010 or via e-mail at [davis.johnetta@dol.gov](mailto:davis.johnetta@dol.gov).

<sup>1</sup> Check sponsor site for dates as February 2019 nears.