



Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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Hello!

The Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice & Gender (JAG) works to improve the lives of women directly impacted by the criminal legal system, to reduce recidivism and intergenerational trauma by holding individuals and systems responsible for the harm caused to women. Our goal is to reduce and ultimately prevent harm to women and their families.

October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and the JAG Commission is launching a **Healing Campaign** in accordance with this year's national campaign theme, [#Every1KnowsSome1](#). At least one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime and anyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual identity or orientation, or socio-economic status can become a victim and survivor of domestic violence. Our local effort is to recognize the pervasiveness and talk about how we heal.

We are inviting people to share stories of healing and resiliency in writing, video or audio recording. You may choose to be anonymous or not; videos can be blurred. We want to uplift stories and recognize the powerful ways in which people who have experienced domestic violence, as a survivor or a witness, heal. Anyone is welcome to contribute – **#Every1KnowsSome1**.

Below are some guiding questions you may consider:

- What has helped you heal?
- What exists in your community, or could exist to help people heal and thrive?
- How do we heal from the stigma and shame associated with domestic violence?
- What more do people need to know about healing from domestic violence?

Thank you so much for lending your voice to the **Healing Campaign**. We honor your bravery and stand in solidarity as you share your story to help reduce stigma and promote healing in our community.

Please send written statements and/or recordings to: jasminenajeralcsw@gmail.com as soon as possible so we can share them throughout the month of October. Also feel free to email with questions or for more information.

We realize that this topic can be triggering, please take care of yourself and reach out for support as needed. Monarch Services 24 hour Bilingual Support & Crisis line is 888-900-4232 or Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center Hotline 866-269-2559.

In Community,

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