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OhioGuidestone and Ohio Domestic Violence Network Team Up Supporting Domestic Violence Survivors during COVID-19

BEREA, OHIO, February 3, 2021 – [OhioGuidestone](http://OhioGuidestone.org), one of the largest behavioral health agencies in the state, is teaming up with the [Ohio Domestic Violence Network](http://OhioDomesticViolenceNetwork.org) (ODVN) to support survivors of domestic violence. The two organizations are hosting a free panel discussion titled “[Guiding Survivors During COVID-19](http://GuidingSurvivorsDuringCOVID-19.org)” on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 12 p.m.

“Nationwide, there has been a steep increase in domestic violence cases during the coronavirus pandemic,” said Janine Boyd, who heads up Special Projects at OhioGuidestone. **“With more stay at home orders, more victims are confined with their abusers. It’s imperative that we let them know what resources are available to help them escape a dangerous situation.”**

The online virtual lunch and learn will cover a variety of topics and ways to help survivors during this global health pandemic, including: resources available to them during COVID-19; how to seek medical care for strangulation and traumatic brain injury; assistance for those who are further isolated or remote working from home; and much more. All panelists have a wide range of experience working with survivors.

WHO: OhioGuidestone and ODVN

WHAT: A virtual lunch and learn sharing resources to support survivors of domestic violence during the pandemic

WHEN: Monday, February 8, 2021 12 – 1 p.m.

WHERE: [Click to register](#)

HOW: Panel discussion with individuals experienced in working with survivors of domestic violence

Moderator: Dr. Benjamin Kearney, Chief Clinical Officer, OhioGuidestone

Panelists: Jenn Benline, OhioGuidestone; Rachel Ramirez, Ohio Domestic Violence Network; Jo Simonsen, Ohio Domestic Violence Network; Kim Kehl, Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services; Nicolle Wampler, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections; Erika Shalene Hull, Author and Survivor

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About OhioGuidestone

OhioGuidestone, a leader in the field of behavioral health, has been helping individuals throughout Ohio reset their paths, reclaim their autonomy and restore their purpose for more than 156 years. The nonprofit, Berea-based organization connects individuals with the resources needed to achieve lifelong success, providing community counseling, substance use disorder treatment, early childhood mental health services, workforce development training, domestic violence support, foster care services and more. Connect with us on www.ohioguidestone.org, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or by calling 440-260-8303.

About Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Ohio Domestic Violence Network is the state's leading voice for domestic violence survivors and their allies. Founded in 1989, ODVN serves as a critical source for education, public policy and professional training. ODVN's advocacy extends to survivors, domestic violence agencies, the judicial system, healthcare, government and other organizations.

<http://www.odvn.org/>