

# News

## Verizon Grant Supports Domestic Violence Programs at MCCC

### Submitted by MCCC's New Choices Program

Montgomery County Community College is working to increase the public's awareness of domestic violence.

Through a grant from the Verizon Foundation, the college has partnered with Laurel House, a local women's shelter, and the Women's Center of Montgomery County, which offers counseling to domestic violence victims, to offer domestic violence awareness workshops. The college's New Choices staff is working with Minna Davis of Laurel House and Janine Kelly and Kristine Wickward of the Women's Center to bring the programs to the college.

The workshops are held on a Wednesday each month throughout the academic year from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in ATC 101 on the Central Campus and the same time in South Hall 220 on the West Campus. The workshops that remain for the academic year are:

- **Impact of Domestic Violence on Children: Nov. 18, Central; Dec. 2, West**
- **Domestic Violence in the Healthcare Setting: Jan. 27, Central; Feb. 7, West**
- **Domestic Violence & Law Enforcement: Feb. 17, Central; Mar. 3, West**
- **Dating Violence Awareness & Internet Dating Safety: March 24, Central; April 7, West**

The workshops held in September and October drew students and staff from both campuses. Faculty from the Criminal Justice and Human Services programs encouraged student attendance to add a real-life component to their understanding of the pres-

ence of domestic violence in their college and community.

New Choices Director Nancy Mellon said she hoped that faculty from all disciplines would take advantage of these presentations, and find a way to weave the material into their programs.

Additionally, the three organizations are using the grant to provide weekly drop-in support groups for students who have experienced domestic violence. The support groups provide a safe place to explore the dynamics of abuse, to learn how to build trusting relationships and to connect with other students experiencing abuse. Facilitated by staff from Laurel House and the Women's Center, the support groups are held every Wednesday from 12:15 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. on the Central Campus in ATC 107; on the West Campus, South Hall 115. Please contact Nancy Mellon at nmellon@mc3.edu or 215-619-7390 prior to dropping in to ensure that the groups are running on a given Wednesday.

Future plans include a "Professional Day" for clinicians, counselors and educators from area organizations and agencies. The program is designed to enhance the participants' ability to screen for domestic violence, recognize obstacles to providing service and to identify local and national resources for support and intervention.

Brochures and fliers are posted around campus with a complete listing of upcoming workshop topics and dates. For more details, email Nancy Mellon at nmellon@mc3.edu or call 215-619-7390.

## MCCC, Temple U to Hold Transfer Information Night

MCCC and Temple will hold a transfer night on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 6-8 p.m. in the Advanced Technology Center at the Central Campus, and via video conference in North Hall room 109 at the West Campus.

Participants will meet with representatives and former students from both institutions and will learn about the seamless transfer process through a panel discussion. To register for the event, visit [www.mc3.edu/admissions/templenight](http://www.mc3.edu/admissions/templenight) or call 267-468-8111.



### West Campus List of Events and Projects

College-Wide Theme for 2009: "Faces of the Homeless"

#### Monday, 11/16

**Poverty Fair**  
South Hall 2nd Floor Lobby  
11:30-1:30 PM

Stop by to get info on poverty and meet different clubs supporting projects during the week, bring coats and food donations, and perform mini-service projects that will represent different aspects of being "homeless." These projects will take 15 minutes or less a piece!

#### Tuesday, 11/17

**"A Night Without a Home"**  
South Hall Entrance  
All Day

Stop and check out the display created by students, who have built a mock version of a street where homeless individuals would sleep at night.

#### Wednesday, 11/18

**Leadership Over Lunch**  
South Hall Room 204  
12:30-1:30 PM

Join us for this special edition of the Leadership Over Lunch series focusing on the topic of "Effective Leadership in the Community." This session will be led by Jennifer Peters a representative from The Ministries at Main Street Homeless Shelter in Pottstown.

A simple lunch of soup and water will be served.

#### Thursday, 11/19

**Winter Outreach Kick-Off**  
College Hall Main Lobby  
12:00-1:00 PM

Stop by the main lobby to help with the set-up of the Giving Tree, which will hold over 200 ornaments listing gift ideas for teens and children in need. This will be a campus-wide project sponsored by West and Central SGA and will benefit St. Mary's Villa in Ambler and the Pottstown branch of the Salvation Army.

#### Saturday, 11/21

Sign-ups for projects will be held during the Poverty Fair dates at West and Central campus. (Some spaces are available for faculty and staff too!)

#### All Week Events, 11/16-21

**Athletics Food Collection**  
See additional flyer for detailed info!  
**Winter Coat Drive**  
See additional flyers sponsored by the Medical Assisting Club.

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