# **Suggested Activities for DVAM\* 2018**

\*Domestic Violence Action Month

# **Get together**

- Offer support for both parents and youth on the ins and outs of "dating". You could host shared events with combined and separate spaces to discuss what it feels like to have a child start dating and how to set yourself up for healthy relationships. Use <u>Love Like This</u> materials to help guide your conversations.
- Planning a trick or treat party? Use these <u>new posters</u> for your community trick or treat events and remind folks that relationships should be a TREAT not a trick!
- October is a great time to start a Teen Leadership Council (TLC). Learn how to create your own TLC with our <u>DIY TLC toolkit</u>.

### Get down to business

- Encourage local businesses to partner with you for the month. They could make your resources available, donate a percentage of their proceeds, and pledge to talk with their children about healthy relationships in honor of DVAM. Get a great sign for them to display in their windows <u>here</u>.
- Bring your new Love Like This coasters to bars and restaurants and help them start conversations that remind your community that Healthy Relationships Feel Good!

### **Get social**

- Post DVAM related <u>content</u> on your social media pages. Encourage conversations in your community about ending domestic violence.
- Each week in October, we'll be posting on our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) about taking action. Repost or post new content on your website about what steps you'll be taking to address root causes of violence, shift culture, build skills, or promote healthy relationships.
- Create an events calendar like <u>this one</u> and encourage your community to get out there and take action to prevent domestic violence!

# **Get creative**

- Create your own *Love Like This* cartoons with youth and adults. What are the issues in their relationships that they are working out? Dive into figuring out what the best way to react is along with the worst and get drawing!
- Color in your *Love Like This* coloring books and chat about love with those you love!
- Everyone loves stickers. Where can you place your stickers to start conversations about healthy relationships?

