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## Public invited to "power-packed" program on Domestic Violence

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The community is invited to a Domestic Violence Program at the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center on Friday, Oct. 10 from 11:30 to 1 pm in the French Room. The program is presented as part of the Federal Center's Family Advocacy Program.

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Featured speakers are Judge Deborah Thomas and Attorney Wanda A. Evans from Wayne County. Family Advocacy Program Manager Mary Asmonga-Knapp encourages the public to attend this "power-packed" presentation. "Domestic violence is everybody's problem," she said.

Judge Deborah Thomas has served on the Wayne County Circuit Court since 1994. Prior to being elected she had her own legal practice in the field of family law, juvenile law, probate law, criminal law and general civil law. She also served as a mediator with the Wayne County Probate Court.

Thomas contracted polio at age three, and was taught by the public school's visiting teachers when confined to hospitals and at home. She went on to earn her bachelors degree from Western Michigan University, masters degree from University of Detroit, and law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law.

Attorney Wanda A. Evans is family law attorney practicing in Wayne County. She worked for the Misdemeanor Defender's office of the 36th District Court representing indigent clients before starting her own law firm. She has practiced law for over 12 years. Evans has a passion for helping build strong family units, and is committed to helping children and advocating for fairness and justice After earning a bachelors degree from Eastern Michigan University, a masters degree from Wayne State University, Evans received her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Detroit School of Law.

Members of the public who wish to attend should arrive at least 20 minutes before the start of the program, enter at the Washington Avenue visitor's entrance and have a government issued ID with photograph such as a driver's license or passport in their possession. All visitors must go through an airport style metal detector and hand carried items are X-rayed. The federal center is home to elements of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). Approximately 1,800 people at the center manage logistics data and the disposition of excess property. Some provide "call center" service to the armed forces 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The focus of all employees is service to members of the US Armed Forces and stewardship over taxpayer resources.

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