

Hyde County Hotline, Inc

24-Hour Crisis Line 252-925-2500

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### Hyde County Hotline's Mission:

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse, sexual victimization, and human trafficking and provide safe shelter in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community. We promote dignity, respect, and safety at home resulting in safer communities.

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Hotline would like to take a moment and thank all our community supporters and volunteers!

The support and care shown by the communities in Hyde County to our agency and the clients we serve is awesome!

***WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU!***

We could not make it without your support!

To learn how you can volunteer or provide support, please give us a call at 252-925-2502.

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#### **Domestic Violence: The Facts**

- The CDC reports that more than 1 in 3 women and more than 1 in 4 men in the United States experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime. 1 in 3 teens experience dating violence. Those who identify as nonbinary or LGBTQ+ are often even more likely to experience abuse.
- Black women are 35% more likely to experience domestic violence than white women.
- While people at all income levels experience domestic violence, those earning lower incomes experience domestic violence at higher rates than those with higher household incomes. Women with household incomes of less than \$7,500 are 7 times as likely as women with household incomes over \$75,000 to experience domestic violence. ([Source](#))
- Those who identify as nonbinary or LGBTQ+ are often even more likely to experience abuse, which is compounded by homophobia and transphobia. Transgender women who experienced intimate partner violence (IPV) were nearly 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual violence and nearly 4 times more likely to experience financial abuse than survivors who did not identify as transgender women. ([Source](#))

- National statistics show that at least 45% of domestic violence survivors report being sexually assaulted by their abuser.

### **Domestic Violence and the Connection to Homelessness**

When a person leaves an abusive relationship, they often have nowhere to go. For many, the only choices are staying in the abusive environment, going to a shelter or living on the street. Studies show a connection between domestic violence to homelessness, particularly among families with children. Some studies have found domestic violence to be the leading cause of homelessness among women with children. Shelters provide immediate safety, respite, and supportive services. Unfortunately, shelters are frequently filled to capacity and often turn away women and their children. It is estimated that, in one year in Virginia, 2,000 women seeking shelter from domestic violence were turned away due to lack of space or resources.

Source: [The Facts About Domestic Violence | Doorways \(doorwaysva.org\)](#)

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### **How Does Abuse Affect Victims?**

Domestic violence affects all aspects of a victim's life. When abuse victims are able to safely escape and remain free from their abuser, they often survive with long-lasting and sometimes permanent effects to their mental and physical health; relationships with friends, family, and children; their career; and their economic well-being.

Victims of domestic violence experience an array of emotions and feelings from the abuse inflicted upon them by their abuser, both within and following the relationship. They may also resort to extremes in an effort to cope with the abuse. Victims of domestic violence may:

- Want the abuse to end, but not the relationship
- Feel isolated
- Feel depressed
- Feel helpless
- Be unaware of what services are available to help them
- Be embarrassed of their situation
- Fear judgement or stigmatization if they reveal the abuse
- Deny or minimize the abuse or make excuses for the abuser
- Still love their abuser

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- Withdraw emotionally
- Distance themselves from family or friends
- Be impulsive or aggressive
- Feel financially dependent on their abuser
- Feel guilt related to the relationship
- Feel shame
- Have anxiety
- Have suicidal thoughts
- Abuse alcohol or drugs
- Be hopeful that their abuser will change and/or stop the abuse
- Have religious, cultural, or other beliefs that reinforce staying in the relationship
- Have no support from friends or family
- Fear cultural, community, or societal backlash that may hinder escape or support
- Feel like they have nowhere to go or no ability to get away
- Fear they will not be able to support themselves after they escape the abuser
- Have children in common with their abuser and fear for their safety if the victim leaves
- Have pets or other animals they do not want to leave
- Be distrustful of local law enforcement, courts, or other systems if the abuse is revealed
- Have had unsupportive experiences with friends, family, employers, law enforcement, courts, child protective services, etc. and believe they won't get help if they leave or fear retribution if they do (e.g. they fear losing custody of their children to the abuser)

These are among the many reasons' victims of domestic violence either [choose to stay](#) in abusive relationships or feel they are unable to leave.

(Source <https://ncadv.org/dynamics-of-abuse>)

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## Human Trafficking in Women's Prisons

The U.S. Government defines human trafficking as:

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- Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.
- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

## Why female inmates are vulnerable to sex traffickers

- First, a woman who is in prison for too many petty theft or DUI convictions is exposed to other women who have been in the sex industry for years. Some of those women recruit other women with whom they're incarcerated on behalf of pimps on the outside—especially women who seem to have little support on the outside. The pimps can easily look up the potential recruit on the department of corrections public online database and, in most states, see her picture and description, such as age, weight and height. In many states, the release date and release address is also included.
- Once introductions are made the trafficker adds money to the recruit's account, which she can spend on things like chips and soups at the prison store, until she is released. This weekly stipend of \$15–20 usually creates an obligation for the victim to go home with the trafficker upon her release.
- There's another major risk factor for a woman being trafficked when she is released from prison: Often she is in prison for things she did while she was being trafficked and about which she never came forward. Most of the time her trafficker keeps an eye on the department of corrections website and he will know when she gets out and her release address. So, once she is released, many times traffickers are waiting right in the parking lot to take women away with them.

Source: John Meekins - Published January 11, 2017 – Chicago Books to Women in Prison [Human Trafficking in Women's Prisons | Chicago Books to Women in Prison \(chicagobwp.org\)](#)

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If you are interested in making a difference in someone's life and would like to be a part of a team that is serving victims of human trafficking, please join one of our rapid response teams. These teams meet to

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learn and collaborate on how to best serve victims of human trafficking. Call our office at 252-925-2502 to register for our next meeting.

NECRRRT Meeting Dates: July 15, 2021, & October 21, 2021

Hyde County Rapid Response Team Meeting Date: August 19, 2021

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*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6* **A little love and patience can make a big difference in the lives of others! We all have the ability to show love.**

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### SUPPORT GROUP

**Begin your journey to healing.**

**Domestic Violence Survivors**

Please join us on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

**Sexual Assault Survivors**

Please join us on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

Call for more information Monday-Friday 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. at 252-925-2502 or on our **24-Hour Crisis Line at 252-925-2500.**

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#### What We Do:

• Crisis Intervention • Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, & Human Trafficking Advocacy • Survivor Services • Safe Shelter • Safety Planning • Support Groups and Referrals • Program Presentations for Adults and Children in Churches, Businesses, and Schools • Referrals

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

#### How You Can Help

How You Can Help... • Ask Us About Community Presentations • Tell Others About Us • Become a Crisis Line Volunteer • Donate to Our Thrift Store • Ask for a Copy of Our Shelter Needs List • Monetary Donations are Accepted.

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#### **Council for Women & Youth Involvement**

#### **Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)**

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