

Hyde County Hotline

24 Hour Crisis Line 252-925-2500

Happy Thanksgiving!

5 Myths about Child Custody and Domestic Violence

Don't believe these lies about DV and its youngest victims

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Myth: Children are less in danger from an abusive parent once the parents separate.

Truth: In two studies from the American Bar Association (ABA), researchers found an abuser's motivation to use their children as a means to intimidate and control their victim, aka, the child's other parent, increases after separation.

Why? For abusers, separation means losing that sense of power and control. Therefore, they use the tools they have. In many cases, these tools are their shared children.

It's hard for most loving parents to fathom this game of emotional ping pong with children, but as most any survivor will tell you, abusive parents play by a whole different set of rules.

Myth: If a child doesn't demonstrate fear or aversion to a parent, then there is no reason not to grant unsupervised contact or custody to that parent.

Truth: Strong ties can be formed to an abusive parent as a survival technique by a child. This type of "traumatic bonding" can also be known as Stockholm syndrome, which therapists describe as a powerful and often loving connection people who are oppressed develop for their oppressors. It often applies to kidnapping victims, but abuse survivors, including children, can sometimes become incapable of viewing their captor or abuser as the hostile aggressor they truly are.

Myth: The negative effects on children of witnessing domestic violence will disappear quickly after they're separated from the abusive parent.

Truth: Children who grow up witnessing domestic violence may show comparable levels of behavioral and emotional issues as children who were directly physically or sexually abused. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also found children who come from homes where domestic violence was present are more at risk as adults for health problems like heart disease, obesity, diabetes, depression and alcoholism. Additionally, the Childhood Domestic Violence Association reports CDV survivors are 74 times more likely to commit violent crimes in the future.

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November 2016

8th

WITN – Tune in to WITN at 5:50am to see information about An Old Fashioned Christmas Gala

11th

Veteran's Day

24th

Thanksgiving Day

December 3rd

An Old Fashioned Christmas Gala

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5 Myths about Child Custody and Domestic Violence cont'd

Myth: Non-abusive parents won't lose custody of their children.

Truth: Victims of domestic violence are often depressed and can be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. As a result, says the ABA, they can present poorly in court. This, combined with a lack of proper legal counsel (as many victims can't afford to hire a lawyer who specializes in domestic violence), may lead them to lose custody of their children to the abusive parent. Learn tips for avoiding this scenario in "Representing Yourself in Court (<https://www.domesticshelters.org/domestic-violence-articles-information/representing-yourself-in-court#.WBjtWIWcGUL>).” And, if you're a mother, consider connecting with other mother's going through this same struggle in "Battered Mother's Custody Conference. (<https://www.domesticshelters.org/domestic-violence-articles-information/strong-battered-mothers-custody-conference-strong#.WBjtioWcGUn>)”

Myth: Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) is a true, scientific diagnosis.

Truth: This hotly debated term was found by a task force from the American Psychological Association to have a significant lack of data to support it as scientifically sound. PAS is a claim used by abusers in court to gain control of children who do not want to be with their abusive fathers or to exert further control over their victims, the other parent. So far, PAS is not a diagnosis listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Diseases (DSM) or The International Classification of Diseases.

However, some mental health experts suggest that completely disregarding PAS because of its controversy is, in itself, doing disservice to those who have concerns about domestic violence by proxy, or a pattern of behavior an abuser uses to intimidate or control a child when the abuser no longer has access to his or her former partner, and in the process continues to exert hurt and control of his or her former partner. Bottom line: Survivors should feel they can voice their worries of an abuser's attempts to control, harm and punish after separation regardless of a DSM definition.

Article can be found at: <https://www.domesticshelters.org/domestic-violence-articles-information/5-myths-about-child-custody-and-domestic-violence#.WAi2aYWcGUL>

OUR MISSION:
The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization 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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from
January 1 – October 27,
2016
52 Murders
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*Hyde County Hotline's
6th Annual Gala*

An Old Fashioned Christmas

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Six o'clock in the evening, Yadkin Bank, Engelhard, NC

The annual Gala is an elegant, sophisticated evening with entertainment and a fabulous silent auction.

Hyde County Hotline will provide a beautiful location with stylish décor for this year's Old Fashioned Christmas Gala.

This year's event will include:

Hors d'oeuvres

Silent auction featuring unique items and experiences

Gourmet Dinner

Entertainment

Live auction

Music by DJ JM

We are currently accepting donations for the
6th Annual Gala Live and Silent Auction.

To donate, please call 252-925-2502.

Thank you for your support!

All donations are tax-deductible and tax donation forms will be mailed to you from Hyde County Hotline upon request.

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- **Monetary donations are accepted: PO Box 335, Engelhard, NC 27824



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Hyde Supply Thrift Store offers gently used, quality clothing, housewares, furniture, books, accessories and many other items to the public at low prices.

Abuse victims and their children often leave with literally only the clothes on their backs. The thrift stores are able to help an abused family quickly regain one of the basic needs of life that we so often take for granted and begin to restore some of the dignity stripped away by abuse.

Volunteers are vital to the organization's overall functioning and success.

Hyde County Hotline is a private, non-profit organization in Hyde County dedicated to promoting dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.

Time, Money, and Merchandise are all needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

All proceeds from the Hyde Supply Thrift Store go to support the Hyde County Hotline mission. All donations are tax-deductible and tax donation forms will be mailed to you from Hyde County Hotline upon request.

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