HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE, INC.

We are committed to promoting dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer community.

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April 2019 Community Newsletter

April is a month dedicated to raising awareness about sexual violence and increasing the public's understanding about sexual violence in our society. It also provides opportunities for the community to be directly involved in supporting victims and survivors, their families, and organizations that provide crisis intervention throughout the year. Sexual violence prevention requires many voices and roles. Prevention is possible and we all can make a difference.

Every 98 seconds,

an American is sexually assaulted.

RAINN

National Sexual Assault Hotline | 800.656.HOPE | online.rainn.org

Please visit rainn.org/statistics/victims-sexual-violence for full citation.[1]

On average, there are 321,500 victims (age 12 or older) of rape and sexual assault each year in the United States.

Sexual Violence Can Have Long-Term Effects on Victims

The likelihood that a person suffers suicidal or depressive thoughts increases after sexual violence.

- 94% of women who are raped experience symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) during the two weeks following the rape.
- 30% of women report symptoms of PTSD 9 months after the rape.
- 33% of women who are raped contemplate suicide.
- 13% of women who are raped attempt suicide.
- Approximately 70% of rape or sexual assault victims experience moderate to severe distress, a larger percentage than for any other violent crime.

People who have been sexually assaulted are more likely to use drugs than the general public.

- 3.4 times more likely to use marijuana
- 6 times more likely to use cocaine
- 10 times more likely to use other major drugs

Sexual violence also affects victims' relationships with their family, friends, and coworkers.

- 38% of victims of sexual violence experience work or school problems, which can include significant problems with a boss, coworker, or peer.
- 37% experience family/friend problems, including getting into arguments more frequently than before, not feeling able to trust their family/friends, or not feeling as close to them as before the crime.
- 84% of survivors who were victimized by an intimate partner experience professional or emotional issues, including moderate to severe distress, or increased problems at work or school.
- 79% of survivors who were victimized by a family member, close friend or acquaintance experience professional or emotional issues, including moderate to severe distress, or increased problems at work or school.

67% of survivors who were victimized by a stranger experience professional or emotional issues, including moderate to severe distress, or increased problems at work or school.

Source

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Crisis Intervention, Advocacy and Prevention

Confidentiality Emergency Shelter

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WHAT WE DO

- Crisis Intervention
- Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy
- Human Trafficking Advocacy
- Survivor Services
- Safe Shelter
- Support Groups
- Referrals
- Programs Presentations
- Participates with DSS Work First Program

We serve victims of sexual victimization, domestic violence and human trafficking and we do not discriminate regardless of race, color, sex or sexual orientation.

Who are the victims of sex trafficking? ‘Look around,’ experts say, they’re everywhere

Domestic sex trafficking is everywhere, but unseen

So, if sex trafficking is so common, why is it so hard to see?

In part, it’s by design.

Dawn Ferrer, director of **A Safe Place**, had seen hundreds of victims come through the non-profit, which is dedicated to helping the victims of sex trafficking.

“They’re the most vulnerable, the most vulnerable people in our communities,” Ferrer said.

The factors that make victims vulnerable put them at the edge of community, estranged or closed off from the support networks of family, friends, and neighbors.

“The things that put you at risk — someone who has been in the foster care system, prior sexual abuse, usually as a child, domestic violence victims, developmental disabilities, single parent family, just poverty, people in any kind of domestic situation, having a parent in prison – low self-esteem, substance abuse,” Ferrer.

These risk factors make victims, mostly but not exclusively female, feel alone, which allows traffickers to prey on them; recruiting them into sexual exploitation through relationships that often aren’t violent — at least not initially. Instead, traffickers often serve as the only human connection victims have.

Another factor is the internet.

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backpage.com and affiliated websites have been seized

as part of an enforcement action by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, with analytical assistance from the Joint Regional Intelligence Center.

Other agencies participating in and supporting the enforcement action include the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, the office of the California Attorney General, and the office of the Texas Attorney General.

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April 6, 2018

Sex trafficking predates the internet – some would say by thousands of years – but the internet has certainly had a profound change on the way traffickers recruit victims, as well as on the way the commercial sex trade works. The notorious Backpage.com was shut down by a federal joint-agency effort in April, but traffickers rapidly moved to new sites, many operating on servers outside of U.S. jurisdiction.

Detective Allison Jahreis, who handles sex trafficking cases for the Wilmington Police Department, said she still runs into the misconception that the victims of sex trafficking are "walking the street."

"People think it's market street but it's everywhere," Jahreis said. "Anytime there are hotels, there's that — but it's arranged online. And it could just as well be somebody's house. It could be in a suburban home. It can be everywhere."

Even Polaris, the nationwide non-profit which runs the National Human Trafficking Hotline, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, features a photo of stiletto heels casting a shadow across the pavement **on its sex-trafficking page**, a noir-ish image that implies a "streetwalker." But while there is still prostitution activity on the streets of Wilmington, it's nothing compared to the amount of illegal sexual commerce that takes place online.

The internet means Johns and pimps can meet anywhere, anytime, out of sight. It also means the victims of sex trafficking aren't spending their time walking the street. So where are they, and how can law enforcement agencies, health workers, and ordinary people spot them?

For Entire Article Click: **Part One: We have a sex-trafficking problem. The numbers don't begin to tell the story**

Part two: Who are the victims of sex trafficking? 'Look around,' experts say, they're everywhere

OUR 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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