

Hyde County Hotline, Inc.

24-Hours Crisis Line 252-925-2500

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Happy New Year from the staff at Hyde County Hotline!

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

As we begin a new year making resolutions of all the wonderful things we want to do to improve as we look to our futures let's take a moment and reflect on how we can help others see a future and a hope. How can you help someone in this new year? Give them hope by saying no to violence in our communities and in our homes.

North Carolina Statistics:

- North Carolina Council for Women reported having 112,427 Crisis Calls, 52,187 clients served during the July 2017-June 2018 reporting period.
- In 2017 there were 79 Domestic Violence related murders in North Carolina.
- In 2018 between January and November there were 48 Domestic Violence related murders in North Carolina.

Hyde County Statistics: (January 01, 2018- November 30, 2018)

- Hyde County Hotline Served 126 victims of Domestic Violence in Person
 - Received 584 Domestic Violence related Crisis Calls
 - Served 84 Sexual Assault Victims in Person
 - Received 601 Sexual Assault related Crisis Calls
- (These are totals of all crisis calls received from victims may reflect multiple calls from one victim.)

These are not just statistics!

These numbers represent people, families in our communities that are reaching out for help, support, resources and information that can help break the cycle of abuse they are in.

They are looking for HOPE!

You can make a difference! Join Hyde County Hotline in promoting dignity, respect and safety at home. We need your help! As you look to your future think of sharing HOPE with the abuse victims in our community by giving to your local shelter, or signing up as a volunteer to work on the crisis line. Contact Hyde County Hotline today to find out how you can help by calling 252-925-2502.



The Mary Kay FoundationSM AWARDS Hyde County Hotline, Inc. \$20,000 GRANT

The Mary Kay Foundation Honors Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Issuing \$3 Million in Grants to 150 Domestic Violence Shelters Across the Country

Engelhard, NC (October 3, 2018) – In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, The Mary Kay FoundationSM announced today it is awarding \$3 million in grants to 150 domestic violence shelters across the country. Hyde County Hotline, Inc. has received a \$20,000 unrestricted grant to support local survivors of domestic violence in Hyde County, North Carolina. This year's grant contribution brings the Foundation's total investment in its shelter grant program to \$50 million.

The Mary Kay Foundation was established in 1996 with the overarching purpose of supporting issues impacting women. In 2000, The Foundation expanded to include ending domestic violence as part of its mission. The Foundation is committed to funding the life-saving work of women's shelters and the annual shelter grant program has helped finance critical needs including emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling and legal aid. All of these resources support women and children as they seek refuge and relief on their journey to an abuse-free life. This year, more than 1,200 organizations applied for the Mary Kay Foundation shelter grants.

"At Mary Kay, we believe in helping women improve their circumstances and live their best lives. One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and it is our responsibility to support the women's shelters that aid these survivors," said President of The Mary Kay Foundation Board of Directors Michael Lunceford. "At the heart of The Foundation's work is the shelter grant program which is actively supported by our independent sales force. We're proud that our commitment makes such a powerful impact in local communities and in the lives of domestic violence survivors across the country."

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, more than 72,000 adult and child victims receive domestic violence services across the United States in just one day. Unfortunately, in the same period of time, more than 11,000 requests for services are unmet due to a lack of resources.

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. In addition to safe shelter Hyde County Hotline provides crisis intervention, advocacy, safety planning, court advocacy, financial planning, assistance in obtaining further education & referrals to counseling for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The need for shelter services in Hyde County is tremendous! Between January 1, 2018 and November 30, 2018 Hyde County Hotline served 126 victims of domestic violence in person and received 584 domestic violence related crisis calls and served 84 victims of sexual assault in person and received 601 sexual assault related crisis calls. (Total number of crisis calls received may reflect multiple calls from one victim.)

Hyde County Hotline is very blessed to have received this generous grant of \$20,000.00 from the Mary Kay Foundation and we are very grateful. Our agency continues to provide compassionate services to all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Hyde County. The challenges we face are unique to the geographical isolation and distressed economy of our area and grants such as the one we have received from the Mary Kay Foundation are critically important to our ability to assist victims. – Kathryn Ballance, Executive Director of Hyde County Hotline

[Applications](#) for the 2019 shelter grant program will be available in January 2019. Please visit marykayfoundation.org for more information. To view the complete list of 2018 shelter grant recipients, click [here](#).

About The Mary Kay FoundationSM

The Mary Kay Foundation was created in 1996 and its two-fold mission includes funding women's cancer research and ending domestic violence. Over the course of more than two decades, The Mary Kay Foundation has awarded more than \$78 million to women's shelters and domestic violence service providers, as well as cancer research programs and related causes throughout the United States. To learn more about The Mary Kay Foundation and its mission, visit marykayfoundation.org or call 1-877-MKCARES (652-2737).



January is National Stalking Awareness Month

What is Stalking?

Stalking involves a pattern of harassing or threatening tactics that are both unwanted and causes fear or safety concerns in the victim. These behaviors can come in the form of threatening phone calls, text messages, spying, or showing up at the victim's home or workplace, and leaving unwanted gifts or cards. Stalking victims are often very fearful or believe that they or someone close to them could be harmed or killed as a result of the perpetrator's behavior.

Statistics about Stalking:

- One in 6 women (16.2%) and 1 in 19 men (5.2%) in the United States have experienced stalking victimization at some point during their lifetime in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed. (National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey(NIPSV), 2011)
- According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, 1,006,970 women and 370,000 men are stalked annually in the United States.
- Two-thirds (66.2%) of female victims of stalking were stalked by a current or former intimate partner; men were primarily stalked by an intimate partner or an acquaintance, 41.4% and 40.0%, respectively. (NIPSV, 2011)
- Repeatedly receiving unwanted telephone calls, voice, or text messages was the most commonly experienced stalking tactic for both female and male victims of stalking (78.8% for women and 75.9% for men). (NIPSV, 2011)
- Approximately 1 in 3 multiracial non-Hispanic women (30.6%) and 1 in 4 American Indian or Alaska Native women (22.7%) reported being stalked during their lifetimes. One in 5 Black non-Hispanic women (19.6%), 1 in 6 White non-Hispanic women (16.0%), and 1 in 7 Hispanic women (15.2%) experienced stalking in their lifetimes. (NIPSV, 2011)
- There is a strong link between stalking and other forms of violence in intimate relationships: 81% of women were also physically assaulted; 31% of women were also sexually assaulted (Tjaden, 1998)

The federal government, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories have enacted criminal laws to address stalking. The legal definition for stalking varies across jurisdictions.

Stalking Laws in North Carolina:

North Carolina, "stalking" is a specific offense in the penal code that also includes harassment. Stalking refers to a clear pattern of conduct through which the perpetrator causes the victim reasonable fear for their safety or their family's safety. It's a repetitive pattern of unwanted, harassing, or threatening behavior committed by one person against another.

Examples of Stalking Include:

- Continuing to call you even though you have told them to stop
- Repeatedly leaving or sending you obscene, harassing or threatening messages
- Driving by your home, school or place of employment or intimidating you
- Persistently leaving or sending unwanted letters, notes, cards or gifts
- Watching you from a distance or following you
- Appearing unexpectedly at places you frequent or don't frequent "just by chance"
- Contacting and/or threatening your friends, family members, neighbors or coworkers
- Damaging or threatening to damage your home, car or other property

Definition of Cyberstalking:

North Carolina has a law specifically dedicated to cyberstalking. Cyberstalking is the use of the Internet, email, or other electronic communications to stalk, and generally refers to a pattern of threatening or harmful malicious behaviors occurring online.

Code Sections	Stalking § 14-277.3A Cyberstalking § 14-196.3
What is Prohibited	<p>Stalking: Willfully on more than one occasion follows or is in the presence of, or otherwise harasses, another person without legal purpose and with the intent to do any of the following:</p> <p>(1) Place that person in reasonable fear either for the person's safety or the safety of the person's immediate family or close personal associates.</p> <p>(2) Cause that person to suffer substantial emotional distress by placing that person in fear of death, bodily injury, or continued harassment, and that in fact causes that person substantial emotional distress.</p> <p>Cyberstalking: Using the Internet, email, or other electronic communications to stalk, and generally referring to a pattern of threatening or malicious behaviors. This includes electronically communicating threats to damage property or injure another person, or the person's relative or dependent, with the intent of abusing, harassing, embarrassing, or extorting money or things of value.</p> <p>It is also illegal to (1) electronically communicate any knowingly false statement regarding the death, injury, or illness of the person, or any member of the person's family, with the intent to abuse, harass, or embarrass or (2) allow an electronic device under the person's control to be used for any prohibited act under the cyberstalking law.</p>

How to React if You Think Someone is Stalking You

- If you feel threatened or you or someone one you care about may be in immediate danger call 911.
- Cease communication- avoid communicating with the stalker.
- Get support from family and friends.
- Inform others of your situation.
- Speak to a victim advocate.
- Keep yourself safe by varying your routine and preparing a safety plan.
- Collect Evidence and pursue legal options.

To prevent stalking, Hyde County Hotline promotes safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments. Educating our communities about healthy relationships is essential in preventing stalking from happening in adolescence and adulthood. Teaching healthy relationship skills and changing norms about violence and stalking are important strategies for prevention.

Please contact us if you would like to receive programming in your school, business, church or civic group about healthy relationships, stalking, teen dating violence, bullying, domestic violence, sexual victimization, emotional abuse or elder abuse.

Educating our community empowers them to stand up and make a difference!

