Hyde County Hotline, Inc.

24-Hours Crisis Line 252-925-2500

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FREEDOM

Today, take a stand for freedom.
Domestic violence is NOT okay!
*Families need to be free of abuse to be **able** to be healthy and whole.*

Bring Freedom to Victims by Breaking the Silence

Domestic violence occurs in our communities at the same rate as communities everywhere. Why are people silent? There are no communities immune to the problem of domestic violence. Domestic and family violence occurs in all races, ages, and genders. It knows no cultural, socioeconomic, education, religious, or geographic limitation.

In order to bring dignity, respect and safety back to our homes, domestic violence needs to be addressed. The community's silence has done no good. Families are still broken and hurting. Children are learning that violence in the home is a "normal" way of life. Silence will not help them now.

However, with awareness and courage, we, as a community, can take action. This action to assist victims can help save lives and bring about justice and healing. Our commitment to end domestic violence will help make true peace and bring freedom. The challenge is not impossible. **For with God nothing will be impossible." – *Luke 1:37***

There is much we can do. We must not be silent!

First, we can assist victims of domestic violence by educating our communities and ourselves. Churches, civic organizations, and other community groups; as well as individuals can do this by learning about domestic violence. Knowledge is power! We can gain knowledge by learning the signs of domestic violence, by becoming partners with the local domestic violence agency, by attending educational programs or by hosting a community education event about domestic violence. We can also display awareness brochures and posters in our places of business, churches and schools. Pastors can speak out against violence from the pulpit. Employers can speak out against abuse in their work places. Schools can speak out against abuse in their schools and educate the children on healthy relationships. We must let abusers know abuse is wrong and will not be tolerated.

Next, we can build a relationship with the local advocacy and crisis intervention program. Learn what resources they have and how to make referrals for victims. Then, support the victims. We do this when we WELCOME them to come and share the issues of their lives with us. LISTEN to those who disclose abuse to us. BELIEVE them when they say they have been abused. GIVE them resources and choices that can help them change the situation. HELP them to a place of safety and healing. SUPPORT them, even when they do not choose the direction we think they should go. ENCOURAGE them in their life, their faith, their hopes and their dreams. SPEAK for them when they cannot speak. We must not be silent any longer!

Lastly, we need to live our lives in such a way that people see safe and healthy relationships. We do this when we speak with kindness and respect to one another, when we refuse to tolerate demeaning speech or behavior in our midst. ***We do this when we speak out as a community against abuse!***

Educating ourselves about how to assist victims of domestic violence and welcoming victims to share about their abuse, listening, believing, encouraging and supporting is only half the battle. We must make sure the victim remains safe and their children grow up to learn that the home is a place of peace and safety. As a community, we also must hold abusers accountable for their behavior. This requires us to take a stand. We must remember that we cannot look on as neutral bystanders, that we must not stand by idly and watch our neighbor be hurt and broken. God's word tells us to "love out neighbor as ourselves." Justice requires that abusers be held accountable for their actions. The issue of domestic violence must be talked about and action must be taken in order for our communities to have the freedom to be healthy, whole families. Will you join us today as we stand up for FREEDOM? Will you join us as we show love to our neighbors?

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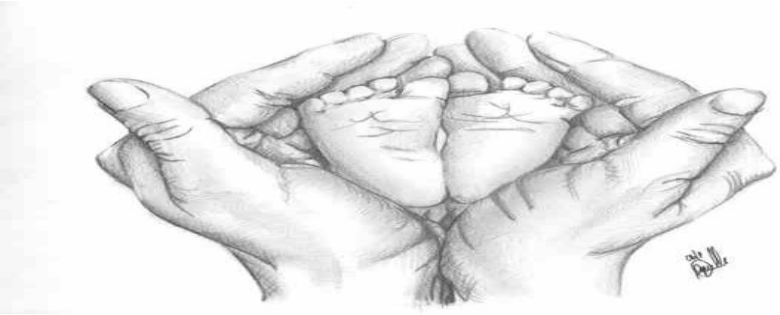
Bring Hope to Mothers and Babies in Hyde County



We need your help assisting young mothers. The first weeks of a newborn's life are the most critical. You can help better young lives by giving a new mother the essential things they need to care for their newborns. We are asking the community to come together to assist our agency in providing 3 car seats, 2 cribs, diapers, clothing, blankets, bottles, and baby care items for the clients we serve. These items will not only give a new baby a better start in life, but also bring hope and support to new moms who are often already dealing with trauma and stress.
Our goal is to raise $1,000.00 in order to provide these much-needed supplies. If you would prefer to donate new items, they can dropped off at the Hyde County Thrift Store in Engelhard. Store hours are Thursday – Saturday, 8:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Please mail all monetary donations to Hyde County Hotline, Inc. at PO Box 335, Engelhard, NC 2782.
If you have any questions, please call - 252-925-2502.

Your gift is a sacred trust. We promise to honor your generosity and use your donation in the most effective way. All donations are tax deductible.

Hyde County Hotline works hard to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual victimization and human trafficking, but we cannot do it alone. We appreciate your continued support!

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Human trafficking is the business of stealing freedom for profit. In some cases, traffickers trick, defraud or physically force victims into selling sex. In others, victims are lied to, assaulted, threatened or manipulated into working under inhumane, illegal or otherwise unacceptable conditions. It is a multi-billion dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to 24.9 million people around the world.

Sex Trafficking

Sex trafficking is the crime of using force, fraud or coercion to induce another individual to sell sex. Common types include escort services, pornography, illicit massage businesses, brothels, and outdoor solicitation.

To learn more click the link: https://polarisproject.org/sex-trafficking/

Labor Trafficking

Labor trafficking is the crime of using force, fraud or coercion to induce another individual to work or provide service. Common types include agriculture, domestic work, restaurants, cleaning services, carnivals and more.

To learn more click the link: https://polarisproject.org/labor-trafficking/

U.S. law defines human trafficking as the **use of force, fraud, or coercion** to compel a person into commercial sex acts or labor or services against his or her will. The one exception involves minors and commercial sex. Inducing a minor into commercial sex is considered human trafficking regardless of the presence of force, fraud or coercion. (Source: Polaris Project)

Need Help??? Polaris operated the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888
Or contact Hyde County Hotline on the 24/7 Crisis Line at 1-252-925-2500

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We are so thankful for all of our volunteers!

Your service and hard work changes lives! Thank you for taking the time to make a difference!

If you want to know more about volunteering, please call our office at 252-925-2502.

FYSB Family & Youth Services Bureau

Family Violence Prevention & Services Program

Council for Women & Youth Involvement
Department of Administration

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of abuse victims in our community? Help us build safer communities by promoting dignity respect and safety at home one survivor at a time.

Please fill out this form with your donation amount, detach the form and mail it to: Hyde County Hotline at P.O. Box 335 Engelhard, NC 27824.

Please contact me about making a monthly tax-deductible donation of:

● $250 ● $100 ● $50 ● $25 ●$ _____

Today I would like to make a one-time, tax-deductible donation of:

● $250 ● $100 ●$50 ● $25 ● $ _____

● I have enclosed my check #_____

● Please charge my credit card $_____

● Visa ●MC ● Discover ● Amex CREDIT CARD NUMBER_____

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