

HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE, INC.

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

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On our nation's 244th birthday, Americans celebrate the ideals of freedom, equality, liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness.

Suffering in an abusive relationship is the opposite of freedom and independence. Survivors who face violent and controlling partners simply cannot fully participate in our democratic system and pursue happiness.

On this Independence Day, may we celebrate the survivors who have begun to live lives free from abuse and vow to keep working for those who remain trapped by violence and fear.

Freedom, safety, and equal rights go hand-in-hand. Let's all help create a safer future for all Americans.

Happy Independence Day!

Facts about Domestic Violence and Stalking

WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking is defined by law by the federal government. When an abuser acts in such a way as to intentionally create a fear of harm or death for the victim, that is stalking. This could take the form of a fear of harm, injury or death for themselves, a relative, or any third party. Abusers who use stalking to terrorize and threaten create substantial emotional distress for their victims, family members and third parties.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Over 25 million people have experienced stalking in their lifetime.**
- **Around 7.5 million people experience stalking each year.**
- **Nearly 3 out of 4 victims of stalking know their stalkers in some capacity.**
- **People aged 18-24 have the highest rate of stalking victimization.**



FACTS ABOUT STALKING

WHY IT MATTERS:

Stalking is often an indicator of other forms of violence. 81% of women who were stalked by a current or former husband or cohabitating partner were also physically assaulted by that partner. 31% of women were sexually assaulted. Abusers use stalking to intimidate and control the victims.

STALKING AND FEMICIDE:

- 76% of women murdered by an intimate partner were stalked first: 85% of women who survived murder attempts were stalked.
- 89% of femicide victims who had been physically assaulted before their murder were also stalked in the last year prior to their murder.
- 54% of femicide victims reported stalking to the police before they were killed by their stalkers.

IMPACT ON VICTIMS:

- 1 in 7 stalking victims has been forced to move as a result of their victimization.
- 1 in 8 stalking victims has reported losing work because of the stalking. More than half of these victims reported losing 5 or more work days.
- Stalking victims suffer much higher rates of depression, anxiety than people in the general population.
- 1 in 4 stalking victims contemplate suicide.

Facts about Domestic Violence and Stalking (cont'd)

Although stalking is a crime in all 50 states is a crime in all 50 states, less than 1/3 of states classify stalking as a felony if it is a first offense, leaving stalking victims without protection afforded to victims of other violent crimes.

HOW TO HELP:

- Encourage your legislators to tighten stalking statutes so that stalking is both easier to prosecute and classified as a more serious crime.
- Ask your legislators to update the federal definition of domestic violence to include stalking and dating violence. This will prohibit stalkers from having access to firearms.
- Ask your congressman to support legislation providing additional funding for local program initiatives that provide counseling and other services to victims of stalking and domestic violence, such as programs established by the Violence Against Women Act.
- Encourage local schools and youth programs to train teachers, school counselors, and athletic coaches to recognize children and teens who are in violent situations.
- Support programs in your community aimed at increasing domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking education, prevention, and intervention.

Sources: NCADV/ The National Center for Victims of Crime.

Hyde County Hotline

Offers

Crisis Intervention, Advocacy and Prevention

Confidential Emergency Shelter

24 Hour Crisis Line 252-925-2500

PO Box 335

Engelhard, NC 27824

Tel: (252-)925-2502

WHAT WE DO

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

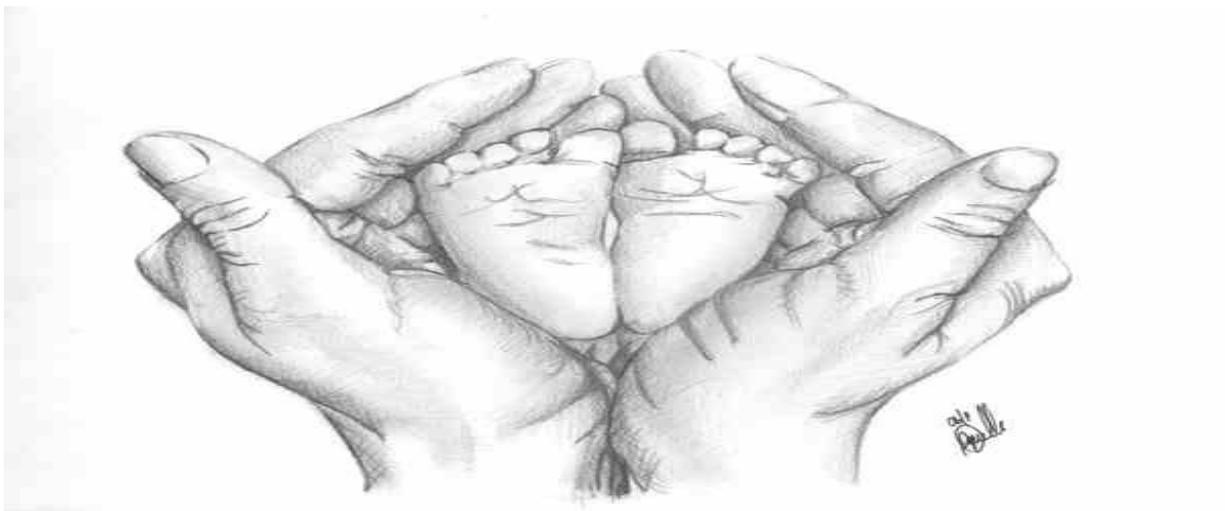
Bring Hope to Mothers and Babies in Hyde County

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 donate to assist our agency in providing car seats, cribs, diapers, clothing, blankets, bottles, and baby care items to 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 the new moms that 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 an item, they can be dropped off at the Hyde County Thrift Store in Engelhard. Your gift is a sacred trust. We promise to honor your generosity and use your donation in the most effective way.



Crisis Intervention And Advocacy For Victims Of Domestic Violence ,Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking.

Please mail all monetary donations to Hyde County Hotline, Inc. PO Box 335,
Engelhard, NC 27824

Have questions? Call 252-925-2502

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.

Wish List for Hyde County Hotline

Free shipping on wish list purchases over \$50.



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DomesticShelters.org

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Serving victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Victimization

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October – March

Thursday – Saturday

9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Summer Hours:

April – September

Thursday – Saturday

8:30 AM- 2:30 PM

FYSB Family & Youth Services Bureau

Family Violence Prevention & Services Program