

Hyde County Hotline, Inc.

July 2012

24 Hour Crisis Line 252-926-5481

Do the Right Thing... Tell Him There's a Better Way

Maybe he's your friend, your brother or brother-in-law, your cousin, co-worker, gym partner or fishing buddy. You've noticed that he interrupts her, criticizes her family, yells at her, or scares her. You hope that when they're alone, it isn't worse.

The way he treats her makes you uncomfortable, but you don't want to make him mad or lose his friendship. You surely don't want to see him wreck his marriage or have to call the police. What can you do? **Say something.** If you don't, your silence is the same as saying abuse is okay. He could hurt someone, or end up in jail. Because you care, you need to do something ... before it is too late.

He May Deny It

He may not listen. And there's no guarantee that your words will make him stop or get him to

change. He may ignore you, get angry, make excuses, or talk about what she did to make him do it. He might laugh it off or even make fun of you. Still, you need to say something. Your silence is the same as saying that you approve.

Or he may take you seriously and decide to change.

If men learn to put down and abuse women from other men, they can also learn to respect women from other men. When you decide that violence against women is unacceptable and choose to lead, other men will begin to think twice before they strike with their words or their fists.

It's up to us men to step up to the plate because next time, it could be our sister, mother, friend or co-worker. It isn't easy and it isn't comfortable, but it IS the right thing to do. (www.thehotline.org)

Our Mission

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization 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.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Training June 14th and 15th

Hyde County Hotline hosted a presentation by Stephanie Scott with the NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on June 14th from 10:00 - 11:30 in the Hyde County Government Center multi-purpose room and June 15th from 10:00 - 11:30 on Ocracoke at the Assembly of God.

Ms. Scott provided information about the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, deaf culture, the language and how to communicate effectively, how to use technology to assist in communication, communication tips that deaf individuals use, information about interpreters and how to

retain an interpreter and resources available to all of us in our daily jobs.

Thank you to everyone that participated in this presentation.



Left to Right
Scott Swicegood,
Support Services
Provider
Stephanie Scott, Deaf
Services Specialist
with NCDHHS and
Jim Sewell, Interpreter
and Consultant

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN NC from January 1 – December, 2011 - 73 Murders
www.nccadv.org **from January 1 – June 29, 2012 – 31 Murders**



Tapestry, A Studio on Ocracoke

Tapestry, A Studio on Ocracoke opened to the public on June 5, 2012. The project is a part of Hyde County Hotline, Inc., a Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Agency located in Swan Quarter which provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic abuse and sexual victimization.

Valerie Spencer has been hired as the Studio Manager. The Studio's hours of operation are Tuesday through Thursday 11:00 – 5:00, Friday 11:00 – 6:00 and Saturday 10:00 – 2:00. Valerie and her family are residents of Ocracoke and will be a wonderful asset not only to the store but the agency as a whole. Valerie is the second Ocracoke resident hired by Hyde County Hotline. Ingeborg Frye was hired earlier in the

year to serve as our Coordinated Community Response Team and Sexual Assault Response Team Specialist.

Hyde County Hotline, Inc. was under the mentorship of Outer Banks Hotline in Manteo for two years prior to becoming an independent 501(c)3 organization in July 2011. Hyde County Hotline serves the community of Ocracoke as well as mainland Hyde County. All proceeds from sales in our stores remain in Hyde County and are used to provide victim services. The people of Ocracoke have been welcoming and helpful and we are excited about this new endeavor. Our ultimate goal is to provide accurate information that can lead to the prevention of domestic abuse and sexual victimization.



Store Hours
 Tuesday 11-5
 Wednesday 11-5
 Thursday 11-5
 Friday 11-6
 Saturday 10-2



How you can help...

- **Donate to our Thrift Stores – call us for pick-up of large items 252-926-5481 (all donations are tax deductible)
- **Monetary donations are accepted
- **Tell others about us
- **Ask us about presentations
- **Ask how we can help you
- **Learn to weave at Tapestry on Ocracoke