

# Hyde County Hotline

24 Hour Crisis Line 252-925-2500

## What Can Father's Do?

Fathers play an important role in both the domestic violence movement and in teaching their children about healthy relationships. Kenny Wallace, NASCAR driver and friend of The Hotline (The National Domestic Violence Hotline), once explained the responsibility he felt as a supportive husband and father. "I want to send out the message that hitting is never acceptable and to be respectful of your loved ones," said Wallace. "I want to set an example as a loving husband and father that any type of violence is never ok."

Fathers who model respectful relationship behaviors and talk about domestic violence with their children, help further prevention efforts by educating the next generation. Men's groups like Men Against Violence, Men Can Stop Rape, Men Rally For Change and countless other men's organizations are doing inspiring work to promote healthy relationships and end domestic violence and sexual assault.

To celebrate Father's Day, we want to highlight some important ways that a father's behavior positively affects his children.

### Fathers Help Early Learning

Babies learn rapidly from everything they experience. Did you know that the number of words a father uses when a child is two years old impacts the child's vocabulary a year later? Fathers can be very crucial to a baby's development, influencing everything from the child's social skills to their ability to problem solve. Because early development has a profound influence on the child's life, fathers who promote happy relationships in their home help make sure that their child is in both an environment, and mental place, conducive to learning.

### Fathers Can Teach Healthy Behavior

Talking to children about what relationships should look like is as important as teaching them to look both ways before they cross the street. Children should know how to be safe in every area of his or her life. By opening a dialogue, dedicated dads can have a positive impact on a child's understanding of relationships.



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### Fathers Can Provide an Anchor

A father can be a steady and calming presence in a child's life. Children whose fathers are committed to them and their family have an established sense of reliability and devotion in their understanding of loving and caring for another person. Children will know that they can turn to a parent in times of trouble, for example, if a child is experiencing dating abuse. Having parents who will listen and help allows children the chance to safely express their feelings and get the support they need.

### Fathers Can Model Healthy Behaviors

Because actions speak louder than words, showing respect to others in front of children is the easiest way to incorporate respectful behavior into his or her daily routine. Fathers often teach without words by demonstrating to their kids how to respond in different situations by communicating effectively and managing conflict well themselves. We all learn by examples, and fathers can be motivational examples for their children.

Father's Day doesn't only celebrate dads, but all positive male figures in our lives. We appreciate everything fathers and other supportive men do to help children and families lead healthy and happy lives. Have a safe and special Father's Day!

The National Domestic Violence Hotline <http://www.thehotline.org/2011/06/happy-fathers-day/>

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The Family Violence Prevention Project empowers men to speak out against violence against women and girls. Too often boys and men are talked at about family violence and typically it's in terms of perpetration. It's time to change the discussion and it's time to have men lead the discussion about preventing family violence. And, men, it's time to talk to the boys in your life.

The boys in your life need your time and energy. Your son, grandson, nephew, younger brother. The boys you teach, coach and mentor. All of them need you to help them grow into healthy young men.

Boys are swamped with influences outside of the home - from friends, the neighborhood, television, the internet, music, the movies, and video games.

They hear all kinds of messages about what it means to "be a man" - that they have to be tough and in control. There are numerous conflicting and some harmful messages being given to boys about what constitutes "being a man" in a relationship.

Boys need your advice on how to behave toward girls.

Boys are watching how you and other men relate to women to figure out their own stance towards girls.

So teach boys early, and teach them often, that there is no place for violence in a relationship.

<http://www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=agLGKXNOE&b=1339281>

Want to learn more about being a Hyde County Hotline Crisis Line or Shelter Volunteer?  
Let us know. 252-925-2502

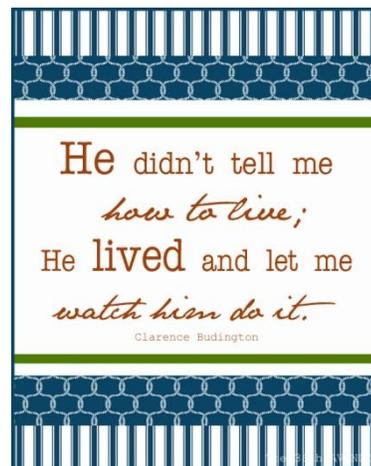
*OUR MISSION:*

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.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN NC**  
from January 1 – March 24, 2014

**17 Murders**

[www.nccadv.org](http://www.nccadv.org)



**How you can help...**

- \*\*Donate to our Thrift Stores – call us for pick-up of large items 252-925-2502 (all donations are tax deductible)
- \*\*Ask us about presentations \*\*Ask how we can help you
- \*\* Tell others about us
- \*\*Monetary donations are accepted: PO Box 335, Engelhard, NC 27824

We're on the Web!  
Visit us at:  
[www.hydecounthotline.org](http://www.hydecounthotline.org)



## WHAT MEN CAN DO TO HELP STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

While men are responsible for the majority of domestic violence, it is important that we recognize the majority of men are not abusive in their relationships. Non-abusive men may not realize it but they have the potential to make an enormous difference in helping to stop domestic violence and sexual assault.

Many men will come into contact with domestic violence in their daily lives. This can be through the workplace if they are a magistrate, judge, solicitor, police officer, doctor, nurse, social worker, psychologist, pastor, priest or crisis support worker. Others may come into contact with domestic violence in their personal lives: it might be their neighbor, a friend, a family member or an acquaintance that is affected by domestic violence.

There are many opportunities for men to support female victims by speaking up about other men's violence. Some are listed below:

1. Be a positive role model to other men. If you know somebody who is abusive toward their partner tell them their behavior is not okay and they need to get help to stop.
2. Be a positive role model to children. If you know a child who is without a positive adult male figure you can help to provide consistent support and help the child to make a safety plan.
3. Speak out against domestic violence. This can have a powerful effect in helping change attitudes and social norms that support and perpetuate abuse.
4. Take on a leadership role in your community, e.g. sports, school, neighborhood association or church group, and use this opportunity to speak out against violence in the home.
5. Understand how your own attitudes and actions may perpetuate sexism and violence.
6. Confront sexist, racist, and all other prejudiced remarks or jokes.
7. Don't buy magazines, movies, music or watch television programs that portray women in a sexually degrading or violent manner.
8. Organize or join a group to raise awareness of and work against domestic violence.
9. Reach out and show support to someone you know is experiencing domestic violence. Gently ask them if you can help. Never put the blame on the victim of domestic violence.
10. Participate in local community events to raise awareness of domestic violence.

**WHERE DO YOU STAND?**

## Interested in learning more...

- \* Call our office to have one of our staff do a presentation for your civic group or business
- \* Subscribe to our newsletter    \*Ask about training that may be online or available nearby



Volunteers are vital to the organization's overall functioning and success. Hyde County Hotline is a private, non-profit organization in Hyde County dedicated to promoting dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities. All proceeds from the thrift stores go to support the Hyde County Hotline mission. All donations are tax-deductible and tax donation forms will be mailed to you from Hyde County Hotline.

### FATHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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FATHER      HUGS  
FIX          JUNE  
FUN         KISSES  
HELP        LOVE  
HOME        PLAY

A black and white line drawing of a smiling father with a beard and a young child with a bow in their hair, both with their arms raised in a happy gesture.

### Father's Day Crossword

Down

- A green fish with a purple fishing rod.

Across

- A blue golf bag with clubs.

Answer Key: 1. Golf 2. Fishing 3. Baseball 4. Father 5. Necktie 6. Card