

Hyde County Hotline

March 2014

24 Hour Crisis Line 252-925-2500



For thirty-one days every year, March is acknowledged as Women's History month. The United States has celebrated the contributions of women in this way since 1980 when President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th, 1982 as Women's History Week. Congress later expanded the week to include the entire month in honor of the contributions of American women in history. President Carter spoke these words: "From the settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

See more at:

<http://blog.meridian.org/author/mmcsween/#sthash.h8uAWVpl.dpuf>

HERSTORY Highlight From The Past

Emmeline Pankhurst (1859-1928) was a British political activist and leader of the British suffragette movement who helped women win the right to vote. In 1999 *Time* named Pankhurst as one of the [100 Most Important People of the 20th Century](#), stating: "she shaped an idea of women for our time; she shook society into a new pattern from which there could be no going back." (excerpt from [Wikipedia](#)). Emmeline represents one of the many women who had the courage to oppose the status quo and fight for the rights of women. Thank you Emmeline!

(Photo credit Celebrating Women's History Month from CCI Greenheart)



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES
IN NC
from January 1 – January 23, 2014
4 Murders
www.nccadv.org**

Sexual violence and health care at a glance

One in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011).

One in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18 (Dube et al., 2005).

Women and men who experienced rape in their lifetime were more likely to report frequent headaches, chronic pain, difficulty with sleeping, activity limitations, poor physical health and poor mental health than men and women who did not experience these forms of violence (Black et al., 2011).

In the year following a rape, the average level of health care service use increases 18% over pre-rape levels; during the second year, post-rape service use increases 56%. (Koss, Koss, & Woodruff, 1991).

Rape, childhood sexual abuse, and domestic abuse are among the most common causes of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in women. The chances that a woman will develop PTSD after being raped are between 50% and 95% (Heise, Ellsberg, & Gottemoeller, 1999).

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.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

If you are convicted of a misdemeanor involving violence where you are or were a spouse, intimate partner, parent, or guardian of the victim or are or were involved in another, similar relationship with the victim, it may be unlawful for you to possess or purchase a firearm, including a rifle, pistol, or revolver, or ammunition, pursuant to federal law under 18 USC 922(g)(9) and/or state law. If you have any questions whether these laws make it illegal for you to possess or purchase a firearm, you should consult an attorney.

NOTICE

AOC-CR-617, New 12/07
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FIREARM PROHIBITION NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2008, all defendants convicted of crimes subject to the firearm notification requirements shall be provided a copy of this form by the court. (S.L. 2007-294)

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

Hyde County
Children's
Health Fair

Save the Date
April 25, 2014
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

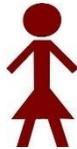
Free food for kids under 12 * Spaghetti plates for sale to public * Bouncy House & Slide * Interactive Information Booths and Activities * Child Abuse Prevention Pinwheel Ceremony * Door Prizes

Davis Ventures
33478 Hwy 264 E, Engelhard, NC 27824

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*Three Women a day are
Killed by their Abusers*
on Average in the United
States.

A Nationwide survey from
the National Network to
End Domestic Violence
reveals haunting evidence
that thousands of victims on
any given day may be
forced to return to abusers
or become homeless due to
lack of funding for shelters.

Full report can be found here:
www.nnedv.org/census2013.



Exciting News from the White House

For the first time, the White House has dedicated funding that will provide cities across the country with the vital resources they need to help end the nationwide rape kit backlog.

President Obama released his FY2015 budget proposal yesterday, and it includes—for the first time—dedicated funding that will provide cities across the country with the vital resources they need to help end the nationwide rape kit backlog.

This new \$35 million funding will provide local communities resources to test backlogged kits in their police storage facilities, create multi-disciplinary teams to investigate and prosecute cases connected to the backlog, and address the need for victim notification and re-engagement with the criminal justice system.

<http://www.endthebacklog.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



Prevention tips for health care professionals

Sexual violence is a significant public health issue with long-lasting effects on individual and community wellness. This article provides information about sexual assault and how health care professionals can prevent and respond to sexual violence. Together we can build a community working to prevent sexual assault.

What is sexual violence?

Sexual violence is a broad term and includes rape, incest, child sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, exposure, and voyeurism.

Sexual violence occurs when someone is forced or manipulated into unwanted sexual activity without their consent. Reasons someone might not consent include fear, age, illness, disability, and/or influence of alcohol or other drugs. Anyone can experience sexual violence, males, females, children, teens, adults, and elders.

These violations are widespread and occur daily in our communities, homes, schools, and workplaces, but sexual violence can be prevented. Community members can work to prevent sexual violence by establishing healthy and positive relationships that are based on respect, safety, and equality.

Your role as a health care professional

You have a critical role in helping patients lead healthy and happy lives. You may be one of the first people a victim chooses to talk to about healthy sexual development or an experience of sexual violence. To improve the response to and prevention of sexual violence in your community:

Learn more about the scope and impact of sexual violence. For resources, visit: <http://www.nsvrc.org/projects/healthcare-initiative>.

Enhance your ability to identify risk factors for victimization or perpetration. Develop protocols and practice comprehensive assessments of patients for sexual violence. Learn more: Assessing patients for sexual violence:

*A guide for health care providers (NSVRC 2011
http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/Publications_NSVRC_Guides_Assessing-patients-for-sexual-violence.pdf).*

Increase the focus on sexual violence prevention within your organization and provide access to information about sexual violence and local resources. Display posters and brochures on sexual assault and local services in waiting and exam rooms. Call Hyde County Hotline to request information or presentations for staff.

Build a strong referral program for specialized sexual assault advocacy and services for patients by getting to know Hyde County Hotline staff and the services they offer. Offer “warm” referrals by giving patients a name of an advocate or administrative person who can connect the patient to an advocate.

Be part of the team who works to ensure that people who experience sexual assault have access to quality medical care.

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Interested in learning more...Here's a webinar that you may find interesting.

Firearms and Domestic Violence

Date: Friday, March 21, 2014

Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm (Central Time)

Presenters: *Daniel W. Webster, ScD, MPH* is Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research and lead editor and contributor for *Reducing Gun Violence in America: Informing Policy with Evidence and Analysis* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013); *Shannon Frattaroli, PhD* is an Associate Director for Outreach at the Center for Injury Research and Policy and an Associate Professor in the Health Policy and Management Department at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and *Eugenio Carral J.D.* serves as the Domestic Violence Division Director for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida in Miami Dade County.

Description: The faculty will discuss research on firearms in the context of severe and fatal domestic violence. They will address the risks posed by firearms of both homicide and suicide, health impacts of gun injuries, as well as prevention and retrieval initiatives. The system operative in the Miami-Dade courts for identification, surrender and retrieval, search and seizure, storage, and return will be examined. Forms utilized in the firearms retrieval process will be considered.

Article: Garen J. Wintemute, Shannon Frattaroli, Barbara E. Claire, Katherine A. Vittes, and Daniel W. Webster, (February, 2014). "Identifying Armed Respondents to Domestic Violence Restraining Orders and Recovering Their Firearms: Process Evaluation of an Initiative in California". *American Journal of Public Health*, Vol. 104, No. 2, e113 - e118. And various other articles and publications of the faculty.

Click here for registration details:

<http://conferences.bwjp.org/webconferencedetail.aspx?confid=369>



*"Volunteers are not paid
-- not because they are
worthless, but because
they are priceless."*

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.