

# Hyde County Hotline

**24 Hour Crisis Line 252-925-2500**



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## Crime Victims Compensation Act

Victims of crime in North Carolina have special rights to know more about their case and seek restitution. Our Victims and Citizens Services office can talk to victims, connect you to community services and tell you how to find out about eligibility for financial assistance, medical care and lost wages.

### Financial Help for Victims

North Carolinians who need medical care or who miss work because they were a crime victim may also qualify for compensation. Through the [Crime Victims Compensation Act](#), North Carolina helps victims recover the costs of medical care and lost wages.

Victims and their families may be eligible to be compensated for financial losses that are not covered by insurance, worker's compensation funds, Medicare, or restitution payments.

For additional information, please contact [Victims Compensation Services](#) toll free at 1-800-826-6200 or (919) 733-7974 or visit their web site.

### Helping Crime Victims Get Restitution

If a criminal who harmed you owes you restitution, we can help you get your money. Under North Carolina law, crime victims are supposed to be the first in line for payment when criminals pay restitution to the court. Our office of [Victims and Citizens Services](#) can help crime victims get their just compensation.

### Non-Profit Groups

#### North Carolina Victim Assistance Network

Visit the [North Carolina Victim Assistance Network](#) web site or call toll free at 1-800-348-5068 or (919) 831-2857. This organization provides valuable information and assistance for victims and family members of crime victims.

#### Rape Victims Assistance Program

Visit the [Rape Victims Assistance Program](#) web site or call 1-800-826-6200.

### We Can Help – Call our Crisis Line 252-925-2500

For more information: <http://www.ncdoj.gov/Help-for-Victims/Crime-Victims.aspx>

## Report on Domestic Violence Related Homicides for Calendar Year 2013 Statistics

Domestic violence related homicides as reported by state and local law enforcement for calendar year 2013 totaled 108.

- ◆ 62 victims were female
- ◆ 46 victims were male
  
- ◆ 88 offenders were male
- ◆ 27 offenders were female
  
- ◆ 5 of the 108 victims had previously taken out protective orders; with 3 of the 5 protective orders were current when the homicide occurred.
  
- ◆ 1 offender on pre-trial release for a crime of domestic violence when the homicide occurred.

### A Domestic Relationship is defined as:

1. Current or former spouses
2. Persons of opposite sex who live together or have lived together
3. Related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren
4. Have a child in common
5. Current or former household members
6. Persons of the opposite sex who are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship (A dating relationship is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is not a dating relationship.)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN NC**  
from January 1 – March 24, 2014  
**16 Murders**  
[www.nccadv.org](http://www.nccadv.org)

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

There is no one perfect way  
to be a good mother.

Each situation is unique.  
Each mother has different challenges,  
different skills and abilities,  
and certainly different children. . . .

What matters is that a mother

loves  
her children  
deeply . . .

~ Elder M. Russel Ballard



**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.

“Stand up for yourself  
and your rights as a human being.

You are strong.

You are beautiful.

And there is more to life than walking  
on eggshells.”

- Domestic Violence Survivor



**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)



## **NATIONWIDE SURVEY REVEALS URGENT NEED FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS**

On March 6, 2014, the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) released a new research report that found, in a single 24-hour period, more than 66,000 victims of domestic violence received help and support from service organizations in the United States, yet nearly 10,000 more who needed assistance could not be helped due to a lack of adequate resources.

In North Carolina, 1,146 victims received services in that 24-hour period, but 101 victims could not be helped because local programs here in North Carolina didn't have sufficient resources.

"Every day in this state, victims of domestic violence are bravely reaching out for help, and it's essential that they have somewhere safe to go," said Dana Mangum, Interim Executive Director of the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "We have made so much progress toward ending violence and giving survivors avenues for safety. But continued program cuts jeopardize that progress and the lives of victims."

The report, "Domestic Violence Counts 2013: A 24-hour Census of Domestic Violence Shelters and Services," examined a random day, September 17, 2013, and collected information from 1649 domestic violence programs throughout the United States from midnight to midnight on that day. It identifies needs that were met and unmet on that day and provides a snapshot of how budget cuts are affecting the staffing and resources of these organizations.

Key findings for North Carolina include this 24-hour data from September 17, 2013:

- 1,146 domestic violence victims and their children received services in just one day.
- 592 calls to domestic violence hotlines were answered.
- 757 individuals were educated on domestic violence during trainings conducted by local programs.
- 101 requests from domestic violence victims were turned down because programs did not have the resources to provide them, including requests for emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation.
- The majority of unmet requests were from victims who had chosen to flee their abusers, and were seeking safe emergency or transitional housing.

When nationwide program providers were asked what most likely happens when services are not available, 60% said the most likely outcome was that victims returned to their abusers, 27% said the victims become homeless, and 11% said that victims end up living in their cars.

The number of unmet needs is related to the financial resources of these programs. In 2013, 1,696 staff positions were cut due to funding reductions, an average of 1.2 staff per program. Of the staff cuts in 2013, 70 percent were direct service positions, such as case managers, advocates, shelter staff, and child advocates.

In the wake of overall funding cuts, Mangum acknowledges that the NC legislature has protected domestic violence funding even during the recession.

*Download the full "Domestic Violence Counts 2013" census report at [www.nnedv.org/census](http://www.nnedv.org/census).*

**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 monthly newsletter
- \* Ask about training that may be online or available nearby
- \* Become a volunteer



### No change can happen without you!

Each of us must fight every day in whatever way we can so that every victim receives the services and support they need and their legal rights are protected. Whether it's making a donation, volunteering your time, or spreading the word, each of us can make a difference.



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.