

## Our Mission

We give voice to victims, their families, and the community; We create change in beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors; We instill courage for people to speak out about sexual assault.

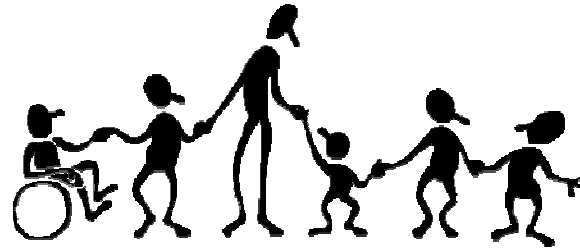
### Client Services

24 Hour Crisis Line  
Safe Shelter  
Court Advocacy  
Counseling  
Support Group  
Hospital Accompaniment

This program is a public service program. Services are cost free and are partially funded by the State of Tennessee through the office of Criminal Justice Programs.

## How You Can Help

You may wish to contribute your time energy and compassion by volunteering your services directly to the organization. You can also contribute funds to sponsor programs, activities, and events.



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**Every two and a half minutes, someone in America is sexually assaulted.**

**77% of rapes are committed by someone the victim knows.**

**1 in 5 women and 1 in 10 men will be victims of sexual assault.**

**What does Sexual Assault Services do to help?**

## **24 Hour Crisis Line**

Professional staff and trained volunteers monitor our crisis line to provide response for every crisis call. These volunteers provide comfort, personal information collection and arrange for appropriate follow-up.

## **Safe Shelter**

If you feel like you or your family is in danger and needs a safe place to stay, call the crisis line anytime to make arrangements.

## **Court Advocacy**

In the past, most sexual assault victims have refused to file charges against their assailants because the process is difficult, demeaning, and they are afraid of retribution from their assailant. Sometimes they simply do not know how to proceed. Here, each of our clients receives a full review of legal options, an opportunity to file for a legal order of protection, and personal advocacy in court.

## **Counseling**

Our certified and Masters-degreed clinical counselors provide individual and support group counseling, Counseling services address the

specific needs of the sexual assault survivor, whether the assault is recent or occurred years prior to seeking help. We provide encouragement and support as survivors navigate the recovery process.

## **Support Group**

The sexual assault support group is a self-help, peer support group for those who have survived a sexual assault.

The group is designed to help survivors gain a better understanding of the loss and resulting grief and to help promote change and growth in the life of the participants. It is a no-pressure atmosphere in which to explore, share, and understand thoughts and feelings.

## **Hospital Accompaniment**

When a client arrives at the local emergency room, they will be escorted into a private waiting and exam room. There a personal representative will guide them through the exam and evidence-gathering process. Specially trained registered nurses then carefully and sensitively conduct a full forensic exam. The client is given temporary clothing and assistance with safe accommodation.