



American Baptist Churches of New Jersey



SacredSafeSpaces

Domestic Violence Resource Guide

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1. The Purpose of Resource Guide

This Resource Guide was designed for our pastors and congregations to provide a clear picture of what domestic violence is and how it impacts the adults, children and families we serve. It has been assembled to be a ready tool to help you in the immediacy of a pastoral care crisis. It is also designed to be the foundation for a more comprehensive training library that will help your church be a beacon of healing and prevention in your community.

This guide, along with video training webinars found on the ABCNJ website (www.abcnj.net), will assist you as a leader to create a supportive environment in your church where what happens in the shadows can be transformed into hope, health and healing.

In Luke 10:25-37 Jesus is asked "Who is my neighbor?" In response he told the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. Today, many, including those in our pews, suffer under the weight of past and present abuse of various kinds. But knowing how to help without hurting can be tricky, hence this resource guide. What is most important for us as followers of Christ, however, is to bring the broken heart of Jesus to those who find themselves feeling they are laying along the side of the road but no one sees them.

Awareness is important. The abuse of my neighbor impacts all of our lives. Activities to support healthy relationships are essential to the well being of every congregation. We who believe in Jesus Christ can create a world of people who know their value in God and can live their life to the fullest. Just imagine no more tears, no more violence, no more abuse, no more brokenness. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me/us!

Prayer

Jesus, you have called us to follow, watch, and learn from you. To act as you do, and share your life with others. At every moment of every day, help us to see, hear, taste, smells touch, think, feel, care and love as you do. Transform our lives into your life so that together we can help heal the world with you. Let all those lives we touch feel your loving presence reaching out to them through us. Be in our lives until we see you face to face. Amen.

Adapted from, Disciplines 2020, Daily Devotions

Becoming an ABCNJ Sacred Safe Spaces Covenant Church is one way you can be an advocate and agent of healing. For More information please contact the ABCNJ office at 609-587-8700.

2. American Baptist Churches of New Jersey

Sacred Safe Spaces Background

In 2013, the Sacred Safe Spaces ministry of the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey (ABCNJ) was established to equip our member churches to become healing places for survivors of domestic violence through education and consciousness awareness. Congregations were asked to heal and protect their congregation and larger communities. This commitment was established by signing a Congregational Covenant.

In 2019, ABCNJ was awarded a Palmer grant to expand this ministry. The plan was to establish "ABCNJ Sacred Safe Spaces – Healing Circles" as an existing outreach ministry to create three healing cooperatives in three geographical areas of New Jersey. The plan was that the Healing Circles would bring together cohorts of churches to engage state, county and local professionals in their respective settings to heal and support those who are the victims of domestic violence. The beginning of the plan was implemented in the Northern Region of ABCNJ with Essex Association of ABCNJ. Plans in the Southern Region of ABCNJ were initiated with the Greater Delaware Association. These plans were disrupted with the outbreak of the Coronavirus. Due to state social distancing mandates, topical webinars were created and launched in May 2020. These webinars were scheduled twice a month and are available on the ABCNJ website at: www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces.

This Resource Guide was designed for our pastors and congregations to provide a definition of Domestic Violence and describe some of the ways it impacts families and children. This guide has been designed to help faith leaders to recognize signs of violence and abuse but, more importantly, explores how to support healthy relationships in their congregations and communities.

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American Baptist Churches of New Jersey's website has training webinars on our website and through our YouTube page that provide additional information.

3. Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence is a pattern of physical, emotional, verbal, and sexual abuse, which includes, but is not limited to threats, intimidation, isolation, and/or financial control. Domestic Violence can continue over a long period of time and becomes more frequent and more severe over time.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. Domestic violence occurs in both opposite-sex and same-sex relationships and can happen to intimate partners who are married, living together, or dating.

Source: njsp.org/division/operations/domestic-violence-information.shtml

New Jersey's Legal Definition of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence means the occurrence of one or more of the following criminal offenses upon a person protected under the "Prevention of Domestic Violence act of 1991," P.L. 1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et al.)

Homicide	Robbery	Criminal Mischief
Assault	Criminal Restraint	Criminal Coercion
Terroristic Threats	Kidnaping	Contempt
Stalking	Sexual Assault	Cyber-Harassment
Criminal Sexual Contact	Burglary	Harassment

*In addition, domestic violence acts can also include any other crime involving risk of death or serious bodily injury to a person protected under the "Prevention of Domestic Violence act of 1991," P.L. 1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et al)

2023 Domestic Violence Statistical Summary:

Murders increased 14 percent in 2023 (57) when compared to 2022 (50)

Assaults accounted for 44 percent (31,514) and harassment accounted for 38 percent (26,987) of the reported incidents in 2023

Arrests were made in 38 percent (26,980) of the incidents reported for 2023, an increase when compared to arrests made in 2022 (25,132)

There were 70,828 domestic violence incidents reported by the police in 2023 a 5 percent increase compared to the 67,512 reported in 2022

Alcohol and/or drugs were involved in 21 percent (14,542) of the reported incidents occurring in 2023

The number of domestic violence complaints that had prior court orders issued against the offender increased from 10,691 in 2022 to 10,973 in 2023

Persons age 60 or over (elderly) were victims in 8 percent (5,765) of all reported domestic violence incidents that occurred in 2023

The most frequent day of the week for domestic violence incidents was Sunday (12,352), closely followed by Saturday (11,150)

Children were actively involved or present during 16,858 incidents or 24 percent of all domestic violence incidents occurring in 2023

Who Can Be A Victim of Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence acts are established by the relationship between the offender and the victim. A person protected by the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act is 18 years of age or older, or who is an emancipated minor; and who has been subjected to domestic violence by a spouse, former spouse, or any other person who is a present or former household member. Any person, regardless of age, sex, or physical/psychological condition, who has been subjected to domestic violence by one of the following actors:

- A person with whom the victim has a child in common.
- A person with whom the victim anticipates having a child in common, if one of the parties is pregnant.
- A person with whom the victim has had a dating relationship.

What is a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO)?

A TRO is an order that is issued by a judge who is satisfied that demanding circumstances exist enough to excuse the failure of the victim to appear personally and that sufficient grounds for granting the temporary restraining order have been shown. To protect the victim from the defendant, the judge may grant within the temporary restraining order that the:

- The abuser is forbidden from returning to the scene of the Domestic Violence as well as other locations to be determined.
- The abuser is prohibited from future acts of Domestic Violence.
- The abuser is forbidden from possessing a firearm or weapons.
- The abuser is forbidden from having any communication or contact with the victim or the victim's relatives in person, via the telephone, or in writing. This includes making or causing anyone else to do so, on the abuser's behalf.
- The abuser is required to pay temporary child support to victim.
- The abuser is required to reimburse the victim for any medical expenses incurred due to injury caused by defendant.
- The victim is given exclusive possession of the residence.
- The victim is given temporary custody of the children.

Source: njsp.org/division/operations/domestic-violence-information.shtml

How Do I Get a TRO?

- Contact the **Family Part of the Superior Court** in your county Monday through Friday (8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.).
- On weekends, holidays, and after 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, you can request a TRO from the Municipal Court in your area - this is done through your **State or local police department**.

To receive information about contacting a court for a TRO, call your State or local police department or call the Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-572-SAFE (7233).

Within 10 days of the TRO the court will schedule a hearing. Both you and your abuser will have a chance to testify. The judge will consider both testimonies before issuing a Final Restraining Order.

What legal remedies can I seek if I have been a victim of domestic violence?

You have the right to file a civil complaint under the "Prevention of Domestic Violence act of 1991," P.L. 1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et al.), along with a criminal complaint. Both complaints should be filed for your protection since the civil complaint is designed to protect you and the criminal complaint is designed to punish the abuser.

Spiritual Impact of Domestic

Domestic Violence legally is a crime. Domestic violence is a sin against God, since love is not in this behavior. This act robs the victim, the perpetrator, their children and loved ones of a loving relationship. Many times the abuser takes on behavior that can be verbal, physical, economic and spiritual which is traumatic and demeaning to the victim as well as the witnesses.

The abuser becomes the god of the home. Everything must be done to please them but they are never satisfied. The victim is robbed of their self-worth and is never able to satisfy their partner. Many victims are isolated from friends, family and even church activities. The home is not a place of love, joy and peace. The home becomes a place of pain and suffering. The violence and trauma diminishes a person's self-worth and destroys families.

Many times the victim questions "Where is God?" The victim feels unprotected, unloved, helpless and hopeless. All of the victims's relationships are broken, even their relationship with God. The children's behavior can be influenced by the abuser or the victim. Sometimes this trauma escalates to fatalities. We hear on the news many times about domestic situations that resulted in the entire family being killed and the abuser dying by suicide. Future relationships with all members are damaged if intervention, help and healing does not happen.

Activities that the Church Can Do



As faith leaders and disciples of Jesus Christ, we will be known by our love for each other. We can make sure we promote healthy relationships. Watchfully look for those among us who are in distress. (Follow Jesus' example. Jesus was able to spot one person in a crowd who needed a healing touch.) Actively, compassionately listen to their story. Believe them. Do not gossip. Pray with them but actively seek help according to their expressed need. We cannot make someone do what they are not ready to do. Support them on their healing journey.

Other activities that the Church can do:

- Topical Sermons
- Bible Studies
- Book Discussions
- Partner with a Local Domestic Violence Shelter to address needs
- Candlelight Service to Honor Victims
- Invite Guest Speakers or offer training through a Local Organization
- Form & Train a Crisis Response Team
- Group or Panel Discussions
- Host a Community Informational Event with Local Organizations
- Serve on a Local Board of Directors

For More Ideas Visit:

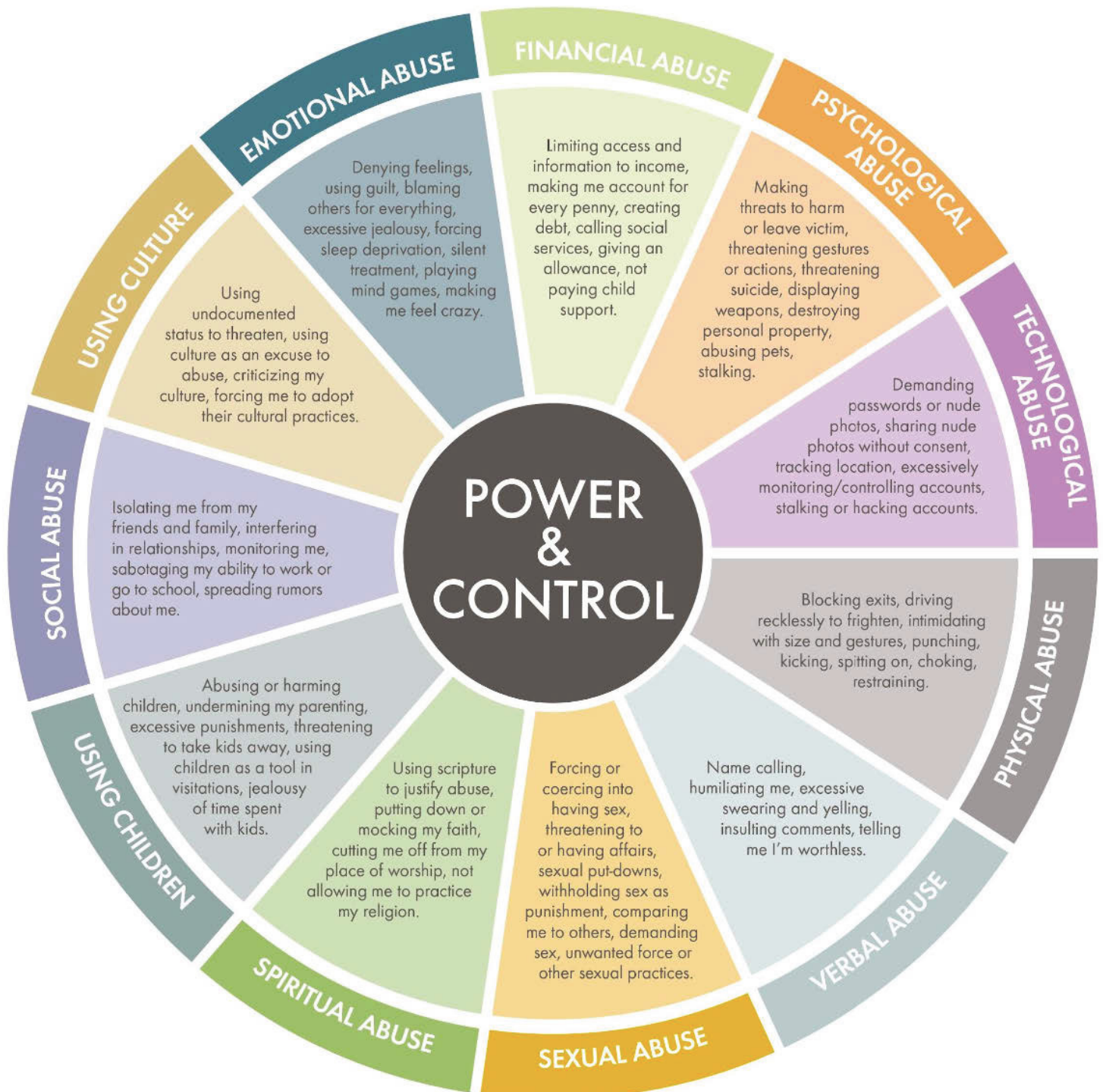
thehotline.org; njced.org; faithtrustinstitute.org;
nationaldaycalendar.com

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Although we would encourage this type of awareness every month. October is a time to honor those who are survivors of domestic violence and increase awareness of all and encourage practice of healthy relationships. God is Love. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we are Love too. We can break the silence against violence and trauma that diminishes a person's self-worth and destroys families. We can preach, teach, have guest speakers from local organizations, conduct workshops, hold candlelight vigils and even have survivors share their stories of victory over abuse. Promoting 1 Corinthians 13, way of love leads us all to a Sacred Safe Space. To God Be the Glory.

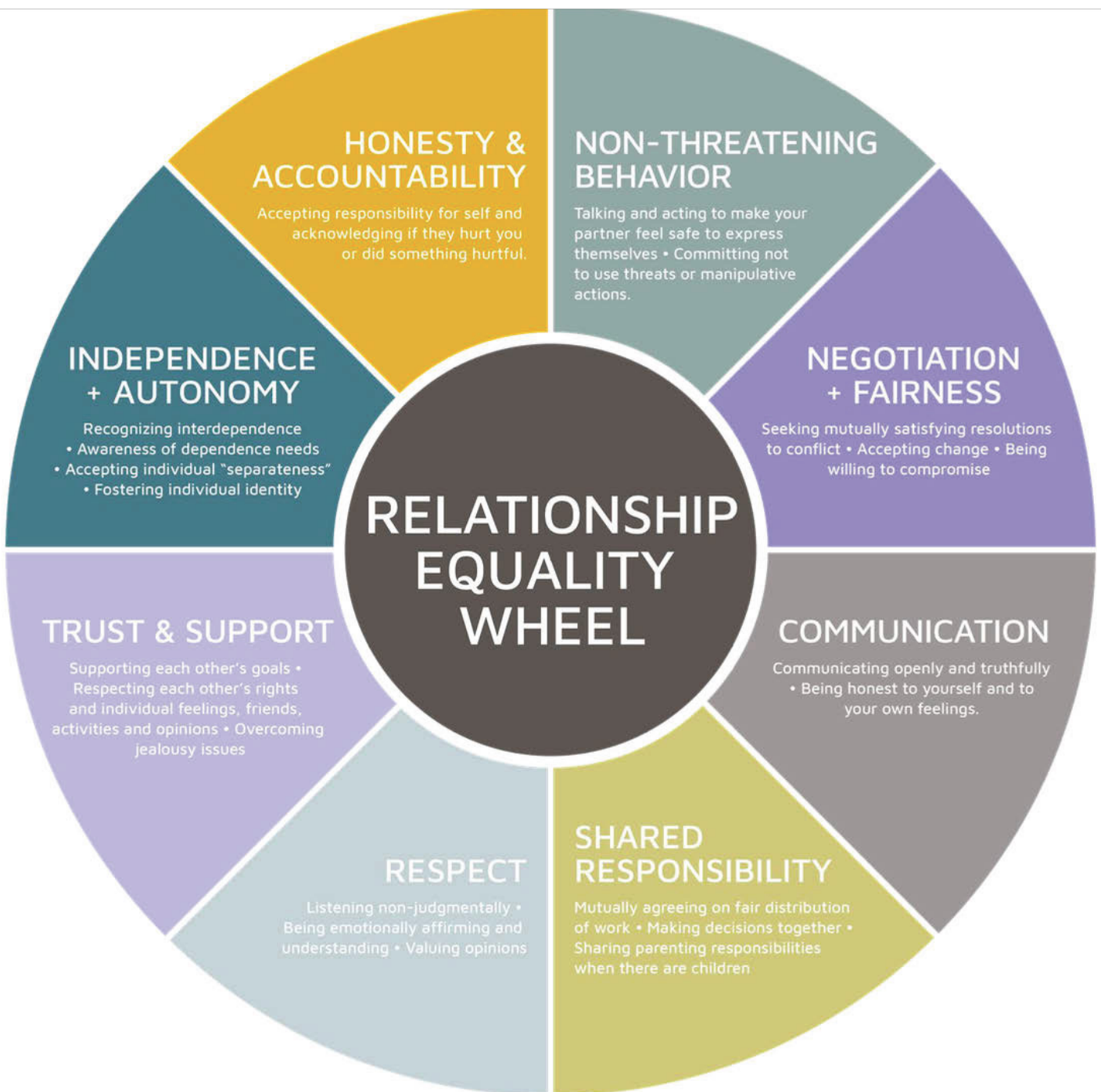
The Power & Control Wheel

is used to demonstrate the many dimensions of abusive behaviors in this type of relationship.



The Healthy Relationship (Equality) Wheel

is used to demonstrate what a respectful & trusting relationship looks like.



Domestic Violence Agency Contacts by County

The New Jersey State Police does not offer counseling services, however if you are experiencing abuse, please know there is help and that you are not alone. Every county throughout New Jersey has at least one domestic violence program providing a range of services to survivors of domestic violence and their children by trained and compassionate domestic violence advocates.

If you have experienced domestic violence and would like to speak with someone about it, you can call the 24-hour Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-800-572-SAFE (7233) or look below to contact your local domestic violence program.

Many services are free, confidential and provided regardless of gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, ability level or immigration status. Some agencies offer services to batterers who have perpetuated the violence and to children who have experienced violence in their household. All persons involved with domestic violence need healing but from different providers.

The following guide is published by the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence as *A Guide to Services for Victims of Domestic Violence*

New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence

1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road • Trenton, New Jersey 08690-3541

Phone: 609-584-8107* • Fax: 609-584-9750 • VP:

609-528-7216 info@njcedv.org • www.njcedv.org

The NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence provides this directory as a guide to Domestic Violence Programs in New Jersey. It has been prepared from information provided by the listed organizations. The NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence is not responsible for evaluating or licensing these programs.

As you review these services you will see some agencies *offer different services to the whole family; survivor, abuser and children.*

ATLANTIC COUNTY

AVANZAR (formerly The Women's Center)

Violence Intervention Program (VIP)

1201 New Rd. #240 Linwood, NJ 08221

Emergency Shelter

Toll free: 1-800-286-4184

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Text Line: 609-569-5437

Office: 609-601-9925

Fax: 609-601-2975

Web: www.avanzarnow.org

Displaced Homemakers Services

Home To Work

Ph: 609-601-9925

Fax: 609-601-2975

Fathers Ending Abuse

Ph: 609-601-9925 Ext. 1018

Unified Child Care Services

Child Care Network

Ph: 609-601-9925

Fax: 609-601-2975

Sexual Assault

24 Hr. Hotline: 609-646-6767

Toll free: 1-800-286-4184

Batterers Services

Alternatives to Violence (ATV)

24 Hr. Hotline: 1-800-286-4184

Phone: 609-646-6767

Fax: 609-645-8877

BERGEN COUNTY

CENTER FOR HOPE AND SAFETY (formerly Shelter Our Sisters)

Administrative Offices: 12 Overlook Ave

Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 201-944-9600

Shelter: 201-836-1075

Fax/Shelter: 201-836-7029

Office: 201-498-9247

Fax/Office: 201-498-9256

Email: info@hopeandsafetynj.org

Web: www.hopeandsafetynj.org

PALS Project Child

Phone: 201-300-6666 Ext. 21

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AVAILABLE

ALTERNATIVES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Bergen County Department of Human Services

One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Non-Residential Services/Outreach

24 Hr. Hotline: 201-336-7575

Fax: 201-336-7555

Web: www.co.bergen.nj.us/ADV

Email: adv@co.bergen.nj.us

Batterers Services: Alternatives To Domestic Violence

24 Hr. Hotline: 201-336-7575

Fax: 201-336-7555

Hotline provides crisis intervention and intake assessment.

BURLINGTON COUNTY

PROVIDENCE HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

595 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, NJ 08060

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 609-871-7551

Office: 856-824-0599

Fax/Office: 856-824-9340

Fax/Shelter: 609-871-0360

Web: www.catholiccharitiesnj.org/domestic-violence-services/

Outreach

595 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, NJ 08060

Phone: 856-824-0599

Fax: 856-824-9340

PALS

Phone: 856-824-0599 EXT. 8617

CAMDEN COUNTY

CAMDEN COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER

Outreach Office & PALS Program

311 Market Street

Camden, NJ 08102

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 856-227-1234

Office: 856-227-1800

Fax: 856-227-1261

Web: www.njaconline.org/13.html

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA DELAWARE VALLEY

235 White Horse Pike, Collingswood, NJ 08107

Office: 856-854-4660

Fax: 856-854-0651

Email: lengstrom@voadv.org

Web: www.voadv.org

CAPE MAY COUNTY

CARA, INC. (Coalition Against Rape & Abuse, Inc.)
P.O. Box 774, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210-0774

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 609-522-6489

Toll free: 1-877-294-2272 (CARA)

Office: 609-522-6489

Fax: 609-463-0967

Email: carasafe1@cara-inc.net

Web: www.cara-cmc.org

Women's Support Group: Buddy System

Men's Non Violence Group Services

MEND (Men Explore New Directions)

24 Hr. Hotline: 609-522-6489

Toll free: 1-877-294-2272 (CARA)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AVAILABLE

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

SERVICES EMPOWERING THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS

CUMBERLAND COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

24-hour toll-free hotline: 1-800-225-0196

Office: 856-696-2032

Fax: 856-696-7336

Email: serv@centerffs.org

Website: www.centerffs.org

ESSEX COUNTY

ACCESS FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

One Gateway Center, Suite 2600

Newark, NJ 07102

Emergency Shelter

24 Hour Hotline: 862-444-3126

Email: info@afsnj.org

Website: www.afsnj.org

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Leroy F. Smith Jr. Public Safety Building

60 Nelson Place, 2nd Floor

Newark, NJ 07102

973-230-7229 (T)

Fax: 973-732-3391

Email: info@essexcountyhc.org

Website: www.essexcountyhc.org

WALK-IN WELCOME – NO APPT NECESSARY:

THE SAFE HOUSE

P.O. Box 1887, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 973-759-2154

Office: 973-759-2378

Fax: 973-844-4950

Email: safehouse@rwjbh.org

PARTNERS FOR WOMEN AND JUSTICE

650 Bloomfield Avenue #209

(GPS address is 44 Farrand St)

Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Office: 973-233-0111

Fax: 973-233-0106

Website: <http://pfwj.org/>

THE RACHEL COALITION c/o JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

570 West Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Suite 106, Livingston, NJ 07039

24 Hr. Emergency Paging Service: 973-740-1233

Outreach

Office: 973-740-1233

Fax: 973-740-1590

Email: rachel@rachelcoalition.org

Website: www.rachelcoalition.org

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (one unit)

FAMILY CONNECTIONS**PALS**

FAMILYConnections (DREAMS)

Counseling Services

7 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 101, East Orange, NJ 07018

Phone: 973-323-3560

Fax: 973-676-1640

GLOUCESTER COUNTY**SERVICES EMPOWERING RIGHTS OF VICTIMS****(SERV)**

P.O. Box 566, Glassboro, NJ 08028

24 Hr. Hotline: 856-881-3335

Toll free: 1-866-295-7378

Office: 856-881-4034

Fax: 856-881-4054

Email: serv@centerffs.org

Website: www.centerffs.org

HUDSON COUNTY

WOMENRISING, INC.

270 Fairmount Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 201-333-5700

Fax: 201-333-9305

Email: womenrising@aol.com

Website: www.womenrising.org

Outreach

270 Fairmount Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Phone: 201-333-5700

HUNTERDON COUNTY

SAFE IN HUNTERDON

47 E. Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 908-788-4044

Toll free: 1-888-988-4033

ResidenAal

Office: 908-806-4098

Fax: 908-806-0073

TexUng Hotline 908-455-2927

Email: agency@safeinhunterdon.org

Website: www.safeinhunterdon.org

Outreach

Phone: 908-788-7666

Fax: 908-806-4725

Child and Adolescent

Phone: 908-788-7666

Sexual Assault/Rape/Incest

Phone: 908-788-7666

MERCER COUNTY

WOMANSPACE

530 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Emergency Shelter

DomesAc Violence and Sexual Assault 24 Hr. Hotline: 609-394-9000

Statewide DomesAc Violence Hotline: 1-800-572-SAFE (7233)

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Text Line: 609-619-1888

Office: 609-394-0136

Fax: 609-396-1093

Email: info@womanspace.org

Website: www.womanspace.org

Counseling and Support Services

1530 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Phone: 609-394-2532

Fax: 609-394-5417

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AVAILABLE

Balcerers Services in Mercer County:

Family Growth Program
39 N. Clinton Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08609
Office: 609-394-5157

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

WOMEN AWARE, INC.

250 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Spanish Speaking Support Groups

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 732-249-4504

Services include: emergency shelter, legal advocacy, support groups, children's trauma therapy (the PALS program, and permanent supportive housing.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Text Line: 1-876-658-7713

Office: 732-249-4900

Fax: 732-249-4901

Shelter Fax: 732-249-0010

Website: www.womenaware.net

MANAVI, INC.

Serves South Asian Survivors

P.O. Box 3101

New Brunswick, NJ 08903-3103

Office: 732-435-1414

Fax: 732-435-1411

Email: manavi@manavi.org

Website: www.manavi.org

Office Hours: 9:30am — 5:30pm

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AVAILABLE

MONMOUTH COUNTY

180 TURNING LIVES AROUND

One Bethany Road, Bldg. 3, Suite 42, Hazlet, NJ 07730

24 Hr. Hotline: 732-264-4111

Toll free: 1-888-843-9262

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Text Line: 732-977-2832/977-2766

Office: 732-264-4360

Fax: 732-264-8655

THIS SHELTER TAKES ANIMALS

PALS Program

Website: www.180nj.org

Asbury/Neptune Outreach: Shore Regional Outreach Program

Phone: 732-988-0390 or 732-988-3194

PALS (Amanda's Easel) Phone: 732-787-6503

Sexual Violence Program

24 Hr. Hotline: 732-264-7273, Toll free: 1-888-264-RAPE

Fax: 732-264-8655

Fax: 732-671-8383

MORRIS COUNTY**JERSEY BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICE, INC. (JBWS)**

P.O. Box 1437, Morristown, NJ 07962-1437

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 973-267-4763

Administrative: (973) 267-7520

24-Hour Help line: 1-877-R-U-ABUSED/ (973) 267-4763

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Text Line (973) 314-4192

Office: 973-267-7520

Fax: 973-605-5898

Email: info@jbws.org

Website: www.jbws.org

MORRIS FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER (MFJC)

Administration and Records Building

10 Court Street, 4th floor

Morristown, NJ 07962

Phone: (973) 829-4050

Assistance outside of office hours: Domestic Abuse: 1-877-R-U-ABUSED

Sexual Assault: (973) 829-0587

Fax: (973) 206-1645

Email: info@morrishc.org

Website: www.morrishc.org

Mon-Fri walk-in hours: 8:30am-4:30pm. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by appointment only.

Se Habla Español

JERSEY CENTER FOR NON VIOLENCE

PO Box 1437

Morristown, NJ 07902

Appointments and referrals: (973) 539-7801

Fax: (973) 539-4068

Email: jcnv@jbws.org

(Jersey Center for Non-Violence)

Batterers Services: Jersey Center for Non-Violence

Services include: emergency shelter, victim counseling, batterer's services, children's services, transitional housing, and non-residential, legal advocacy and vocational.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AVAILABLE

OCEAN COUNTY

PROVIDENCE HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

88 Schoolhouse Road, WhiUng, NJ 08759

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 732-244-8259

Toll free: 1-800-246-8910

Office: 732-350-2120

Fax: 732-350-2725

Shelter Fax: 732-244-3064

Website: www.catholiccharitiesnj.org/domestic-violence-services/

Outreach -PALS Phone: 732 350-2120 x103

PASSAIC COUNTY

PASSAIC COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER

DomesAc Violence Program

P.O. Box 244, Paterson, NJ 07513

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 973-881-1450

Office: 973-881-1450

Fax: 973-881-0617

Website: www.passaiccountywomenscenter.org

Outreach

1027 Madison Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07513

Phone: 973-881-0725

Fax: 973-881-0938

Rape Crisis Program

1027 Madison Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07513

24. Hr. Hotline: 973-881-1450

Phone: 973-881-0725

Fax: 973-881-0938

PROJECT S.A.R.A.H. – Jewish Family Services

110 Main Avenue

Passaic, NJ 07055

Helpline: 1-888-883-2323

Phone: 973-777-7638

Fax: 973-777-9311

Website: www.projectsarah.org

PALS PCWC with Jewish Family Services

Phone: 973-777-7638

WAFH HOUSE

Muslim Specific

PO Box 2102

Cliqon, NJ 07015-2102

Toll free: 1-800-930-9232

Email: info@wafahouse.org

Website: www.wafahouse.org

SALEM COUNTY

SALEM COUNTY WOMEN'S SERVICES

P.O. Box 125, Salem, NJ 08079-0125

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 856-935-6655

Toll free: 1-888-632-9511

Office: 856-935-8012

Fax: 856-935-6165

Email: scws125@comcast.net

Website: www.salemcountywomensservices.org

Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis

24 Hr. Hotline: 856-935-6655

Toll free: 1-888-632-9511

Batterers Services: Alternatives To Violence

24 Hr. Hotline: 856-935-6655

Toll free: 1-888-632-9511

SOMERSET COUNTY

SAFE & SOUND SOMERSET (formerly RESOURCE CENTER OF SOMERSET)

427 Homestead Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Toll free and Text Hotline: 1-866-685-1122

Email: info@safe-sound.org

Website: www.safe-sound.org

Outreach

Office: 908-359-0003

Fax: 908-359-8881

Batterer's Referral Line

Call 24 Hr. Hotline or 908-359-0003 ext.438, for referrals

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AVAILABLE

SUSSEX COUNTY

DASI: DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT INTERVENTION SERVICES

P.O. Box 805, Newton, NJ 07860

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline:

(Collect Calls Accepted) 973-875-1211

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Text Line: 973-222-2593

Office: 973-579-2386

Fax: 973-579-3277

Email: info@dasi.org

Website: www.dasi.org

Outreach

Phone: 973-579-2386

Fax: 973-579-3277

Battered Women's Services: DECIDE Program

PO Box 805, Newton, NJ 07860

Phone: 973-271-0288

Fax: 973-579-3277

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AVAILABLE

P.O. Box 242, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

UNION COUNTY

PROJECT: PROTECT c/o YWCA of Union County

P.O. Box 242, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 908-355-4357 (HELP)

Office: 908-355-1995

Fax: 908-355-2010

Email: info@ywcaunioncounty.org

Website: www.ywcaunioncounty.org

Outreach

Phone: 908-355-1500

PALS A Child's View

Phone: 908-518-9911

Fax: 908-518-9914

UNCHAINED AT LAST

Provides service for underaged marriage and reproduction coercion.

208 Lenox Avenue #189

Wesfield, NJ 07090

Office: 908-913-0804

Website: www.unchainedatlast.org

WARREN COUNTY

DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER

P.O. Box 88, Washington, NJ 07882

DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER

Emergency Shelter

24 Hr. Hotline: 908-453-4181

Toll free: 1-866-6BE-SAFE (1-866-623-7233)

Office: 908-453-4121

Fax: 908-453-3706

Website: www.dasacc.org

Outreach

29C Broad Street, Washington, NJ 07882

Phone: 908-453-4121

Battered Services

Phone: 908-813-8820

4. Other Forms of Violence

Sexual Violence

Sexual violence is any sexual act that is perpetrated against someone's will. Sexual violence in all forms is motivated by power and control. Sexual violence encompasses a range of offenses, including: completed nonconsensual sex act (i.e., rape); attempted nonconsensual sex act; abusive sexual contact (i.e., unwanted touching); and non-contact sexual abuse (e.g., threatened sexual violence, exhibitionism, verbal sexual harassment).

The law in New Jersey, which is gender neutral, does not specify male or female, but uses the words "actor" and "victim" to describe the persons involved.

For the full definition of sexual assault please refer to N.J.S.A. 2C:14-1. (njsp.org/division/operations/domestic-violence-information.shtml)

Sexual Violence exists on a continuum from sexual harassment to rape/sex assault. Any form of unwanted, unwelcome or coercive sexual behavior. This can include stalking, inappropriate touching, penetration without

the victim's consent or with a victim who is unable to consent.

A victim who is unable to consent is someone:

- Under the age of 16 when the assailant is at least four years older.
- With diminished mental capacity-when under the influence of drugs/alcohol or cognitive or developmental disabilities
- There is a weapon or threat of weapon (coercion)
- A person cannot give consent to sexual activity with someone that has a duty to care for them unless they are over the age of 18.

In 2019, SAVE of Essex accompanied 177 survivors of sexual assault through medical and legal procedures.

Essex County has the highest rate of sexual violence statistics in New Jersey. (SAVE of Essex County). One out of four sexual assaults in New Jersey occurred in Essex County. (ABCNJ Webinar on Sexual Violence)

What to do after an Assault:

- Get to a safe place
- Contact SAVE 24 hour hotline (877-733-2273) and be informed about your options.
- Seek medical attention

What NOT to do after an assault:*

- Bathe, shower, urinate, douche
- Brush teeth or gargle
- Change clothes
- Eat, drink or smoke

*This is to preserve evidence for a Rape Kit, however if they have done any of the above, they are still entitled to go to the hospital for evidence collection.

Did You Know?

- Every 8 seconds an American is sexually assaulted.
- Every 9 minutes the victim is a child.
- Only 25 out of 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison.
- 1 in 4 women in the United States reported being a victim of sexual assault.
- 1 in 7 men age 18 and older in the United States reported being a victim of sexual assault.

NationalDomesticViolenceHotline.org

Sexual Violence Agency Contacts

The New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) is the statewide advocacy and capacity building organization that represents New Jersey's 21 county-based sexual violence programs and the Rutgers University – New Brunswick Office of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance. Their mission is to promote the compassionate and just treatment of survivors and their loved ones;

foster collaborative relationships between community systems; and affect attitudinal and behavioral changes in society as we work toward the elimination of sexual violence against all people.

NJCASA Phone: (609) 631-4450.

Email: info@njcasa.org.

RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National

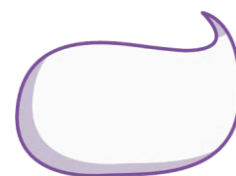


When talking to Sexual Assault Survivors, use supportive, compassionate words.

Things you can say:

- I believe you/ It took a lot of courage to tell me about this
- It is not your fault/You did nothing to deserve this
- You are not alone/ I can be available to you and I am here to listen
- I'm sorry this happened/This shouldn't have happened to you
- Use Mirrored Language
- Avoid silver-linings

More details on video “Webinar on Sexual Abuse”, available in the ABCNJ webinar collection at www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

(SAAM) is an annual campaign to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. It is observed in April.

Anyone who has experienced sexual violence and would like to speak with someone about it, you can call the **24-hour Statewide Hotline at 1-800-601-7200**.

Many local sexual violence agencies provide services that are free, confidential and provided regardless of gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, ability level or immigration status. Many agencies have a Community Educator who will come to your church for a protective education program for your members and participate in group discussion.

Impact on Children Witnessing Domestic Violence

Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

More than 550,000 children are known to U.S. Authorities to be abused.

An estimated 558,899 children (unique incidents) were victims of abuse and neglect in the U.S. in 2022, the most recent year for which there is national data. 76% of children were victimized by a parent or legal guardian.

Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) is a worldwide public health issue. 4 million children worldwide have been sexually abused. Last year in New Jersey, 647 children were confirmed victims. 80% of victims are never reported. There may be as many as 3,235 victims under the age of 18 suffering from child sexual abuse.

CSA is a form of child abuse that includes sexual activity with a minor. A child cannot consent to any form of sexual activity. Child sexual abuse does not always include physical contact between a perpetrator and a child.

Child Maltreatment 2022, Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Some forms of child sexual abused include:

- Fondling
- Intercourse
- Masturbation in the presence of a minor or forcing the minor to masturbate
- Exhibitionism, or exposing oneself to a minor
- Obscene phone call, text messages, or digital interaction
- Producing, owning or sharing pornographic images or movies of children
- Sex of any kind with a minor including vaginal, oral or anal
- Sex trafficking

Most often reported form of incest is father-daughter and step-father - daughter incest. However, as much as 33% are perpetrated by siblings.

More details on video "Child Sexual Abuse", available in the ABCNJ webinar collection at www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces

What Can Be Done About Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

- Be Aware of the problem, how to recognize it and learn what to do.
- If a victim confides in you, listen carefully and believe them.
- Help them find help!
- **CSA MUST be reported. NJ Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCP&P)**
1 877- NJ ABUSE (652-2873)

Red Flag Child Sexual Grooming Behaviors: Level of Concern Guide



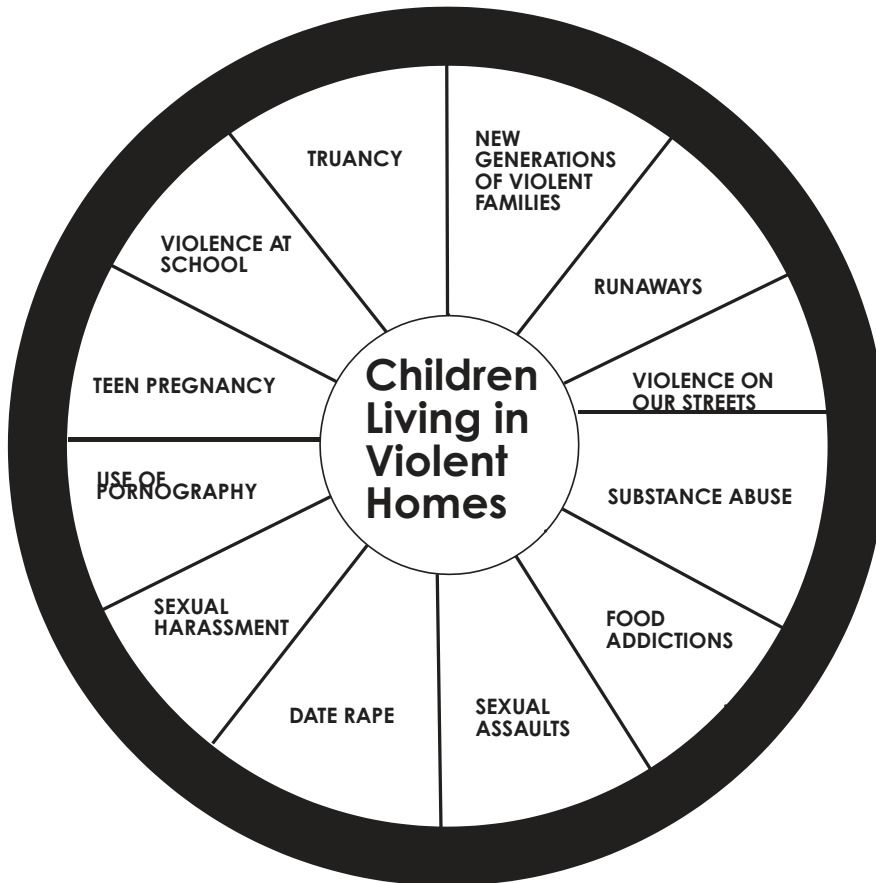
Interpretation Key:

Enhanced Risk represents behaviors that are 1.68-3.46 times more likely in cases of child sexual abuse.

Moderate Risk represents behaviors that are 3.47- 6.70 times more likely in cases of child sexual abuse.

High Risk represents behaviors that are at least 6.71 times more likely in cases of child sexual abuse.

CHILDREN COPING WITH FAMILY VIOLENCE



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The Children Coping with Family Violence chart demonstrates some of the behaviors that children can develop as a result of witnessing family violence. More information can be found in the video “Tools for Strengthening Families & Helping Keep Children Safe”, located in the ABCNJ webinar collection at: www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces

How the Church Can Strengthen Families & Keep Children Safe

These are some suggestions for Family Protective Factors:

- Support family environmental and social networks
- Offer concrete support for basic needs, “How Can I Help?”
- Promote Nurturing parenting skills. Bulletin announcements, Signs/What to do if a child does (blank) teaching, offer workshops, make self-care suggestions to parents.
- Promote Stable Family Relationships
- Sermons- Encourage victims to speak up & speak out
- Conferences with stressed out families
- Messages for Children in Sunday school about safety and body rights.
- Get to know Community Resources
- Call DCP&P (not hotline) Establish a Personal Relationship with the local agency



More details on video “Child Sexual Abuse”, “Protective Factors that Strengthen Families and Help Keep Children Safe: Part 1: Resilience”, “Part 2: Knowledge of Child Development & Social/Emotional Competency”, and “Part 3: Social Connections and Concrete Support in Time of Need”, available in the ABCNJ webinar collection at www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces

5. Teen Dating Violence

Teen dating violence is defined as the physical, sexual, psychological/emotional violence, and digital violence within a dating relationship, as well as stalking.

It can occur in person or electronically and may occur between a current or former dating partner.

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In a nationwide survey, 9.4 percent of high school students report being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend with the past 12 months.

Source: CDC

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Approximately 1 in 3 adolescent girls in the U.S. is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner – a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth.

Source: The National Council on Crime and Delinquency, 2008

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One in five youth between the ages of 13 and 14 say their friends are victims of dating violence, such as getting struck, hit or slapped by a boyfriend or girlfriend, and nearly half of all tweens in relationships say they know friends who are verbally abused.

Source: TRU study for Liz Claibourne, Inc. & Nat'l NTDA Helpline, 2008

What is teen dating violence?

Dating violence refers to a pattern of actual or threatened acts of physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse perpetrated by an adolescent against a current or former dating partner. Abuse may include insults, coercion, social sabotage, sexual harassment, threats and/or acts of physical or sexual abuse. The abusive teen uses this pattern of violent and coercive behavior, in a heterosexual or homosexual dating relationship, in order to gain power and maintain control over the dating partner.

Who are the victims of teen dating violence?

The majority of information gathered over the years indicates that teen dating violence, like adult domestic violence, involves male on female violence in most cases (Levy, 1991; Foshee, 1996; Silverman, J. et al, 2001). Teen girls, significantly more often than boys, report that they experience severe violence (Molidor, C. & Tolman, R., 1998). Teen mothers are at a high risk for violence from their partners during both pregnancy and the postpartum period (Harrykissoo, Rickert & Wiemann, 2002).

Just as with adult battered women, victims of teen dating violence come from all walks of life, all races, all socioeconomic backgrounds and all religious communities.

What are additional health concerns of victims of teen dating violence?

Teen girls experiencing dating violence are at increased risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, sexually-transmitted disease, pregnancy and suicide (Silverman, Raj, Mucci & Hathaway, 2001)

Source: faithtrustinstitute.org/resources/learn-the-basics/htr-faqs

Teenagers & Sexual Violence

Who Experiences Teen Sexual Violence?

Rates of sexual violence against youth aged 12-18 are very high,¹ and the survivor normally knows the person who committed the offense.² Nationally, about 8% or 10 million girls and 0.7% or 791,000 boys under the age of 18 have experienced either rape or attempted rape.² Experiencing sexual violence as a child or teen makes it more likely the survivor will experience re-victimization in adulthood.² One in three (30.1%) victims of completed rape experienced their first rape between ages 11-17.³

It is difficult to determine the full impact of sexual violence against teenagers since most research focuses on children or college-aged youth. There are many gaps in research on sexual violence against teens, especially those from marginalized, unserved, and underserved communities.

Throughout this document we will alternate between using teen, youth, and young people to reflect the variety of ways people identify.



1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys have been sexually abused before the age of 18.⁴

Who Commits Sexual Violence Against Teens?

Youth who experience sexual violence are more likely to be victimized by a peer or someone they know.²



10.1% of girls were victimized by a stranger.



43.6% of girls were victimized by an acquaintance.



27.7% of girls were victimized by a family member.



28.8% of girls were victimized by a current or former intimate partner.

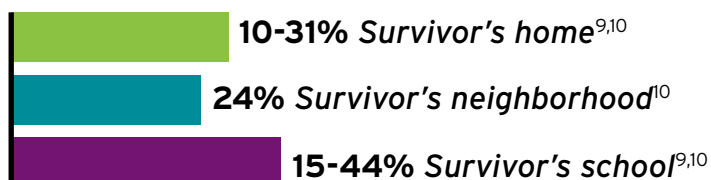


Over 35% of boys were made to penetrate someone else (completed or attempted) by an acquaintance.

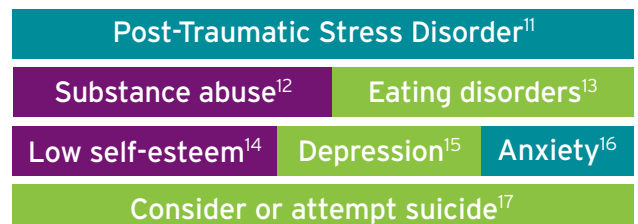
Effects of Sexual Violence

Young people who experience sexual violence may experience: poor academic performance,⁵ sexual risk taking behavior,⁶ pregnancy,⁷ and self-harm.⁸

Sexual assaults against youth happen in familiar places.



Teens who experience sexual violence may suffer from mental health conditions:



Teenagers & Sexual Violence

Sexual Violence and Students

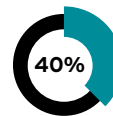
According to the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 6.7% of high school students reported they were physically forced to have sexual intercourse. This includes:¹⁸



A study on sexual harassment of 7-12 grade students found:¹⁹



56% of girls have experienced any kind of sexual harassment.



40% of boys have experienced any kind of sexual harassment.

Experiencing any kind of sexual harassment



48% of all students

Experiencing sexual harassment in person

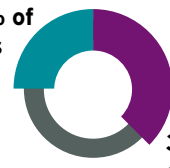
35% of boys



52% of girls

Experiencing sexual harassment online

24% of boys



36% of girls

Sexual Violence in Detention Facilities

A Bureau of Justice Statistics report found that in a nationally survey of juvenile facilities and state contract facilities:²⁰



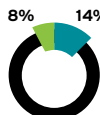
Almost 1 in 10 youth were sexually abused in the past year.



Over 90% of youth who reported staff sexual misconduct were victimized by a female facility staff.



Most youth were abused by a staff member and over 85% were assaulted multiple times.



Gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth experience higher rates of sexual violence (14.3%) compared to heterosexual youth (8.9%).

In 2011-12 4.7% of youth age 16-17 who were held in adult prisons and jails reported sexual victimization. This rate is similar to those of adult inmates.²¹

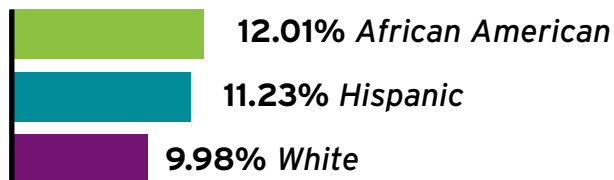
Teenagers & Sexual Violence

Oppression and Sexual Violence Against Teens

Sexual violence does not happen in isolation. Oppression (racism, classism, heterosexism, ableism, etc) is one of the root causes of sexual violence.²² Youth of color, homeless youth, and LGBTQ youth are more likely to experience sexual violence.

Race and Sexual Violence

African American and Hispanic girls are more likely to experience sexual violence than white girls.²³

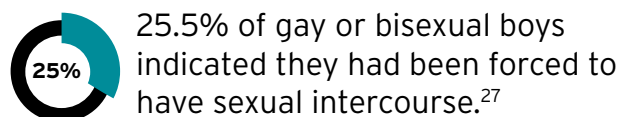
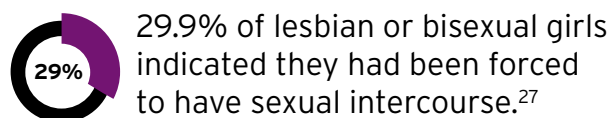


LGBTQ and Sexual Violence

LGBT youth are more than three times as likely to engage in survival sex or exchange sex for food, money, shelter, drugs, or clothing.²⁶

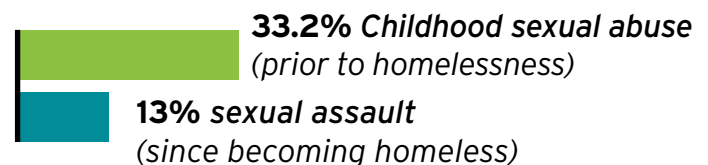


LGBTQ youth are more likely to experience sexual harassment than heterosexual youth. In one study, 81% of transgender youth experienced sexual harassment.²⁸



Homelessness and Sexual Violence

Homeless or precariously housed youth reported experiencing childhood sexual abuse and sexual assault.²⁴

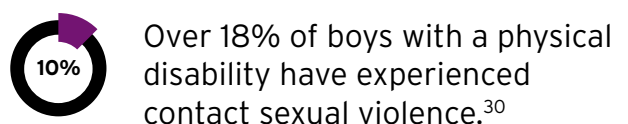
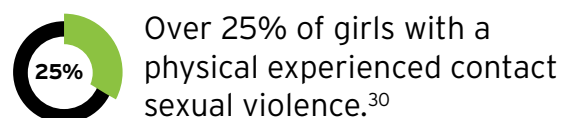


LGBTQ youth experience higher rates of sexual violence before becoming homeless.²⁵

Once homeless, LGBTQ youth are victims of 7.4 more acts of sexual violence during their lifetime than their heterosexual homeless peers.²⁵

Disability and Sexual Violence

Youth with physical disabilities are more likely to experience sexual violence than youth without physical disabilities.²⁹



In one study, over 22% of physically disabled youth experienced contact sexual violence – this is 1.74 times higher than able-bodied youth. Over 40% of physically disabled youth experienced non-contact sexual violence.³⁰

6. Elder Abuse

Abuse in later life comprises financial, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, abandonment, and neglect. Perpetrators are people with whom the victim has an expectation of trust, particularly spouses, intimate partners, adult children, grandchildren, other family members, and non-related caregivers. Perpetrators typically, but not exclusively, abuse older adults in their places of residence.

Source: www.cdc.gov/violence-prevention/elderabuse/definition.html

Did You Know?



Every year, approximately 4 million older Americans are victims of physical, psychological and/or other forms of abuse and neglect.

76.1

76.1% of physical abuse toward older adults is perpetrated by a family member.



Older adults who require assistance with daily life activities are at increased risk of being emotionally abused or financially exploited.



A majority of elder sexual abuse cases involve female victims and male perpetrators.

50%

Approximately 50% of older adults with dementia are mistreated or abused.

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Only 1 out of every 24 cases of elder abuse is reported.



An estimated 13.5% of older adults have suffered emotional abuse since the age of 60.

15.5%

Only 15.5% of elder sexual abuse is reported to police.



Victims of elder financial abuse lost an estimated \$2.9 billion in 2011.

Source: www.ncoa.org/article/get-the-facts-on-elder-abuse

Why It Matters

Abuse in later life has a devastating impact on victims and can result in the loss of independence, security, life savings, health, dignity, and can be deadly. Research indicates that older adult victims of abuse have shorter lifespans than their peers who do not experience violence. Abuse in later life can cause both physical and psychological harm. Psychological harms associated with abuse in later life include depression, stress, helplessness, alienation, guilt, shame, fear, and anxiety.

Source: ncadv.org/blog/posts/quick-guide-domestic-abuse-in-later-life

NJ Division of Aging Services

Division of Aging Services (DOAS)
New Jersey Department of Human
Services P.O. Box 715
Trenton, NJ 08625-0715

Web: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/
For medical counseling and general aging services
questions: 1-800-792-8820

For NJ Save (PAAD, Sr. Gold, Medicare Saving Programs,
Lifeline, and more): 1-800-792-9745

For access to aging services in your county: 1-877-222-3737

7. A Call to Men

Male socialization is defined and unpacked through an in-depth exploration of how the collective socialization of manhood impacts all men and boys, in both positive and negative ways. We examine the aspects of manhood that knowingly or unknowingly support the devaluation of women, bullying, homophobia and other gender-based issues, and the social and cultural norms that illustrate how male domination is normalized in our everyday lives.

For the last 40 years, women have been at the forefront of the movement to end domestic and sexual violence. During this period of time, tremendous amount of work has been done. There have been numerous accomplishments made to include new laws on the books to protect those who have been victimized and hold offenders accountable for domestic and sexual violence.

Source: www.ted.com/talks/tony_porter_a_call_to_men?language=en

NJ Men of Courage

NJ Men of Courage offers assistance in creating healthy spaces for men to be strong and compassionate men. Five core values embraced by this group are:

1. Survivor Centered: we believe the validation of experiences and the voices of those who have been harmed are vital to our work.
2. Healing is a Right not a privilege: We believe that all men including those who have caused harm have a right to have safe sacred spaces to heal from their trauma.
3. Everyone has Equity: we believe that every man including those who has caused harm have value in helping end domestic violence in New Jersey.
4. We are Community: we believe no one voice is more important than the other. Men and Women working and lifting our voices together will help end domestic violence and create a healthier New Jersey.
5. Be the Change: We believe that men can no longer stand idly by and watch the perpetration of abuse. We seek to empower men and boys to start where they are. Speak out in their circles and take action.

For Assistance Contact: Wil DuBose, Prevention Coordinator, NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence, NJ Men of Courage, 1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Rd, Trenton, NJ 08690-3541, Phone: 609.584.8107 x 417, Fax: 609.584.9750

More details on video “A Call to Men”, available in the ABCNJ webinar collection at www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces

American Baptist Churches of New Jersey Sacred Safe Spaces - Webinars

Webinars found at www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces

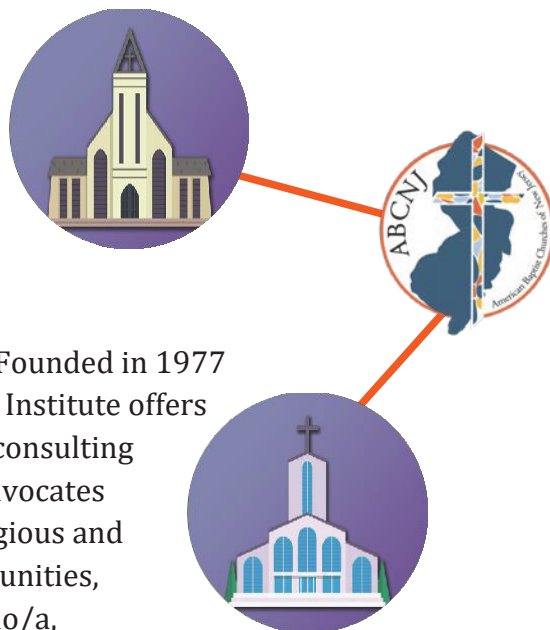
- **When Staying Home Isn't Safe**, Adrienne Simpkins, NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence (NJCEDV)
- **Domestic Violence In Your Congregation**, Pat Stanislaski, Partnering for Prevention, LLC, The New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA)
- **Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Training**, Hilda Massenburg, NJCEDV
- **The Intersection Between Domestic Violence, Marginalization &, Racial Bias**, Wil Dubose, NJCEDV
- **Sexual Abuse**, Kiara Sarner, SAVE of Essex County
- **Trauma Informed Care**, Tamu Lane, Healing Wounds
- **Elder Abuse**, Pat Stanislaski, Partnering for Prevention, LLC, The New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA)
- **Child Sexual Abuse**, Pat Stanislaski, Partnering for Prevention, LLC, The New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA)
- **Tools for Strengthening Families (Part 1: Resilience)**, Pat Stanislaski, Partnering for Prevention, LLC, The New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA)
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- **Tools for Strengthening Families (Part 3: Social Connections and Concrete Support in Time of Need)**, Pat Stanislaski, Partnering for Prevention, LLC, The New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA)
- **Call to Men**, Wil Dubose, NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence, NJ Men of Courage

8. Additional Resource Organizations

If you would like to locate a counselor, speaker or other individual to assist you and your church or if you would like to become a Sacred Safe Spaces Covenant Church, please contact the ABCNJ office at 609-587- 8700.

The following organizations may also be of help.

FaithTrust Institute is a national, multi-faith, multicultural training and education organization with global reach working to end sexual and domestic violence. Founded in 1977 by the Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune (retired, 2016), FaithTrust Institute offers a wide range of services and resources, including training, consulting and educational materials. We provide communities and advocates with the tools and knowledge they need to address the religious and cultural issues related to abuse. We work with many communities, including Asian and Pacific Islander, Buddhist, Jewish, Latino/a, Muslim, Black, Anglo, Indigenous, Protestant and Roman Catholic. www.faithtrustinstitute.org (206) 634-1903.



Healing Wounds...Changing the Lives of Others provides counseling and group counseling for survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse and mental illness. (www.healingwds.org) TKLANE, LLC. provides training consultant services around issues that include but are not limited to Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse, Racial Equity, Mental Illness, Healing and more. www.tklane.com

Partnering for Prevention, LLC is a consulting firm located in New Jersey. The staff provides training in a variety of topics addressing the prevention of child abuse and neglect as well as the importance of community partnerships to address the issue. Work with state, national and international entities and individuals to create and promote collaborative relationships/partnerships which result in the prevention of physical, emotional and sexual abuse of children. Pat Stanislaski, Director of Partnering for Prevention, LLC. 1216 Orchard Drive, Suite 37, Hillsborough, NJ 08844, partneringforprevention@gmail.com, (908) 963-0465.

The New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA) supports the professional development needs of victim service providers and allied professionals. Trainings offered help develop competencies in communicating with, serving, and supporting people in crisis. Trainings are developed and scheduled to offer victim service providers and allied professionals the opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge to better assist victims of crime. NJVAA courses aim to build the capacity of professionals serving victims of crime by cultivating their skills, knowledge, and attitudes through skill-based training opportunities. Participants will learn and practice, with advocates across the state, the essential skills needed to empower crime victims to regain control of their lives.

The New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy schedules for training are limited and registration and attendance is mandatory. NJVAA@ssw.rutgers.edu or (848) 932-0541.

9. Sacred Safe Spaces Covenant Churches

CAPITAL ASSOCIATION

- First Baptist, Hightstown
- First Baptist, Trenton
- Memorial Baptist, Yardville
- Princeton Baptist of Penns Neck, Princeton
- Shiloh Baptist, Trenton
- St. John Baptist in Ewing Twp, Trenton

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

- Berean Baptist, Newark
- Bethany Baptist, Newark
- Beulah Grove Baptist, Newark
- Calvary Baptist, East Orange
- Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist, East Orange
- First Baptist-Arlington, Kearny
- First Baptist, Irvington
- First Baptist, South Orange
- Haitian Baptist Church at the Crossroads, Newark
- Humanity Baptist, Newark
- Mt. Zion Baptist, Newark
- Mt. Hermon Baptist, Irvington
- New Hope Baptist, East Orange
- North Baptist, Jersey City
- Paradise Baptist, Newark
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana, Kearny
- St. Paul's Baptist Church, Montclair

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

- Prayer & Faith Ministries of Deliverance, Miami

GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

- First Baptist, Collingswood
- First Baptist of Mt. Holly, East Hampton
- First Baptist, Pitman
- Central Baptist, Woodbury
- First Asian Baptist, Haddonfield

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Sacred Safe Spaces Covenant Churches (continued)

NORTH NEW JERSEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- First Baptist, Passaic
- First Baptist Community, Parsippany
- First Baptist, Teaneck
- Van Riper Ellis Broadway Baptist, Fair Lawn

NORTH SHORE ASSOCIATION

- First Baptist, Long Branch
- First Baptist, Manasquan
- East Dover Baptist, Toms River

RARITAN ASSOCIATION

- First Baptist Church of Cranford/Elizabeth
- Second Baptist, The Cathedral, Perth Amboy
- First Baptist Church - New Market, Piscataway
- First Baptist, South Plainfield
- Fountain Baptist, Summit

WATCHUNG ASSOCIATION

- Community Baptist, Somerset
- Flemington Baptist, Flemington
- First Baptist, Morristown
- First Baptist, New Brunswick

WEST JERSEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- Alloway Baptist, Alloway
- First Baptist, Pedricktown
- Seaview Baptist, Linwood



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...equipping our churches to prevent and heal our communities experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault through education and compassion.

Definitions

Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. A victim can include anyone regardless of socioeconomic background, education level, race, age sexual orientation, or gender. Victims can be: spouses; sexual/dating/intimate partners; family members; children; roommates. Domestic Violence is not a one-time event and it is a crime. It destroys a person, a family, a neighborhood and faith community.

Source: *Office of Violence Against Women* (<http://www.ovw.usd.aoj.gov/domviolence.htm>)

Sexual Assault refers to sexual contact that occurs without explicit consent of the victim. The majority of the perpetrators are known to the victim. Approximately eight of ten sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim. **Source:** www.rainn.org

Confidential Help Hotlines:

You can have confidential phone access to professionals and advocates who are available to have discussions to access personal and group counseling, legal assistance, safety planning, and other appropriate resources.

NJ Domestic Violence -24 hrs. Hotline	1-800-572-SAFE (7233) 1-800-252-SAFE (7233) TTY
NJ Coalition against sexual assault	1-800-601-7200
Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (RAINN)	1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
NJ Women's Referral Center	1-800-322-8092
Love is Respect (solely dedicated to teens & young adults)	866-331-9474 Text: love is to 22522
NJ Child Abuse & Neglect	1-877-652-2873
NJ Dept. of Children & Families	1-800-331-3937
Resources for More Information	
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence	www.njcedv.org
NJ Coalition against sexual assault	info@njcasa.org
Faith Trust Institute	www.faithtrustinstitute.org

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