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S.T.O.P. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Resource Guide

ABUSE



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**HAVE YOU BEEN PUSHED, HIT, VERBALLY ABUSED
RAPED, SEXUALLY ASSAULTED OR THREATENED?**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A CRIME.
IF YOU HAVE BEEN HURT BY SOMEONE YOU KNOW,
HELP IS AVAILABLE.**

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VICTIMS INFORMATION BUREAU OF SUFFOLK (VIBS)

The mission if VIBS is to assist the survivors of domestic violence, rape and sexual assault; prevent the incidence of these crimes through education; raise community awareness of the need for justice and compassion for victims and advocate for societal changes directed towards arresting the growth of domestic and sexual violence. Free and confidential counseling and advocacy are available in English and Spanish. The staff of professionally trained certified social workers are experts in the field of domestic and sexual violence. VIBS' advocates are experts in legal options and procedures in cases of domestic violence and sexual assault. Advocates can provide: court accompaniment, information on victims rights, assistance with police, District Attorney's office, and other criminal justice agencies and Crime Victims Board Compensation claims assistance.

The emergency room companion program has trained and certified volunteer counselors available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help victims of domestic violence or sexual assault who use the hospital after an assault. **(631) 360-3606, (631) 360-3607 ask for HOPE.**

SUFFOLK COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (SCCADV)

The S.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence has provided high quality services, including Safe Harbor Shelter and client advocacy, to victims of domestic violence and their children. They provide Crisis Intervention Counseling, Referrals, Advocacy, Screening for Shelter placement and Direct Contact with Counselors. They provide legal assistance in family court with child custody, visitation and support.

SCCADV provides residential (emergency shelter) and non-residential services including advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, employment services, education/training and volunteer programs to victims of domestic violence. In-person and telephone advocacy for victims of domestic violence residing within the First, Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Precincts in Suffolk County. Follow-up includes court and hospital accompaniment or referral. Staff Attorney is available for custody, child support and visitation. **(631) 666-8833 ask for HOPE.**

BRIGHTER TOMORROWS SHELTER

Brighter Tomorrows provides shelter, counseling and advocacy for victims of domestic violence. Can accommodate 19 women and children. Offers case management, court advocacy, Department of Social Services advocacy and group/individual counseling for adults; individual counseling for children. They have a child witness/victim of domestic violence program. All services are confidential. **(631) 395-1800 (Hotline), (631) 395-1801 (office). Ask for HOPE.**

THE RETREAT

Provides supportive and residential services to individuals and families who are in abusive domestic relationships. They provide prevention programs, spousal abuse prevention, group counseling, family violence counseling, family violence prevention, spousal abuse counseling, a batterers program, and programs for spouse/partner abusers. Also administers a Self-Help Anti-violence Re-education Program (the S.H.A.R.P.), for men who are physically or verbally abusive toward their partners. **(Hotline) (631) 329-2200, (631) 329-4305 (SHARP) ask for HOPE.**

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Adult protective Services investigate referrals of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of adults aged 18 years and older. Assesses the need, and arranges for or provides services to families and individuals. These services are also for persons who are physically/mentally impaired or harmed or threatened with harm by the actions of themselves or others, including their families, have unmet essential needs such as food, clothing, shelter and/or medical care, and have no one able or willing to help. Special attention is given to victims of elder abuse or elder neglect. **(631) 854-3195, (631) 854-3196, (631) 854-3197.**

SUFFOLK COUNTY OFFICE OF WOMEN'S SERVICES

Suffolk County Women's Services is a County agency which serves women in all walks of life, at all times and passages in their lives. This is done through a number of services that are free and available to everyone. The Helpline offers information, referrals to resources for further help, and emotional support. The Helpline is bilingual, calls can be anonymous, confidentiality is respected. The Women's Helpline is available from 8:30AM-4:30PM, Monday through Friday.

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