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Confront Dating Abuse Through Communication

By Lori Weinstein
WASHINGTON ([JTA](#))

A few years ago, during an otherwise innocuous conversation, one of my oldest and dearest friends relayed the following story about her 17-year-old daughter: "Sophie [not her real name] and her boyfriend were at a party last weekend, and he got mad about something she said, and he literally picked her up by her shirt and threw her against the wall." While the incident was shocking, it was Sophie's reaction -- or lack thereof -- that horrified me. Being body-checked by a boyfriend should have shaken her to the core, but Sophie didn't seem to consider it a big deal.

That's when I experienced That Parenting Moment, the one that flings us from the world in which we grew up into the unrecognizable reality where our kids are learning to live -- and to love. We want to believe that everyone who comes to know our children will love and respect them as much as we do. Unfortunately, about one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner. You're thinking "Not my kid" -- but we're talking about one in three girls. We're talking about every race, religion and community. (Even "nice Jewish kids," like Sophie and her boyfriend.) We're talking about a punch in the face, or erosion of self-esteem, or silent digital stalking that robs a girl of her peace of mind.

The issue is bigger and more pervasive than any of us can fathom -- even those of us who fathom it for a living. Do you honestly believe it

will never touch your child? Young love was tough enough before technology took over; today it really is a jungle out there.

In a recent [Liz Claiborne study](#), 30 percent of teens in relationships said they are text messaged 10, 20, 30 times an hour by their partners asking where they are, what they're doing or who they're with. Nearly a quarter of teens in a relationship communicated with their partner via cell phone or texting HOURLY between midnight and 5 a.m. Consider the "sexting" epidemic and it looks even worse: One in five teen girls has electronically sent or posted nude or semi-nude photos or videos of themselves. Sexually suggestive text, e-mail or instant messages are more prevalent at 37 percent. And here's where it gets really scary: Nearly one in five "sex" recipients admits sharing the images and messages with someone else -- at least one person, but usually more.

Technology's greatest trick is creating the illusion of control: Teens can choose (and unchoose) their "friends," decide who accesses which information and magically conceal what they don't want their parents to know. But beneath the passwords and preferences, our kids are surrendering their privacy. We are all, by action or permission, forfeiting our power. What can we do, besides watch privacy and common courtesy circle the drain?

Start with communication: In a [2009 survey of parents](#), three in four said they had talked with their teens about the meaning of a healthy relationship -- but the majority of the teens (three-quarters of sons and two-thirds of daughters) said

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OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition, Seventh Circuit Solicitor's Office, Spartanburg County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Spartanburg County Department of Social Services, Spartanburg Public Safety Department, and Spartanburg Sheriff's Office invite you to attend



The 13th Annual Balloon Vigil

to recognize past and present domestic violence victims and survivors

Thursday, October 14, 2010

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Daniel Morgan Square (Main Street)

Please show your support by bringing your children, family & friends.

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Sexual Assault Closet Wish List:

Men's and Women's Drawstring Type Pants & Jogging Suits (S-XXL), T-Shirts, Slide-On Shoes, New Underwear, Shorts, Socks, Bras (38 band size), Flip-Flops, Mouthwash/Rinse, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Combs & Hair Brushes, Children's Books, Coloring Books & Crayons



**United We Stand...Putting the Pieces Together
(An Interpersonal Violence Conference)**

Friday, September 24, 2010

8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Marriott Spartanburg at Renaissance Park

Featured Speaker : Olga Trujillo, JD

Olga Trujillo Consulting

Topics include:

Sexting & Cyber bullying, Stalking Behaviors, Crime Scene Investigation, Judicial Ethics, Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Among Teens, Healthcare & Family Violence, Date Rape Drugs, Domestic Violence in the Hispanic/Latino Culture, Civil Legal Options for Domestic Violence Victims, GPS Monitoring, Self Injury, Officer Involved Domestic Violence.

*(CE, Nursing Contact Hours, Social Work, Counselors, Victim Service Providers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Judges Credits Approved)
Ministers are eligible for scholarships to this conference.*

Registration Fee is \$60.00; Additional fee after September 10, 2010: \$10.00

Fee includes light continental breakfast, handout materials, refreshments, lunch, and certificate of attendance.

Deadline for registration is September 10, 2010;

No refunds will be made. Substitutions are accepted and encouraged.

**For more information contact Marlene Evans
at 864.583.9803 or 1.800.273.5066.**

Shelter Wish List

Deodorant * Small Plastic Cups & Bowls * Baby Bottles
Baby Wipes
Diapers (large sizes)
Velcro Diapers
(for potty training)
Canned Vegetables, Meats & Fruits (in natural juices)
Feminine Products
Cleaning Products
Combs & Brushes
Toothbrushes * Toothpaste
Boys' & Girls' Underwear
Boys' Clothing (all sizes)
Pillows * Paper Towels
Toilet Paper * Laundry Detergent
Shampoo & Conditioners
Towels & Wash Cloths
Ladies' Panties (size 7-12)
Sugar * Flour * Rice * Cornmeal
Cooking Oil * Coffee * Tea
Silverware * Cooking Utensils



Local business, Pike's Brew n Chew, raised and donated \$900 to SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition from contributions from their patrons in the Inman area for their 2nd Annual Johnny's Jam & Pig Pickin' held on Saturday March 13, 2010 in honor of Johnny Anderson.

On August 19, 2010, SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition received school supplies, art and craft supplies, backpacks, and funds to purchase more supplies as needed for our shelter residents



from the International Association of Administrative Professionals Spartanburg Chapter.

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Governor Sanford Signs Crucial VAWA & Human Trafficking Legislation

On **June 2, 2010**, Governor Mark Sanford signed the VAWA Federal Compliance Act, Bill H3677, which states

1. Offenders must be tested for Hepatitis B and HIV by SC DHEC upon the request of the victim, and given required conditions are met.
2. A law enforcement officer, prosecutor, or other government official may request that the victim of an alleged criminal sexual conduct offense as defined under federal or South Carolina law submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as part of the investigation, charging, or prosecution of the offense if the credibility of the victim is at is-sue; however, the officer or official must not require the victim to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation, charging, or prosecution of the offense.
3. State must ensure that a victim of sexual assault must not bear the cost of his or her routine medicolegal exam following the assault.
4. At the time a person is convicted of violating CDV laws in South Carolina, the court must deliver to the person a written form that conspicuously bears the following language: 'Pursuant to 18 USC Section 922, it is unlawful for a person convicted of a violation of Section 16-25-20 or 16-25-65 to ship, transport, possess or receive a firearm or ammunition'.

On **June 11, 2010**, Governor Mark Sanford signed Bill 4202 amending the South Carolina Code of Laws to strengthen the state's policies on human trafficking. Trafficking of Persons is now defined as a violent crime, a Class A felony and a most serious offense. In South Carolina, two most serious offense charges equal a life sentence without parole. The maximum sentence for convicted human traffickers has been extended from 15 to 30 years. And Trafficking of Persons is now considered a statutory aggravating circumstance for murder, for which convicted traffickers may receive the death penalty. For trafficking cases pertaining to sexual services, the penalties and sentencing may vary. Convicted traffickers involved in sex crimes must be registered as sex offenders and may be prevented from living within a 1,000-foot radius from all schools, playgrounds and daycare centers. They may also be electronically monitored. Such human trafficking cases fall under the purview of 1st degree Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC), a felony punishable by imprisonment of up to 30 years. However, if the victim is a minor, the sentencing depends on multiple factors and varies in severity.

TEEN ABUSE: A GROWING PROBLEM

Once upon a time, a teen date involved seemingly harmless activities such as a trip for fast food and maybe the movies, but today, increasing numbers of teen girls are subjected to dating abuse and violence.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have determined teen dating violence as a public health problem that leads to poor performance in school, drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, depression, and even suicide. According to the CDC, 72 percent of 8th and 9th graders reportedly "date" and 1 in 4 adolescents report verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse from a dating partner each year. About 10 percent of students nationwide said they were physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past 12 months. Christina Escobar, senior coordinator of development and communications for Break the Cycle, which addresses dating violence exclusively, states that when people think about unhealthy relationships, they think about adults, not youth. Teen dating violence is not restricted to children with low self-esteem, or who live in dysfunctional families. The problem can begin as early as 12-years-old, and most people miss the seriousness of it because there is a tendency to dismiss young relationships as puppy love and just a part of growing up. One of the easiest signs to spot is isolation. Withdrawing from their friends, families, and activities that used to define them or give them pleasure, or drawing away from the world.

Another growing problem in teen dating violence is "Textual harassment". Due to cell phones and unlimited texting plans among the young, it is part and parcel of every abusive dating relationship now. The harassed often feel compelled to answer the messages, whether they are one-word insults or 3 a.m. demands. Texts arrive in class, at the dinner table, in movie theaters...100 or more times a day, for some. Harassment is just easier now, and its even more persistent and constant, with no letting up. The advances in technology are assisting the perpetrators in harassing and stalking and threatening their victims. Harassment by text is only one facet of abusive relationships, which often involve contact in person, by phone, by e-mail, and through Facebook, MySpace or other social networking sites.

Textual harassment is getting more attention as concerns about dating violence mount. In the past several years, about a dozen states have passed or are considering laws to bring dating violence education into schools. In a recent survey, nearly on in four of those ages 14 to 24 reported that partners check in multiple times a day to see where they are or who they are with and more than one in 10 said partners demanded passwords, according to a survey by the Associated Press and MTV. One challenge is that many teens do not view excessive texting as a problem and may not recognize abusive behaviors. Parents need to pay more attention to their children's texting lives, checking to see how many messages they get, at what hour and from whom. We're raised in a culture that says its okay for violence to be our way of "resolving" issues so we focus on that. We don't know how to dialogue, negotiate, or have conversations, so we grow up with these issues. Teen dating violence does not just begin in the home from watching mom, dad, or primary caretakers, but it is also filtered in the community through schools, peer groups, fraternities, and then a micro-community of churches and media until it grows and grows. Urging youth to talk to a friend, parent, teacher, counselor, or someone they trust to support them and to help them create a safety plan ahead of time might avoid a serious, dangerous situation.



HOLIDAY SPONSOR FORM

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition invites you to give a special gift this year to that "person who has everything" by making a cash contribution as a holiday gift in honor of friends and/or family members. Cards acknowledging your gift will be sent to your loved one! Make this a truly joyous and peaceful time in the lives of others.

____ I would like to make a contribution as a holiday gift in honor of:

Donor Name & Address: _____

The Holiday Season is a special and exciting time. However, for battered women, their dependent children, and victims of sexual assault it can be a source of great pain. If you are interested in providing Christmas to a woman, child, or family affected by domestic/sexual violence, please fill out this holiday sponsor form.

Individual Name/Company Name/Organization Name: _____

Contact Person if Company/Organization: _____

Address (for tax receipt): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (W): _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Fax #: _____ Best Time & # to call during the day: _____

Please indicate the number of individuals you (or your group) would like to sponsor

_____ Woman (en) _____ Child (ren) _____ *Family

If you prefer a certain age range for a child, please indicate age: _____

**Please indicate the maximum number of family members within one family you would be willing to sponsor _____*

Please check one of the following:

___ You (or your organization) will make arrangements to deliver the gifts to the SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis office no later than Wednesday, December 10, 2010.

___ You (or your organization) will need for a SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition representative to arrange for pick-up of gifts.



Would you (or your organization) be willing to provide food at Thanksgiving for a family?

YES / NO (please circle one)

For more information, contact Karen Martin-Wilkins @ 864.583.9803.

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Once Christmas Sponsor assignments have been made, our Christmas Coordinator will mail, email, and/or fax further detailed information about the individual(s) sponsored. If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer O'Shields @ 864.583.9803 or 1.800.273.5066 or @ jennifer.oshields@shrcc.org.

***Return Form To: Jennifer O'Shields @ SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition
236 Union Street ~ Spartanburg, SC 29302 or Fax to 864.583.9611***

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Wish List Mailed To Sponsor: _____ Date Wish List Faxed To Sponsor: _____ # Clients Sponsored : _____
Children's Sponsor # (if different from above): S _____ C _____ Parent's Sponsor # (if different from above): S _____ C _____

The One Year Anniversary of our New Shelter

October 2010 marks the one year anniversary of SAFE Homes Rape Crisis Coalition’s move from our old shelter into our shiny new shelter. In addition to our previous shelter being over 100 years old and in constant need of maintenance, it was in a fairly well known location and not easy to navigate for small children and those with disabilities. Our new shelter is modern, has increased bed space, is more handicapped accessible, and is located in a more private area far from the city center.

Victims of domestic violence and their children have greatly appreciated being in the new shelter. Clients have told us how much they like the cheery, clean atmosphere of the new buildings as well as its spaciousness and more confidential location. One client told us that she “finally felt able to sleep knowing that my kids are safe!” Although we know that not every victim of domestic violence needs shelter, it can mean the difference between life and death to those that do.

We still have one more phase of construction left for our new shelter, and are currently raising funds to complete the project. The shelter is currently two separate buildings connected with an open air walkway. With enough funds, we can build a third building in place of this walkway, and not only connect the two buildings in a weatherproof space, but also increase our bed space to 51! We also want to do additional privacy landscaping to protect client anonymity and safety, and help our shelter blend into the neighborhood better.



Billboard is located on Hwy 85 N



THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION
Your Community Foundation

In early 2010, SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition was awarded \$20,000 from the South Carolina Rural Communities Compassion Project through the Spartanburg County Foundation and the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life.

Through this award, our organization was able to send staff members to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference, continue to revamp our curriculum and library with updated DVD’s on domestic violence and sexual assault, increase prevention programs that address elder abuse, women who abuse, and boys and/or men at high risk for abuse, and increase community awareness of domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, and teen dating violence by placing cutting edge billboards in surrounding areas of Spartanburg County.



New Camouflage Bumper Sticker
Sheriff Chuck Wright was the first to put one on his vehicle in the hope to educate others about domestic violence!



Spartanburg County Medical Society Alliance, Inc. presented SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition with a grant award of \$2,000.00 to purchase prescriptions and over-the-counter medications for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

This project was supported by Federal Formula Grant # 2009-VA-GX-0076, awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice through the South Carolina Department of Public Safety/ The Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, coordinated the activities of the following program offices and bureaus: Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Institute of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Office for Victims of Crime. Points of view or opinions contained within this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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they had not discussed dating abuse with a parent in the past year. Only 32 percent of teens in abusive relationships confided in their parents about their situations. And it's worth mentioning that teen dating abuse most often happens in one of the partners' homes.

In a 2009 Kaiser Family Foundation survey, "[Generation M2: Media in the Lives of 8- to 18-Year-Olds](#)," only 14 percent of seventh- through 12th-graders said their parents had rules about how many text messages they could send. And while about 25 percent of the report's tweens and teens had telephone time restrictions, with texting the preferred means of communication, dating abuse really has become more hidden -- a reclusive shadow over the lives of our kids. We need to become advocates for mandatory healthy relationship training in our schools, religious institutions and sports teams. It's at least as important as health or gym class, which are non-academic and required. And we should educate ourselves. Learn to spot the signs of an unhealthy relationship: slipping grades; changes in mood, activities or dress; withdrawal from friends; making light of a boyfriend's or girlfriend's violent behavior. These are all possible (but not definite) indicators of an unhealthy relationship. You know your child; if you're paying attention, you'll know if something is wrong.

Talk openly about abuse; remove the taboo. Encourage your teenager to share thoughts and experiences, and respect his or her point of view. If you suspect your teen is being abused, be sure she or he feels safe and supported, not accused or blamed, and don't let the lines of communication end at your front door. Talk with other parents in your children's social circles; create a network of support that flows from parent to parent, parent to teen, and hopefully among the teens themselves.


(Lori Weinstein is executive director of [Jewish Women International](#), creators of abuse prevention programs.)

Free Food



17th Annual
Auction For A Cause
Silent & Live Auctions
October 8, 2010
at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
5:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Proceeds benefiting...

Live Music



Yer' Invited Matey!

Bethlehem Center, Children's Shelter of the Upstate, Christmas In Action, The Haven, RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program), SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition, Spartanburg Humane Society, & Camp Sertoma

Co-Sponsored by: JM Smith Corporation

Silent Auctions end at 7:00 & 7:30pm
Live Auction starts at 8:00pm

We have vehicles, vacations, art work, gift certificates, a cruise, adventures and much more treasures to sell. Tickets are \$10.00 (adults & children) each and available at any of the agencies participating or at Arthur State Bank. 10% buyer's premium will be added to all purchases

Raffle Prizes

Free Parking

SH-RCC Thrift Store!!

Your tax-deductible donations are needed for SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition Thrift Store.

Our clients shop there for free and profit sales from the public goes to support SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition programs and services. Donations can be dropped off at the Thrift Store, Monday thru Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pickup is available only for furniture and large household items. If you need to schedule a pickup, please call Steve Hames at 864.583.9803.

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How to Protect Your Digital Domain:

The best defense is a good offense. Follow this 6-step program and keep your digital domains hassle-free!

Keep your personal information private. Names, addresses, license plate numbers, where you work, your date of birth, your social security number—nobody online needs these. Zip it.

Keep your passwords in lockdown. Tell No One. That way you'll never have to try and remember who you gave it to when something bad happens. If you feel the need to share your password with someone, try a parent or a trusted adult.

Trust your gut. If you don't like or feel threatened by something in a text or IM, or anywhere online, tell someone who can help you.

Report it. Threats, harassment, hate... reporting to site admins or the police is 100% the right thing to do.

Communicate. If you don't like what's going down online or in IMs or texts, talk to your partner about which behaviors are bugging you.

Draw your line. No need to settle for relationships or friendships that don't give you any breathing room. If your inboxes are overflowing with unwanted messages, take control! Delete, de-friend, and defend your domain.

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Technology Abuse: How to help a friend:

Being harassed, threatened, or emotionally abused via your digital device is not fun. Here's how you can help your friends get through it and be a part of the solution, not the problem.

Listen. Sometimes a good long venting session can help people feel better, so offer to listen without judgment or comment.

Play nice/Think twice. Help friends, acquaintances, people you hardly know and even strangers by NOT getting sucked into a feeding frenzy. Don't harass people online.

Be supportive. Help your pal recognize that he or she doesn't deserve to feel bad, scared, or unhappy, and that what's going on isn't "normal" and isn't their fault.

Be vocal. If you're concerned for your friend's safety, say so.

Be present. If your pal's being harassed by someone they're dating, or bullied or threatened online, help them find things to do outside that relationship by offering your company on a regular basis.

Be protective. Help them develop a plan to end their relationship safely.

Hook them up. Lots of local resources (like Break the Cycle) can provide guidance for people as they disengage from abusive relationships.

Respect their decision-no matter what. The last thing someone who's suffering needs is to be abandoned by friends. They need your support.

Therapy Team Wish List

Play Sand,
Crayons,
Watercolors,
Brushes,
Small toys for therapy prizes
(\$1.00 - \$3.00),
Full length aprons,
legal size or larger art paper,
punching bag,
2 bean bag chairs,
48" diameter round table

Right at this moment you have all the resources you need to make a difference.... Please VOLUNTEER!!!!

There are various opportunities in our programs where you can take time to give.

Volunteers assist with special projects, clerical duties, our thrift store, educations, fundraising, the emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and our 24-hour crisis line.

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition will also be offering a special volunteer training program for domestic violence and sexual assault crisis counselors September 27, 2010 - October 19, 2010. If you are interested in more information, please contact Karen Martin-Wilkins at 864.583.9803.

SAVE A TREE...GO GREEN

Would you like to be removed from our mailing list?

Do you know a friend or co-worker who would enjoy receiving the newsletter?

Are you receiving multiple copies? Have you moved?

Would you like to receive Frontlines via e-mail?

If any of these apply, please contact us:
SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition
236 Union Street • Spartanburg, SC 29302

Phone: 864.583.9803 • Fax: 864.583.9611
SHRCC@aol.com

Yes, I want to help.

\$95 to provide shelter for one night
 \$190 to provide shelter for two nights a week's shelter

\$475 to provide shelter for five nights
 \$665 to provide shelter for seven nights

I wish to make a gift of my own choosing _____

I would like my gift to be made in honor/memory of:

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

I would like more information about volunteer opportunities

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Please make checks payable to SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition

Mail to: 236 Union Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

- September 27 - October 19, 2010** **SHRCC Volunteer Training**
236 Union Street ~ Spartanburg, SC
- September 24, 2010** **An Interpersonal Violence Conference**
Registration: 8:30am / Program 9:00am - 4:15pm
Marriott Spartanburg at Renaissance Park
- October 2, 2010** **Spartanburg International Festival**
Barnet Park ~ 11:00am-7:00pm
- October 8, 2010** **Auction For A Cause: Silent & Live Auction:** *Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium*
Lower level: Doors open @ 5:30pm
www.Auction4aCause.org
- October 14, 2010** **13th Annual Balloon Vigil (5:00pm-6:00pm)**
Daniel Morgan Square, Downtown Spartanburg
- November 25-26, 2010** SH-RCC Main Office, Satellite Offices, and Courthouse Office Closed for Thanksgiving
(Shelter/Crisis Line Operates 24-hours)
- December 4, 2010** **The Shop's 11th Annual Toy Run**
- December 24-27, 2010** SH-RCC Main Office, Satellite Offices, and Courthouse Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
(Shelter/Crisis Line Operates 24-hours)

For more information or services,
please call 1.800.273.5066 or 864.583.9803
shrcc@aol.com ~ www.shrcc.org

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition (SHRCC) provides services to victims of domestic violence in Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union Counties and victims of sexual assault in Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties.

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition Mission

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition is a collaborative effort that exists to end sexual and domestic violence.

The Objectives of SHRCC shall be:

- To build community awareness by providing Information on the dynamics and prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault/Abuse;
- To provide treatment and supportive services to child and adult victims of Sexual Assault/Abuse or Domestic Violence;
- To provide temporary emergency shelter to victims of Domestic Violence and their dependent children;
- To advocate at local, state, and federal levels on behalf of victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault/ Abuse and to coordinate community resources to alleviate the suffering of these victims.

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