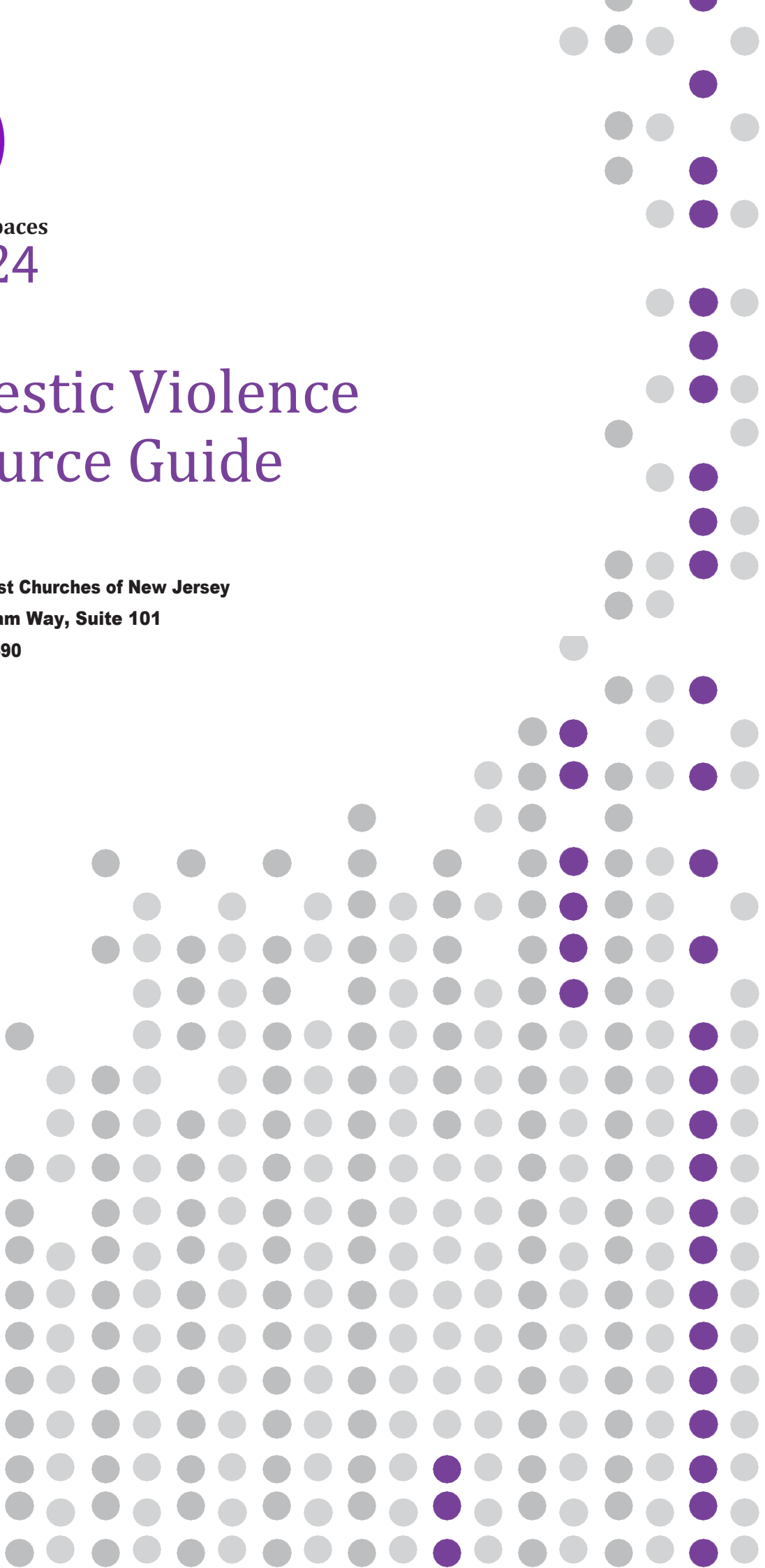




Sacred Safe Spaces  
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# Domestic Violence Resource Guide

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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](http://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](http://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.

The funding for this Resource Guide was provided by a Palmer Grant awarded by American Baptist Home Mission Society. This Resource Guide was compiled by Rev. Estelle David, MSW, M.Div, Sacred Safe Spaces Coordinator (2016-2021).

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](https://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)


### Overview of the 2018 Domestic Violence Statistics:



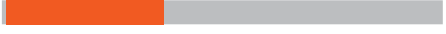
Murders decreased 21 percent in 2018 (38) when compared to 2017 (48)




Assaults accounted for 43 percent (25,882) and harassment accounted for 41 percent (24,924) of the reported offenses in 2018.




Arrests were made in 33 percent (19,999) of the offenses reported for 2018, a decrease when compared to arrests made in 2017 (20,141)




There were 60,130 domestic violence offenses reported by the police in 2018, a 2 percent decrease compared to the 61,295 reported in 2017



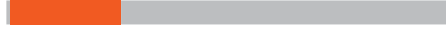
Alcohol and/or drugs were involved in 23 percent (13,545) of the reported offenses occurring in 2018



The number of domestic violence complaints that had prior court orders issued against the offender increased from 9,669 in 2017 to 9,853 in 2018



Persons age 60 or over (elderly) were victims in 7 percent (4,302) of all reported domestic violence offenses that occurred in 2018



The most frequent day of the week for domestic violence incidents was Sunday (10,060), closely followed by Saturday (9,637) Children were actively involved or present during 15,064 incidents or 25 percent of all domestic violence incidents occurring in 2018

## 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](https://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.

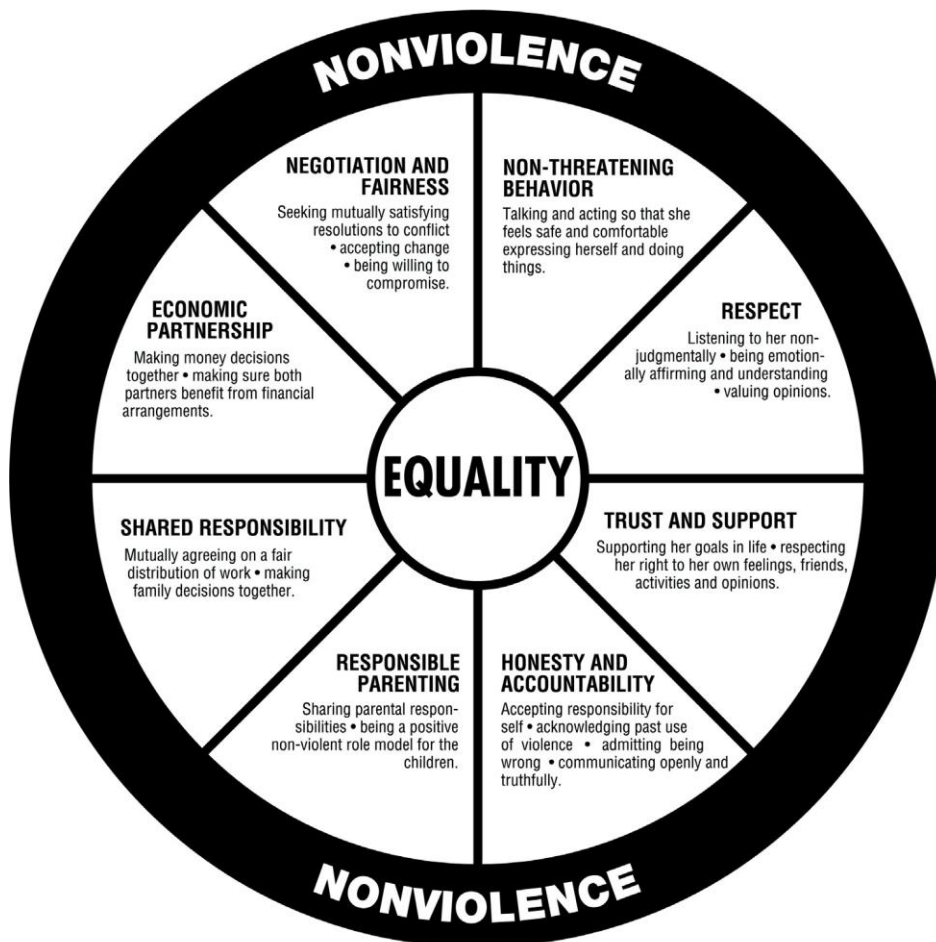


**DOMESTIC ABUSE INTERVENTION PROJECT**

202 East Superior Street  
Duluth, Minnesota 55802  
218-722-2781  
[www.duluth-model.org](http://www.duluth-model.org)



**The Healthy Relationship (Equality) Wheel** is used to demonstrate what a respectful & trusting relationship looks like.



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# 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.

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.

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.

**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 (formally 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](http://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**

**Battered Women's 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](mailto:info@hopeandsafetynj.org)

Web: [www.hopeandsafetynj.org](http://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](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/ADV)

Email: [adv@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto: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.catholiccharitieswestampton.org/domestic-violence-services/](http://www.catholiccharitieswestampton.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](http://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](mailto:lengstrom@voadv.org)

Web: [www.voadv.org](http://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](mailto:carasafe1@cara-inc.net)

Web: [www.cara-cmc.org](http://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)**

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## **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](mailto:serv@centerffs.org)

Website: [www.centerffs.org](http://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](mailto:info@afsnj.org)

Website: [www.afsnj.org](http://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](mailto:info@essexcountyhc.org)

Website: [www.essexcountyhc.org](http://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](mailto: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@rachelcoaliUon.org](mailto:rachel@rachelcoaliUon.org)

Website: [www.rachelcoaliUon.org](http://www.rachelcoaliUon.org)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (one unit)

## **FAMILY CONNECTIONS**

### **PALS**

FAMILYConnecUons (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](mailto:serv@centerffs.org)

Website: [www.centerffs.org](http://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](mailto:womenrising@aol.com)

Website: [www.womenrising.org](http://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](mailto:agency@safeinhunterdon.org)

Website: [www.safeinhunterdon.org](http://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](mailto:info@womanspace.org)

Website: [www.womanspace.org](http://www.womanspace.org)

#### **Counseling and Support Services**

1530 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Phone: 609-394-2532

Fax: 609-394-5417

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**Battered 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](http://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](mailto:manavi@manavi.org)

Website: [www.manavi.org](http://www.manavi.org)

Office Hours: 9:30am — 5:30pm

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**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](http://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](mailto:info@jbws.org)

Website: [www.jbws.org](http://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](mailto:info@morrishc.org)

Website: [www.morrishc.org](http://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](mailto: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.catholicchariUestrenton.org/domesUc-violence-services/](http://www.catholicchariUestrenton.org/domesUc-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](http://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](http://www.projectsarah.org)

#### **PALS PCWC with Jewish Family Services**

Phone: 973-777-7638

#### **WAFa HOUSE**

##### **Muslim Specific**

PO Box 2102

Cliqon, NJ 07015-2102

**Toll free: 1-800-930-9232**

Email: [info@wafahouse.org](mailto:info@wafahouse.org)

Website: [www.wafahouse.org](http://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](mailto:scws125@comcast.net)

Website: [www.salemcountywomensservices.org](http://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](mailto:info@safe-sound.org)

Website: [www.safe-sound.org](http://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](mailto:info@dasi.org)

Website: [www.dasi.org](http://www.dasi.org)

#### **Outreach**

Phone: 973-579-2386

Fax: 973-579-3277

#### **Battered 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](mailto:info@ywcaunioncounty.org)

Website: [www.ywcaunioncounty.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.dasacc.org)

#### **Outreach**

29C Broad Street, Washington, NJ 07882

Phone: 908-453-4121

#### **Ba\erers 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](http://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 73 seconds an American is sexually assaulted.
- Every 9 minutes the victim is a child.
- Only 5 out of 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison.
- 1 out of 6 women in the United States reported being a victim of sexual assault.
- 1 out of 33 men in the United States reported being a victim of sexual assault.

**RAAIN Rape, Abuse & Incest  
National Network; Hotline:  
800-656-601-7200**



# 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](mailto:info@njcasa.org).

RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National

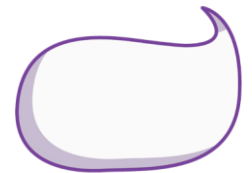


## When talking to Sexual Assault Survivors, use supportive, compassionate words.

### 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](http://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)

In 2018, children were actively involved or present during 15,064 incidents or 25 percent of 60,130 domestic violence incidents.

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.

### 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

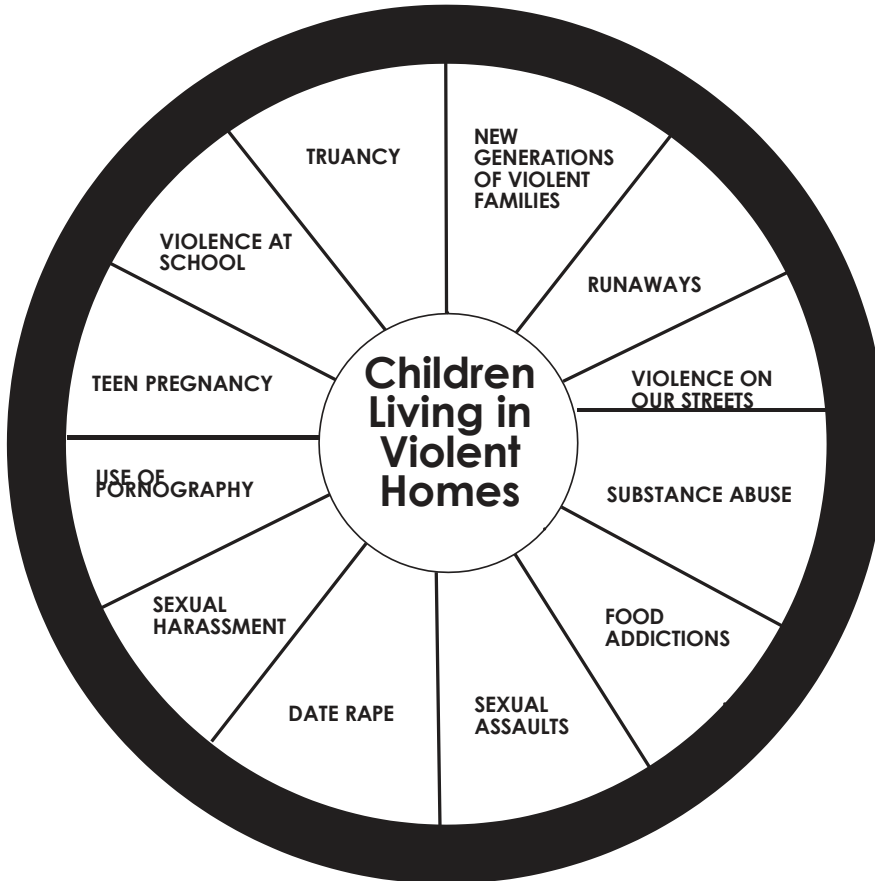
Most often reported form of incest is father-daughter and step-father - daughter incest. However, as much as 33% are perpetrated by siblings.

More details on video “Child Sexual Abuse”, available in the ABCNJ webinar collection at [www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces](http://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)**

## 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](http://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](http://www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces)

## 5. Teen Dating Violence

Teen dating violence is defined as the physical, sexual or psychological/emotional 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 (Harrykissoon, 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](http://faithtrustinstitute.org/resources/learn_the-basics/htr_faqs)

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces)**

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## American Baptist Churches of New Jersey Sacred Safe Spaces - Webinars

Webinars found at [www.abcnj.net/sacred-safe-spaces](http://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)
- **Tools for Strengthening Families (Part 2: Knowledge of Child Development & Social/Emotional Competency)**, Pat Stanislaski, Partnering for Prevention, LLC, The New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA)
- **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

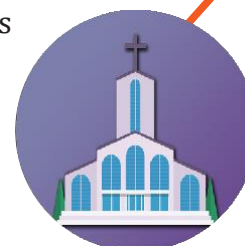


## 8. Additional Resource Organizations

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

**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.faithtrustinstute.org](http://www.faithtrustinstute.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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:NJVAA@ssw.rutgers.edu) or (848) 932-0541.

# 9. Sacred Safe Spaces Covenant Churches

## (3/12/20)

### CAPITAL ASSOCIATION

- First Baptist, Allentown
- 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
- Federated Church of Livingston
- 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, Newark
- New Hope Baptist, East Orange
- North Baptist, Jersey City
- Paradise Baptist, Newark
- Phares International Ethiopian Church, 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
- Riverview Estates, Riverton

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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
- Central Community, New Brunswick
- First Baptist, South Plainfield

## **WATCHUNG ASSOCIATION**

- Community Baptist, Somerset
- Monmouth Korean Baptist, New Brunswick
- Flemington Baptist, Flemington
- First Baptist, Morristown
- Primera Iglesia Bautista, Morristown
- First Baptist, New Brunswick
- Central Community Baptist, New Brunswick

## **WEST JERSEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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



*...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](http://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.*

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

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