

Family Resource Agency

Family Violence Program



FVP NEWS...

C.H.A.N.G.E. Support Group

We are pleased to announce that August 29th we will be starting a brand new support group called C.H.A.N.G.E. The goal of this group will be to educate female victims of domestic violence on substance abuse and to decrease substance use, abuse and addiction while healing from the effects of domestic violence.

The focus of the group will be education related to issues of domestic violence and sexual assault, and the support services that are available to women struggling also with problematic substance use. We will be looking at the correlation between domestic violence and substance abuse, information on referrals, and training in the areas of empowerment and assertiveness.

This will be a six week closed group that will meet at the Family Resource Agency. We will be setting up individual interviews with potential group members before the group begins. If you know anyone that could benefit from these services, please contact Naomi Boothe at 476-3886 in order to ask any questions or to set up a client's initial interview.

For more information about our support groups, contact Angie Faulkner: 479-9339 ext. 25

Volunteer Training

Have you been inspired by the work of the Family Violence Program and wish there was something more you could do to help? There is! We are always in need of committed volunteers, both men and women, young and old to help us with our program services. Volunteers assist at the Harbor Safe House answering crisis calls, sorting donations and connecting with the women and children we serve. They also assist with weekly support groups, office work and various other tasks. If this is an area you think you would enjoy, please consider attending our next volunteer training that will be coming up in September. Stay tuned for exact dates and details.

For more information about volunteer training, please contact Sherry Hayes: 479-9339 ext. 15

August 1, 2007

- * August 23rd—Advisory Board Meeting 12:00 PM at FRA
- * August 29th—C.H.A.N.G.E. group begins 5:30 PM at FRA
- * September—Volunteer Training Times and Dates TBA

↑ Upcoming Events and Important Dates ↑



MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Program Totals:

Here are some of the numbers of clients served in the previous year:

Total Clients Served: 1060

Hotline Crisis Calls: 815

Information and Referral Calls: 337

Receiving In-Person Counseling: 456

Individual DV Counseling Hours: 1901

Receiving Shelter: 129

Avg. Length of Stay: 10.4 Bed Nights

Total # of Bed Nights: 1494

Criminal Justice Advocacies: 211

Other Advocacies: 322

Volunteer Hours: 853

Changes in Rape Laws

Program Information

Office: 479-9339 ext. 25
24 Hour Hotline: 476-3886

Office Hours: 9am-5pm

3680 Michigan Avenue, NE
Cleveland, TN 37323

Domestic Violence Support Group
Every Monday at 6:30pm
Please Contact Sherry Hayes For
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Some recent changes have been made to the laws in Tennessee concerning rape and sexual assault that we at the FVP are excited about. One change is that victims of sexual assault are never to be charged for a forensic examination. Victim's compensation will be billed directly for these services.

Another change is that the minimum penalty for rape of a child has been increased from 15 to 25 years. Also rape of a child and aggravated rape of a child have been elevated to offenses which combined with killing of another constitute first degree murder.

We will continue to update you as more changes to the legislation are made. Hopefully we will continue to see positive changes in this area.

For more information about our rape and sexual assault program, contact Liz DeStasio: 479-9339 ext. 22

To remove your name from our mailing list, please send an e-mail to ldestasio@fratn.com

Questions or Comments? E-mail us at ldestasio@fratn.com or call us at 423-479-9339 ext. 25, 22, 32, or 15.

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