

Family Resource Agency

Family Violence Program



FVP NEWS...

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We at the Family Violence Program are doing our best to make the community aware of the victims who have lost their lives at the hands of a person they once loved and trusted.

We will be holding various events and awareness activities throughout the month to honor these individuals. Be watching your mail, email, and local news venues for more information about these upcoming opportunities to get involved.

Make plans now to join us for our annual Candlelight Vigil which will be held on October 11th at 6:00pm. Location is TBA.

For more information about our Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities, contact Angie Faulkner: 479-9339 x. 25

Volunteer Training



Our upcoming volunteer training is quickly approaching! We are pleased to report that we have received an overwhelming number of responses from individuals eager to give of their time to this phenomenal program. The training will be held at the Family Resource Agency on September 11th, 13th, and 18th. We are not taking any more volunteers for this season, but will keep any interested parties informed about the next opportunity to participate.

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

September 1, 2007

- * **September 3rd**—Labor Day
Family Resource Agency Closed
- * **September 11th**—Volunteer Training 5:00pm-8:30pm
- * **September 13th**—Volunteer Training 5:00pm-8:30pm
- * **September 18th**—Volunteer Training 5:00pm-8:30pm
- * **October**—Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- * **October 11th**—Annual Candlelight Vigil 6:00pm

↑ **Upcoming Events and Important Dates** ↑

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT



Only 30 days until the start of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Rape Re-Education

Program Information

Office: 479-9339 ext. 25
24 Hour Hotline: 476-3886
Office Hours: 9am-5pm
3680 Michigan Avenue, NE
Cleveland, TN 37323

For legal assistance contact our Court Advocate David Dodson: 479-9339 x. 32

Domestic Violence Support Group
Every Monday at 6:30pm

Please Contact Sherry Hayes For More
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There are many myths surrounding the beliefs of rape in our society. One of these myths is that the victim must have "asked for it" by being seductive, careless, drunk, high, etc. No one asks to be abused, injured, or humiliated. Individuals of all ages and from all walks of life have been the targets of sexual abuse. Many subconsciously believe that a woman who makes mistakes does not deserve protection from rape and violence. It seems that this is the only crime that victims are so adamantly blamed for their own victimization.

Apply this to the crime of stealing. Imagine a man has a gambling problem; he is being unwise with his money by flashing it around the casino all evening and losing much of it at the tables. He leaves that evening and is mugged outside the casino. Most people could see there are several things that he could have done in a wiser manner, but almost no one would say that he shouldn't report the crime to the police, or that his behavior indicated that he wanted to get mugged. But if you take a woman who is unwise, taking sexual risks and flaunting her sexuality, and gets raped, there are those that believe she "asked for it," or deserved it in some way. It is time for a re-education of our society. Do your part to help dispel the myths circulating about sexual assault.

For more information about our Rape and Sexual Assault Program, contact Liz DeStasio: 479-9339 x. 22

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

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