



The Dawn Connection

24-Hour Crisis Hotline
352-686-8430
(352)686-8430 TDD

In Case of Emergency Call 911

Our Vision - A community free from violence and abuse.

Our Mission - To break the cycle of domestic and sexual violence by providing supportive services and leadership that promotes social change.



Join us for
Open Mic Night & Candlelight Vigil

Share your story, music, poems, or songs, light a candle, and follow the procession to the courthouse as we show support to victims and create awareness to end domestic violence.

Contact 352-684-7191 to reserve a time slot or for information.

10 South Main Street Brooksville, FL
October 20th 6pm




Dawn Center Outreach Program



Dawn Center offers Outreach support services to survivors in many ways. We are excited to add to our team a new advocate that will be co-located at the DCF office in Brooksville. Ryan will be focusing on training and consulting for the child welfare system on the importance of batterer accountability, the dynamics of family violence, and the effects on survivors and their children. Dawn Center receives direct referrals when the survivor begins to work our child welfare partners to give the survivors access to our programs quickly. We know Ryan will be a great addition to our team!

To find out more information about services call 352-686-8430 anytime (24/7)! To make an outreach appointment call (352)592-1288 during traditional business hours.



Emergency Shelter Program

Hernando County did a great job preparing for Hurricane Irma. Our emergency shelter program also did a lot of prep work to make sure we stayed fully operational during the storm. The shelter was full before and during storm. We were thankful to have a generator when the power went out. Our dedicated staff worked to calm the residents and provide support during the storm, inspite of having their own families and homes to keep safe during the storm. Thankfully, we only had a few large branches down on the property and our staff was able to quickly clean up the property. We had a few trees taken down after the storm to ensure safety during another storm in the future. This was done by a generous local handyman (Tim Makely of Makley's Handyman Service). We thank him for his time and generosity. Our shelter food pantry supplies were depleted during the school and work closures for our residents. We are in need of non-perishable items to replenish the food pantry if you are interested in donating or hosting a food drive at your local business or civic group. Call the administration office for drop off information 352-684-7191.

 <p>Sexual Assault Response Team</p>	<p>To get more information about the emergency shelter program or to check the availability of shelter beds, contact our 24/7 helpline at 352-686-8430. Dawn Center is a member of the Hernando County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). This team consists of local community partners to include law enforcement, trained forensic Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, and victim advocates. This team is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide forensic exams, support, and resource assistance to victims of sexual violence. Services are provided to all victims, whether or not they choose to report to law enforcement. If you need more information, please contact our 24/7 helpline at 352-686-8430 to speak with one of our compassionate and knowledgeable advocates.</p> <p>The Hernando County SART meets every other month with community partners to discuss successes and challenges facing victims of sexual assault. We were excited to have many new faces at the table to discuss successes and challenges in Hernando County for victims. Our next meeting will take place December 1st. If you are interested in attending this task force meeting contact our office at 352-592-1288.</p>
 <p>Community Awareness and Primary Prevention</p>	<p>October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Dawn Center will be very busy. Make sure you like our Facebook page and check out our website at www.dawncenter.org for a full list of events. Ask yourself what you can do this month to support survivors.</p> <p>Our advocates work hard in the community to reach many areas of the county ensuring access to programs for survivors. Training and awareness activities can be facilitated by our advocates for a variety of topics to include, dynamics of violence, gender equality to end violence, workforce violence prevention, and much more. Contact our offices to schedule a training or activity for your organization 352-684-7191.</p>



We are in desperate need of volunteers for sorting donations. Teens can even get service hours. Contact our administrative office for details 352-684-7191.

We want to thank all of the Hernando County businesses, individuals, and government agencies who have continued to support our programs for the past 30 years!

Upcoming Events-

October 7th- [National Night Out](#) at Target on Spring Hill Drive. 5-8pm. Come and see our clothesline project.

October 12th - [Wine Pairing at Papa Joe's](#): Call 352-684-7191 for tickets

October 14th - [Dash for Dawn Center 5k](#) at Tom Varn Park in Brooksville-Register here: [DASH FOR DAWN 5k](#)

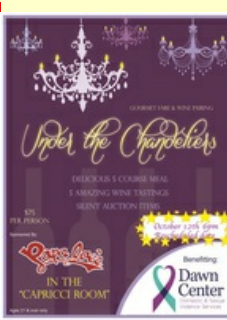
Thank you to our main event sponsors.



October 20th- DV/SV Task force Candlelight Vigil at Rising Sun Bistro. 6pm-8pm. Hear from survivors as they share poems, music, and more. Then enjoy a candlelight walk to the courthouse steps for a prayer to those we have lost.

October 21st- Early Learning Coalition annual conference. Dawn Center will facilitate break out sessions on healthy play for gender equality.

October 27th- [Bene's Career Academy Trunk or Treat](#) to benefit Dawn Center. Held in their parking lot in Brooksville.



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Domestic & Sexual Violence Services

Take back the night
to end violence and oppression

**5K RUN/WALK AND IM SUPPORT WALK
FOR DAWN CENTER OF HERNANDO COUNTY**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2017
LOCATION: TOM VARN PARK
5PM REGISTRATION ★ 6PM START
Online registration available on **www.active.com**
Artwork Donated: Design By Dana (352) 340-9881
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EVENT QUESTIONS: (352)684-7191

Administration Office- 352-684-7191 Shelter Office- 352-686-8430
Outreach Office-352-592-1288 Legal Advocacy-352-540-6222
Community Awareness and Prevention- 352-592-1288

Florida Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-500-1119
National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-4673
Teen Dating Abuse Helpline 1-866-331-9474

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6179, Spring Hill, FL 34611
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