



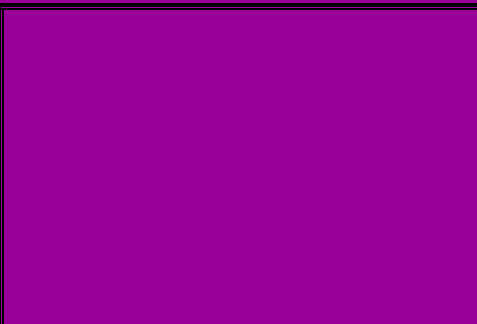
**24-Hour Crisis Hotline**  
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**In Case of Emergency Call 911**

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.

## The Dawn Connection



Dawn Center Outreach Program

Dawn Center is proud to provide services to over 1800 survivors annually. Services include victim advocacy, individual crisis counseling, group counseling, case management, connection to community resources, legal advocacy, child welfare system advocacy, victims rights awareness, education, and support. Our programs are available to all survivors regardless of gender, age, race, religious affiliation, or income. We do not discriminate. We also provide support to secondary victims. To find out more information call 352-686-8430 anytime (24/7)! To make an appointment call (352)592-1288 during traditional business hours.

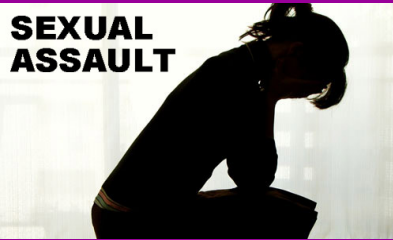
We are excited to announce a few new outreach programs that will be available to survivors starting in 2017. First, we have received funding for an Economic Justice Advocate to provide support and an economic empowerment-based curriculum such as the Allstate Financial Empowerment curriculum. This will help survivors to reach their goals of economic stability and independence.

Also, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Florida Office of the Attorney General VOCA Grant has allowed us the resources to provide pro-bono legal counsel to survivors in Hernando County via a Florida Board Certified Attorney. The attorney will focus on emergency injunctions for protection and appeals for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking survivors. To accommodate this new program, we have been given a wonderful space close to the court house. We would like to thank **Richard Deighton and Eddie Payne** for their gracious donation of the old Brooksville Florist building following their retirement!



Emergency Shelter Programs

Our emergency shelter programs focus on keeping the survivor and their family safe from violence. While in our program the survivor and family are given shelter, clothing, food, personal items, and lots of support to meet their individual needs at no cost to the survivor. Survivors enter our program at many levels of need. We can provide temporary emergency housing, case management, connection to local resources, relocation assistance, legal advocacy, group and individual crisis counseling, educational groups, and much more. We understand the importance of survivors feeling supported through this tough process. We can provide this program to survivors of all genders and also those requiring special accommodations. To get more information about this program or to check availability of shelter beds, contact our 24/7 helpline at 352-686-8430.



### Sexual Assault Response Team

Dawn Center is a member of the Hernando County Sexual Assault Response Team. This team consists of local community partners to include the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, trained forensic sexual assault nurses, 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 a certified advocate.

We are happy to announce the growth of our sexual violence program to include a public location. The sexual violence outreach program will be located in the Pinebrook Medical Plaza and will be available for both walk-in and services by appointment. Rebekah Mead, MSW has joined our team to offer clinical counseling for victims and their families.



### Community Awareness and Primary Prevention

Community presence is important in growing our programs and expanding our reach to survivors. We have staff dedicated to creating awareness in the community of the available resources and providing education to the community to give support to survivors. Reaching all areas of Hernando County will only help to end interpersonal violence. Our youth represent a growing population of victims of dating and sexual violence. Reaching them before the violence happens is a key focus on primary prevention activities that are being presented in the local schools. For more information on these programs or to have a speaker come to your event please contact us at 352-592-1288.

We have begun working on a collaborative Facebook group called ["It Takes a Village Hernando"](#) which will provide a safe place for parents and caregivers to support each other and for community partners to provide evidence based information. The collaboration involves Devereux, LSF Health Systems, Dawn Center, and other local family-serving organizations. Check it out on Facebook today!

We are always in need of volunteers for our programs and donation collections.

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 almost 30 years. 2016 was a great year and 2017 is looking even better!

#### Upcoming Events-

**April 3rd- 11th** - National Crime Victims Rights Week- Dawn Center will be displaying our Clothesline Project at the Hernando County courthouse all week. These are stories of survivors by survivors and their families. This collection is almost 15 years old.

**April 12th**- Movie Showing of "The Mask We Live In" at PHSC Spring Hill Campus at 4pm in their Conference center. Learn about gender-based violence and how societal norms have contributed to this epidemic.

**April 21st** - A Night of Empowerment to celebrate Sexual Assault Awareness Month! Dawn Center and PHSC presents the Vagina Monologues by Eve Ensler. For tickets and sponsorship information please contact our office at 352-684-7191.

**April 26th-** Denim Day- Support Sexual Assault Awareness Month. [www.denimdayinfo.org](http://www.denimdayinfo.org)

**April 27th-** Take back the night walk at the PHSC Spring Hill Campus to walk with survivors and supporters of ending sexual violence. Walk starts at 7:30pm.

**May 2nd 2017-** [Give Day Tampa Bay 2017](#) give to your favorite local charity on this day.

**October** is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Dates TBD for our Candlelight vigil and Dash for Dawn 5k Run.

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Outreach Office-352-592-1288        Legal Advocacy-352-540-6222  
Community Awareness and Prevention- 352-592-1288

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National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-4673  
Teen Dating Abuse Helpline 1-866-331-9474

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