

# Serving individuals and families impacted by interpersonal violence including at no cost, in one location:

Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Child Maltreatment Elder Abuse Human Trafficking

## **Operations**

725 North Highland Avenue Annex 1 Winston-Salem, NC 27101 (336) 776-3255 https://forsyth.cc/ffjc/ M-F, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

## **Purpose:**

- to decrease the number of visits to organizations in multiple locations for individuals and families experiencing crisis and trauma; and
- to provide navigation of multiple resources for safety and support, both onsite and offsite; and
- to Increase partner collaboration and decrease barriers between systems working on behalf of families.

## **Family Justice Center Model:**

• The family justice center model is identified as a best practice in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services by the US Department of Justice, developed by Alliance for Hope International, both in the United States and abroad.

## Types of Services/Assistance Offered:

- Law enforcement, criminal and civil proceedings
- Victim support, advocacy, safety planning
- Legal consultation and support
- Electronic filing of applications for Domestic Violence Protective Orders
- Counseling for adults and children

## Additional referrals will be provided for:

- Financial education
- Parenting support
- Screening for public benefits
- Housing
- Vocational skills, training and education

#### Partners:

(inclusive of, but not limited to)
Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina

Family Services, Inc.
Financial Pathways of the Piedmont
Forsyth County Clerk of Court
Forsyth County District Attorney's Office
Forsyth County Government
Forsyth County Magistrate's Office
Forsyth County Department of Social Services
Forsyth County Sheriff's Office
Kernersville Police Department
Legal Aid of North Carolina North Carolina
NC Department of Public Safety-Adult Correction
Survivors
Winston-Salem Police Department
World Relief Triad

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#### Quote:

"Our goal is that every individual visiting our center experiences **safety**, **hope**, **healing**, **and strength** through the services they receive and in their future."

## **Domestic Violence:**

- 1 in 2 female murder victims and 1 in 13 male murder victims are killed by intimate partners
- Approximately 1 in 5 female victims and 1 in 20 male victims need medical care.
- An abuser's access to a firearm increases the risk of intimate partner femicide by 400%.

## Stalking:

- 66% of female stalking victims were stalked by current or former intimate partners.
- Americans who experience stalking are at least 200 times more likely to be murdered than Americans who are not stalked.
- 1 in 7 stalking victims has been forced to move as a result of their victimization.

#### **Sexual Assault:**

- Between 14% and 25of women are sexually assaulted by intimate partners during their relationship.
- Nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men experienced sexual violence victimization other than rape at some point in their lives.
- Only 36 % of all rape victims ever report the crime to the police. Marital rape is the most underreported form of sexual assault.

### Children:

- Children who witness intimate partner violence growing up are three times as likely as their peers to engage in violent behavior.
- Children who witness incidents of domestic violence (a form of childhood trauma) are at greater risk of serious adult health problems including obesity, cancer, heart disease, depression, substance abuse, tobacco use, and unintended pregnancies than peers who did not witness domestic violence.
- 1 in 3 children who witnessed domestic violence were also child abuse victims.

(National Statistics: www.nccadv.org)

