MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER SEXUAL ASSAULT ADVOCACY PROGRAM HOW MAY WE ASSIST YOU?

The pain and terror of sexual violence does not end with the assault. Survivors are often left to navigate the complex emotional, medical and legal systems alone. Advocates serve as an indispensable resource and an agent of hope while providing accompaniment and advocacy.

At the Montgomery County Women's Center, we believe in the right of all persons to live without fear, abuse, oppression and violence. We recognize the strength and courage it takes to begin the process of healing from all types of abuse, including physical, psychological, sexual, economic, and spiritual. In order to heal, we provide survivors an opportunity to experience a safe, secure, and supportive environment to regain their personal strength and restore their lives.

Sexual violence is nondiscriminatory, and survivors come from all cultures and beliefs. We provide a broad range of services to survivors at no cost.

CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES OFFERED

24/7 Sexual Assault Crisis Hotline: 936.441.7273

Crisis Intervention and Safety Planning

24/7 Medical Accompaniment to Hospitals

Advocacy / Case Management Accompaniment to Law Enforcement Offices, Prosecutors' Offices and Courts

Individual & Group Counseling

Sexual Assault Support Groups Legal Services: Civil Remedies for Sexual Assault

> Crime Victim's Compensation

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)

Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME

for crisis intervention and advocacy. Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the following locations:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER

1600 Lake Front Circle, Suite 100, The Woodlands, TX 77380 936.441.4044 ext. 23 and

1401 Airport Road, Conroe, TX 77301 936.441.4044

KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS!** SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

CONTROL - You can make the decision whether or not to file a police report.

PRIVACY - Use a pseudonym (different name to protect your identity) and have your address and phone number kept out of court files relating to your case.

A FORENSIC EXAM - Free collection of evidence to support your case, whether or not you report the crime.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT - Be compensated through crime victims' compensation for financial losses resulting from the criminal conduct, such as medical costs, moving costs and lost wages. BE BELIEVED - You can refuse to take a lie detector test.

PEACE OF MIND - After indictment, have your attacker tested for HIV/AIDS and be notified of the results.

SAFETY - Have your safety considered when bail is set.

INFORMATION - Be notified of all legal proceedings, including parole proceedings and the defendant's custody status.

INPUT - Write a "victim impact statement" telling the court the impact the sexual assault has had on your life. This information will be considered during punishment and parole.

** Texas Association Against Sexual Assault - www.taasa.org

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