

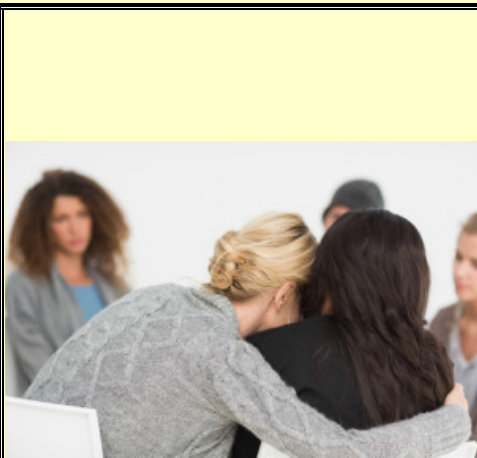


24-Hour Crisis Hotline
352-686-8430
 (352)686-8430 TDD
 In Case of Emergency Call 911

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.

The Dawn Connection



Dawn Center Outreach Program

Dawn Center offers Outreach support services to survivors in many ways. Some survivors want support in the form of in-person individual advocacy sessions, some like weekly group support, and others just need to talk things out via the 24/7 helpline. Our advocates work with survivors based on their needs. We also offer a food pantry and a clothing closet to survivors and their families at our outreach office. This helps the families get the extra economic support in tough times. Outreach advocates work with community partners forming relationships that can assist survivors with local resources. Hernando County is a generous community with a wide array of resources and Dawn Center is proud to be able to connect survivors to those resources. If you would like to share your resource with our staff to support survivors please connect with us at our administrative office at 352-684-7191.

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 Programs

Our emergency shelter program has been very full this summer. We have been at or near capacity for these hot summer months. The 40 bed facility houses adult survivors with their children. Our kiddos in shelter get a little bored when school is out and we keep them busy with children's groups, crafts, and games. We are always looking for community partners to come do activities with the kids to give them support and a little happiness. School-age children experience a sense of

routine when in school. For children who witness domestic violence and are living in a shelter that routine is a positive distraction for them. When the summer break is in full effect it is important to keep these kids busy and create that sense of structure. If you have an activity or program you think would help keep our kids entertained and would like to volunteer your time give us a call at (352) 684-7191.

To get more information about this program or to check 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 the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, trained forensic Sexual Assault Nurse

SEXUAL ASSAULT



Sexual Assault Response Team

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.

The Hernando County SART meets every other month with community partners to discuss successes and challenges facing victims of sexual assault. This is an open meeting for professionals and community members to combat the sexual violence happening in our own back yards. If you are interested in attending this task force meeting contact our office at 352-592-1288. As for "April" for more details.



Community Awareness and Primary Prevention

Educating the community regarding the dynamics of violence and how to access no cost services is a great way to reduce domestic and sexual violence in our community while supporting victims. Our advocates attend many community meetings and work with local partners to develop resource networks, educate a variety of community sectors, and to provide programs to youth for violence prevention.

One of the most recent collaborative projects is the [Hernando Cares Guide](#). This guide provides a network of community partners for mental health and substance abuse help. It is available in print format and via the website <http://hernandocares.org>. Many survivors of domestic and sexual violence suffer from PTSD, anxiety, depression, mood disorders, and substance misuse either as a control tactic by the perpetrator or as a coping strategy for the abuse. This guide can help survivors navigate this complex support network in Hernando County.

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 the past 30 years!

Upcoming Events-

July 29th- Back to School Bash: Dawn Center will have a booth giving away free clothes to families

September 14th - Wine Pairing at Papa Joe's: Call 352-684-7191 for tickets

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Dates TBD for our annual Candlelight vigil!

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



5K RUN/WALK AND 1M 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
Printing Services Donated By: Staywell

EVENT QUESTIONS: (352)684-7191

Attention All Hernando County Families...

Back to School Starts Here

Saturday, July 29, 2017
Challenger K-8 School
13400 Elgin Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34609
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Free Immunizations! Free Haircuts!
Free School Supplies! Entertainment!
Vendors! Food Trucks!
Before & After School Programs!
Chance to Win a Free Computer!
Local Community Organizations!

Free transportation for families, available at the following sites & times:
8:30 & 11:15 a.m. Eastside & Westside Elementary
8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Hernando County School Board & Deltona Elementary
Return times from the event to above sites will be at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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For more information, contact the Parent Academy at (352) 797-7315

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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