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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Sexual Assault Services
of Calhoun County
(269) 660-3925

24 hour hotline, toll free
1-888-383-2192

Police
911

Battle Creek Health System
Emergency Room
(269) 964-5888

Oaklawn Hospital
(269) 781-4271

Calhoun County Victim Rights
(269) 969-6942

All services provided free of charge.

HelpNetWorks

United Way of Greater Battle Creek

BATTLE CREEK HEALTH SYSTEM

Sponsored by TRINITY HEALTH and BCHS Community Partners

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MISSION STATEMENT

Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County is committed to providing empathic, non-judgmental, comprehensive services, support and advocacy for survivors and others affected by sexual assault or abuse; raising awareness of sexual assault; and engaging others to join in working toward a community free of sexual violence.

MAYBE
we come from different worlds

MAYBE
you don't know me,
much less the pain or
the destruction of spirit that I've known

BUT
then again, if you're looking for help
or something to
get involved in

MAYBE
just maybe
we can help each other

CONFIDENTIALITY

Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County adheres to all state and federal regulations regarding confidentiality.

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10 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sexual Assault Services
OF CALHOUN COUNTY

Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County

Business Office
(269) 660-3925

24-hour Crisis Line
1-888-383-2192
toll free

Child Advocacy Center
(269) 727-0077

Questions & Answers

WHAT is sexual assault?

The definition of sexual assault: physical contact of a sexual nature, which includes: touching sexual parts, penetration of any kind (this includes the use of an object), that is against a person's will and/or accomplished through the use of coercion, threats and/or physical force.

HOW often does this occur?

One in four girls/women and one in seven boys/men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. It is important to note that only 28% of sexual assault incidents are reported due to the personal nature of these crimes and fears about the public criminal justice process (Bureau of Justice Statistics. US Department of Justice, June 2001).

DO most rapes occur at night by strangers?

Over 66% of rapes are committed by someone the victim knows, such as a relative, friend or acquaintance. Over 60% of assaults occur in, or near, the home of the victim or the assailant (Sexual Assault Benchbook, MI Judicial Institute, 2002).

WHO do I call if I have been sexually assaulted?

If you have been assaulted, we suggest you:

- Contact the Sexual Assault Services 24-hour hotline at 1-888-383-2192, toll free.
- Contact the police at 911.
- Receive immediate medical attention, within 96 hours following the assault from Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners: 24-hour hotline at 1-888-383-2192, toll-free.
- If you would like to sort out your feelings with a counselor, call (269) 660-3925 to set up an appointment.

If you would like to join with other survivors of sexual assault in a support group, call (269) 660-3925 for further information.

If you would like to speak with someone on the telephone about what you are feeling, call toll free,1-888-383-2192.

HOW can I help?

Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County is always looking for dedicated individuals who would like to volunteer. If you are interested, contact our business office, (269) 660-3925, for more information.

Services

Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County offers comprehensive services to sexual assault victims, their loved ones, and the community.

- **24 hour telephone crisis line**
  1-888-383-2192, toll free
- **Outreach and Advocacy**
  Trained staff or volunteer advocates provide support and advocacy to victims and their loved ones at area hospitals, police departments, and courts.
- **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners**
  Provides expert medical/forensic examinations.
- **Counseling for victims of sexual assault and their family members**
  Individual, group, and family counseling provided by a clinician that is trained in the dynamics of sexual assault and abuse. Support groups led by trained facilitators.
- **Community Education and Prevention Programs**
  Informative presentations on program services and the dynamics of sexual assault for audiences of all ages. Facilitated by trained staff or volunteers.
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
  Thirty hours of training led by trained professionals.
  Clinical supervision and consultation are provided on an ongoing basis.
- **Child Advocacy Center**
  A multi-disciplinary team provides assistance to child victims and their families.

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