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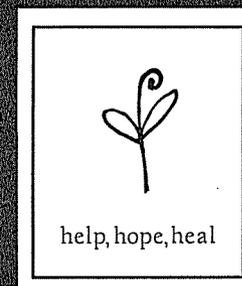
Community Education Services are a vital part in eradicating domestic violence. We assist in the education of the community by partnering with other organizations in implementing workplace violence programs, intervention strategies with our local school system as well as being an active part in the local domestic violence task force.

Transitional Housing is available at our 72 unit apartment complex, Hearthstone Landing. Hearthstone Landing was designed for the unique needs of victims of domestic violence. This complex is a gated community consisting of 2, 3 & 4 bedroom units. This is a long term program that not only provides low cost housing to victims but has on-site supportive services.



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The Cherokee Family Violence Center

Is a registered, non-profit agency in the State of Georgia and has been providing assistance to victims of domestic violence since 1986. Our mission is to enhance the safety of women and children who are victims of domestic violence by providing emergency shelter and crisis intervention services; offering longer term education and support services; developing community partnerships and institutional awareness of domestic violence issues; and promoting a community standard of zero tolerance for violence in the home. We accomplish this mission through the following free services:

Crisis Intervention Services including a 12-bed emergency shelter for women and children, a 24-hour hotline for both our Spanish speaking and English speaking clients, and weekly support groups for victims of domestic violence.

Legal Advocacy Services which assist victims in filing emergency protection orders, accompanying and transporting victims to Final Protection Order hearings as well as other court appearances; educating and advocating with the local judiciary; conducting domestic violence training to local law enforcement agencies and other community entities; making referrals to attorneys or Georgia Legal Services; and explaining court procedures and legal rights.

Multi-Cultural Services for the non-English speaking victims of domestic violence with an emphasis on the Latino community. These services include a support group specifically for the Latina population. They also include an organizational culture that includes internal procedures for the non-English speaking population. These procedures include bi-lingual staff, use of interpreters, immigration and residency status information and expertise, community resources, developed sensitivity to special dietary needs, clothes, and providing brochures in Spanish.

TANF Assessment Program assists victims of domestic violence that are receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits through the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) and victims that are "at risk" economically. Through these two programs, we provide domestic violence counseling as well as financial resources for relocation expenses, transportation, childcare and other emergency financial needs of the victims.

Transportation Services such as providing gas vouchers, taxi money and use of volunteers to shelter residents, TANF recipients and legal clients.

Childcare Services are offered three times a week during the day to allow shelter residents and case management clients to attend life skill classes, court appearances, counseling sessions, job interviews and other social service agency appointments.

Household Establishment Assistance is designed to help women that have left their abusive situation with no money or belongings. This is made possible through in-kind donations such as clothing, furniture and household articles, which are available to all clients, free of charge.

Life Skills Workshops are available for victims. These workshops include such skill development as parenting, household budgeting, job readiness training, legal options/court protocol, and the impact of domestic violence on children; safety planning and other skills needed to move forward in a violence-free life.

Children Programs are a critical part in addressing the issues of domestic violence. Our program includes support groups specifically for the children, play therapy, special outings, organized activities, and individual or group counseling sessions.

Referral Programs provide community-wide educational, medical and financial referral resources including social services programs to all victims that we serve. Depending on the client's needs and goals, we may provide referrals to DFCS for TANF, food stamps or Medicaid. We work with public, private and other non-profit groups for GED programs, job readiness and educational programs to help with the specific needs.