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**We provide the following
services to Accomack
and Northampton
Counties:**

- 24-Hour Hotline
- Emergency Shelter
- Individual Counseling
- Safety Planning
- Crisis Intervention
- Support Groups
- Legal Advocacy
- Referrals
- Case Management
- Children's Advocacy
- Community Outreach

**We serve men, women and
children.**

**Our services are FREE
and CONFIDENTIAL.**

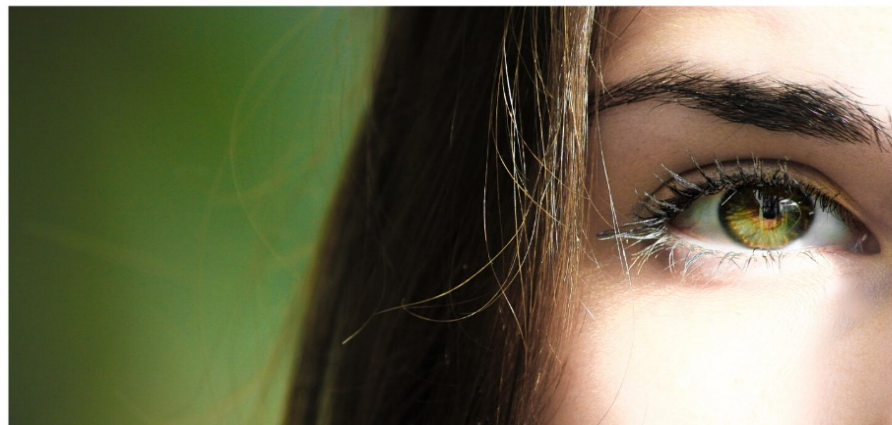
**Shelter stay is not required
to access ESCADV
services.**

24-HOUR HOTLINE (757)-787-1329

EASTERN SHORE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Modified Business Hours

Business hours will remain at **Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm** until further notice, our 24-hour hotline will run as usual for Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault emergencies. We are still accepting donations at this time.



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Spring 2020

Shining the light against Domestic & Sexual Violence

From the Director's Desk:

I should be starting this newsletter off with a "Happy Spring" or "Welcome to Spring" salutation, but instead the newsletter, like many other parts of our lives, is starting with an acknowledgement that this spring is not like any other most of us have seen. It started in February with mentions of a "virus in China", continued in early March with numbers rising in the United States and by mid-March we were talking about social distancing, teleworking, unthinkable loss of human life and a troubled economy. Weeks later, we are still in that same mind-set and still unsure of what the future holds.

While we grieve the loss of eating at our favorite restaurant and cancelled vacations from the relative safety of our homes, I want to take a minute to consider the privilege it is to be safe in our homes. For our survivors, the home is not safe. For families in homes impacted by domestic violence, quarantine or stay at home orders, are scary and dangerous. During a four day period in early April ESCADV had three families come into shelter because home wasn't a safe place during a stay at home order or anytime. We expect that our hotline calls and shelter intakes will remain high during this COVID-19 event.

If I know one thing about the Eastern Shore of Virginia, it is that our community will take care of each other anytime, but especially during a crisis. Due to sheltering families separately during this time for healthy and safety, our shelter costs are significantly higher, food and cleaning supplies

costs are up and these supplies can be difficult to obtain. During the past few weeks and continuing throughout this COVID-19 event, ESCADV will be sharing our current "wish list" on a weekly basis. It may be food, cleaning supplies, diapers, or masks. Financial contributions will assist with these costs as well as the additional costs of hotel rooms to keep sheltered survivors safe from the spread of

COVID-19. Together, we will help each family seeking services begin their path to a safer life.



The support we have already seen is amazing, but as you know, our needs will

be continuing. Now more than ever, your support is needed to allow us to continue to meet the needs of survivors. Thank you for your past support, thank you in advance for your support to come. It takes a community to create a better, safer place. ESCADV could not do this without you. Thank you for helping us help others.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

~Shelley

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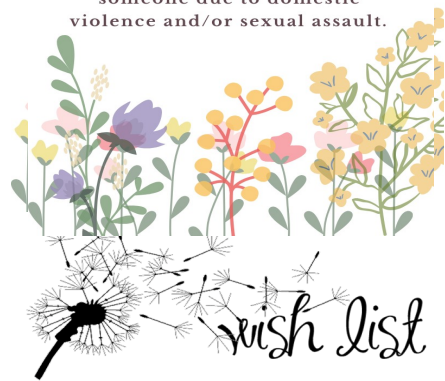
Special Delivery

News from the ESCADV desk to you!



In memory of
All those who we have lost

ESCADV wants to take the time to remember and honor the memory of all of our supporters, survivors, and victims who have lost someone due to domestic violence and/or sexual assault.



- Cleaning Products (brooms, detergent, mops, etc.)
- Diapers
- Full-size Personal Hygiene Products (conditioner, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, etc.)
- Paper Products (Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, etc)
- Pots & Pans
- Bath towels

Your greatness is not what you have:

It is what you give!

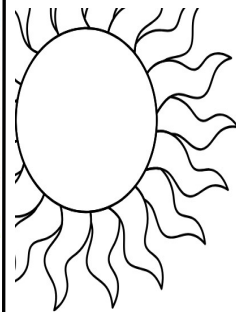
How could **you** help ESCADV and survivors of domestic and sexual violence on the Eastern Shore?

Give your time and talents —

Volunteer with us! We offer a wide variety of short and long-term opportunities to get involved. We have a fun, flexible, and rewarding work environment where you can put your energy and interests to work helping others. Contact Jon Bulin at Jbulin@escadv.org to learn more.

Donate items —

We always need paper products, cleaning supplies, and nonperishable food items. Contact Maria Alfonso at malfonso@escadv.org to learn more.



Word of the season
COLOR ME!

CONSENT



We are sorry we had to
cancel!

ESCADV and supporters were looking forward to our second annual oyster roast, but to keep everyone safe from COVID-19 virus and to follow Governor Northam's orders we had to cancel. Please refer to our website, our Facebook, or our Instagram for future events!

2nd Annual Matthew May Memorial Oyster Roast
to be held
The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence
April 4, 2020 • 4pm to 7pm
At Indiantown Park • Eastville, Virginia
Located on Route T631

Canceled



While Sexual Assault impacts everyone, and that it is never the victim's fault, some populations are statistically more at risk.

- ◇ Women in College are 3 times more likely to experience sexual violence compared to other women
- ◇ 1 in 2 transgender people experience sexual violence
- ◇ Native American peoples are up to 2 times more likely to experience sexual violence compared to all other races
- ◇ Around 40% of people with disabilities experience sexual violence



WOMAN'S
HISTORY
MONTH

MARCH 2020

INTERSECTIONALITY
AWARENESS

LGBTQ+ PRIDE
MONTH

JUNE 2020

AUTISM AWARENESS
MONTH

APRIL 2020

MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS
MONTH

MAY 2020

EASTERN SHORE COALITION
AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Survivor Support Group

Providing support and empowerment for survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Topics include:

Emotions; Anger, Guilt, Grief, Fear
Endings and New Beginnings
Rights
Healthy Relationships
Self Esteem
Boundaries
and more!

CONTACT US AT 1(757)-787-1959
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2 OUT OF 3
CHILDREN
ARE EXPOSED
TO TRAUMA
AND VIOLENCE.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

THE **3RD** LEADING CAUSE
OF HOMELESSNESS
AMONG FAMILIES

SOURCE: Safe Horizon, Domestic
Violence: Statistics & Facts

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