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Orange County 24 Hour Rapeline

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FUNDING SOURCES

New York State Crime Victims Board

New York State Division of Criminal Justice
Services

New York State Department of Health

Orange County District Attorney's Office

Orange County United Way

*The MHA family shares a system of values and behaviors
that recognizes and respects the presence and contributions
of all diverse groups.*



Rape Crisis Services

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MYTHS AND FACTS

Myth: Most rapes occur as a ‘spur of the moment’ act in a dark alley by a stranger.

Fact: *Most rapes are planned and often occur in one’s home. Many times the offender is a friend, neighbor, relative or other acquaintance of the survivor. A rapist will rape again and, generally in the same manner and in the same town.*

Myth: Rape is primarily a sexual crime.

Fact: *Rape is a violent assault where sex is used as the weapon. It violates not only a person’s integrity, but their sense of safety and control over their life.*

Myth: Women are ‘asking for it’ by the way they are dressed.

Fact: *Most rapes are planned. Rapists are looking for available, vulnerable targets, A woman or man does not deserve to be forced into sex based on the clothes they are wearing.*

Myth: Only gay men are sexually assaulted.

Fact: *Most men who sexually assault other men identify themselves as heterosexual. This fact helps to highlight another reality—that sexual assault is about violence, anger and control over another person, not lust or sexual attraction.*

Myth: There is nothing you can do to protect yourself from rape.

Fact: *Awareness of your surroundings and trusting your “gut instinct” will help you protect yourself.*

CRISIS SERVICES

Orange County 24 Hour Rapeline

The 24 Hour Rapeline offers intervention, telephone counseling, information and referrals. It is staffed by trained volunteers and MHA staff. Bi-lingual services are available in English and Spanish.

Rape Survivor Advocacy Program

Advocates are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and accompany sexual assault victims to hospital emergency rooms, police departments and courtrooms. Advocates respond to Orange County hospitals:

Orange Regional Medical Center

Horton Campus and Arden Hill Campus

St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital

Newburgh Campus and Cornwall Campus

St. Anthony’s Hospital

Bon Secours Community Hospital.

Advocates provide victims with information that can help them make critical decisions during stressful times. They work closely with service providers to ensure sensitive and quality care. Advocates provide moral support as well as answer questions the victim and co-victim(s) may have. Services are confidential.

Rape Survivors Support Group

A weekly Educational Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Trauma is held at our Newburgh Office and a weekly Clinical Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Trauma is held at our Goshen Office. The support groups are informational and offer a safe and confidential forum for discussing personal feelings. They provide an opportunity to work through the healing process. Call for more information.

PREVENTION SERVICES

Community Education Programs

Our goal is to build community awareness about sexual assault; which includes rape, incest and child sexual abuse through outreach and public education activities.

Rape Crisis staff provides presentations to schools and colleges, community-based organizations, civic groups and businesses.

Professional in-Service Trainings

Rape Crisis staff provides in-service training for providers who come in contact with sexual assault victims. Training programs are geared toward professional audiences including police departments, emergency room/medical personnel and mental health professionals. Trainings help increase sensitivity to the special needs of sexual assault victims and co-victims.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to assist sexual assault victims at hospitals, police departments and courtrooms. Free training is available. Make a difference.

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Public Education Literature is available upon request