Are you a victim of sexual assault?  
Do you know someone who is? 

Call the 24/7 confidential Rapeline for information and referrals or just someone to talk to.

1-800-832-1200  
within Orange County  

845-346-HELP  
Outside Orange County  

The MHA family shares a system of values and behaviors that recognizes and respects the presence and contributions of all diverse groups.
Trained Advocates certified by NYS Department of Health provide victims with crisis counseling, information, referral and assistance with claim application to NYS Office of Victims Services.

Advocates accompany victims to hospital emergency rooms, police departments and courtrooms. They provide victims with information and options to assist them with making well informed decisions about medical care and the legal process.

The Community Educator provides individualized prevention education training to community based organizations including schools and colleges.

Call (845) 342-2400 for more information.

Sexual Assault Examiners receive NYS Department of Health approved training and are qualified to conduct forensic examinations and testify in court on behalf of sexual assault victims.

Examiners provide non-judgmental and compassionate care to victims 12 years and older.

WHAT IS A FORENSIC RAPE EXAMINATION?

After a victim has received medical clearance from the emergency department, she/he is transferred to a private room designated solely for the purpose of forensic exams.

Using specialized photographic equipment, the examiner takes pictures of both internal and external injuries. Photographs are used in court to aid the prosecution.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FORENSIC RAPE EXAM KIT?

Should the victim decide to report the crime, the kit is turned over to law enforcement. The kits are then sent to a lab for testing.

VICTIMS HAVE THE RIGHT TO

- report or not report the sexual assault to law enforcement
- choose to have the entire rape examination collection kit done or just parts of it.
- have NYS Office of Victim Services compensate the hospital for the forensic evidence collection examination.
- file a claim with NYS Office of Victim Services to pay for additional crime related costs.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Rape Crisis Services MHA in OC, Inc. provides Sexual Assault Examiner Services in partnership with:

Orange Regional Medical Center
St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital
OC District Attorney’s Office

All services are confidential