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Sexual Violence Service Providers in Virginia

Virginia has 37 Sexual Violence Service Providers providing services to all counties and cities in Virginia.

Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Service Providers value empowerment and promote the dignity and respect of all persons. Their specialized services have been developed based on the belief that persons who have experienced sexual and/or domestic violence have the right to determine their own response. The immediate availability of crisis intervention and support services facilitates the healing process.

Sexual Violence Defined

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance defines sexual violence as conduct of a sexual nature which is non-consensual, and is accomplished through threat, coercion, exploitation, deceit, force, physical or mental incapacitation, and/or power of authority.

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Sexual Violence Service Providers offer a wide array of services with the intention of responding effectively to the needs of victims of sexual violence and ultimately reducing the incidence of sexual violence in their communities.

Sexual Violence Service Providers:

- Provide 24-hour access to crisis intervention and companion services for victims of sexual violence;
- Provide confidential services to victims of sexual violence at no charge to the victim;
- Provide 24-hour access to support, information & referrals for women, men, and children who are victims of sexual violence, their family and friends, and other professionals seeking to assist them;
- Provide all services without discriminating on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, ability or disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or income;
- Recognize and respond to the differing needs of diverse populations within the community and involve those diverse populations and survivors in the delivery of services;
- Promote protocols and practice throughout the community response to sexual violence to reduce the physical and psychological trauma of sexual violence and enhance recovery;
- Promote a community response that encourages the reporting of sexual violence and holds perpetrators accountable for their use of violence;
- Provide community education that raises the level of awareness of the causes and effects of sexual violence in the community, the resources available, the importance of supporting victims and holding perpetrators accountable, and the importance of working together toward a Virginia free of sexual violence.

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Sexual Violence Service Providers participating in VAdata

Avalon: A Center for Women and Children	Williamsburg
Center for Sexual Assault Survivors	Hampton
CHOICES, Council on Domestic Violence for Page County	Luray
Citizens Against Family Violence	Martinsville
Citizens Against Sexual Assault	Harrisonburg
Crisis Center	Bristol
DOVES, Domestic Violence Emergency Services	Danville
Fairfax Victim Assistance Network	Alexandria
Family Crisis Services/Victims of Sexual Assault Program	North Tazewell
Family Crisis Support Services	Norton
Family Resource Center	Wytheville
Family Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention Program	Emporia
Hanover Safe Place	Ashland
Haven in Richmond County	Warsaw
James House Intervention/Prevention Services	Hopewell
Laurel Shelter	Gloucester
LAWS Sexual Assault Services	Leesburg
New Directions	Staunton
OASIS/Warren County Council on Domestic Violence	Front Royal
People Inc.	Abingdon
Piedmont Crisis Center/Southside Center for Violence Prevention	Farmville
Project Hope of Quin Rivers	Quinton
Project Horizon	Lexington
Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault	Fredericksburg
Response	Woodstock
Safehome Systems	Covington
Sexual Assault Resource Agency	Charlottesville
Sexual Assault Response and Awareness	Alexandria
Sexual Assault Response Program Crisis Line	Lynchburg
Sexual Assault Victim's Advocacy Service	Woodbridge
Shelter For Abused Women	Winchester
Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline	Virginia statewide
Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley	Radford
YWCA Women's Advocacy Program	Richmond

