



Resources available to victims of domestic violence

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A range of services exists in the local area to help people who are affected by domestic violence:

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency's Domestic Violence Intervention Program

For information about any of C/SCAA's services, call 255-1703 or stop by the office, located at 65 State St., Auburn.

- *24-hour hotline: 1-800-253-3358*

Advocates man the hotline 24/7, ensuring someone is always available to speak with victims of domestic violence. Family members of victims stuck in a violent relationship are also welcome to call. Advocates connect victims to a range of services and serve as caring listeners for victims wishing to vent. Callers may remain anonymous.

- *Safe house/shelter*

The C/SCAA runs a safe dwelling that provides shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children. The confidential house is available to those in need 24/7.

- *Victims support group*

Past and present victims of domestic violence are welcome to join C/SCAA's peer support group. Participants may remain anonymous. During meetings, victims can discuss their feelings while learning about healthy relationships/domestic violence. The group meets weekly at a safe, confidential location.

- *Advocacy*

C/SCAA's advocates provide a slew of services. Advocates, in part, can help connect victims to legal aid, law enforcement, the Department of Health and Human Services and medical professionals. They also help victims create safety plans and accompany victims to court proceedings.

Advocates also help victims write resumes, find temporary shelter, child care, transportation to important appointments and relocation assistance, as well as emergency food, clothing and furniture.

- *Community education*

Jennie Huling, one of C/SCAA's advocates, travels to community centers — schools, churches, nursing homes, etc. — and gives presentations educating the public about

domestic violence. She tailors her presentations based on her audience, discussing everything from healthy relationships to domestic violence screening information.

Cayuga County District Attorney's Office

To speak with the office's victim witness coordinator about domestic violence and how the DA's office can help, email kfrancey@cayugacounty.us or call 253-1391.

- *Prosecution*

Along with prosecuting cases involving domestic violence, the office can help a victim obtain an order of protection. Orders can be issued via family court or criminal court. To make a request to obtain an order of protection, victims can speak with a court clerk, who passes the request to a judge for consideration.

Permanent orders of protection — often issued when a defendant is sentenced — last for one to five years. Victims can request a permanent issue of protection through the DA's office.

Sexual Assault Victims Advocate Resource/Cayuga Counseling Services

For information about the services provided by SAVAR or CCS, call 253-9795 or visit cayugacounseling.org.

- *24-hour hotline: 252-2112*

SAVAR advocates are available 24/7 to speak with victims of sexual violence, which can include victims of domestic violence. Advocates answer questions, listen to victims vent and connect interested victims to additional resources.

- *Advocacy*

SAVAR provides victims of sexual violence with free, confidential services such therapy, support groups and accompaniment to medical appointments/legal proceeding.

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)

To get instant information about an inmate/abuser, victims can call 1-888-846-3469 or register online at vinelink.com.

- *Alerts/Updates on abusers*

Operated via the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, VINE allows victims to call and get information about inmates currently housed within the state's prison system — all free of charge. Through the program, victims can sign up to have VINE alert them as soon as the inmate is released.