



Safe Church Additional Resources

National Resources

Childhelp (National Child Abuse Hotline)

1-800-422-4453

<https://www.childhelp.org/>

A national non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse. The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-4-A-CHILD) services all of the United States, its territories and Canada. The organization offers a wide variety of services, not only to abused and neglected children, but to treatment professionals, educators, parents, foster care families, the community and law enforcement professionals.

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (National Sexual Assault Hotline)

1-800-656-HOPE

<https://www.rainn.org/>

RAINN is the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, and would be especially helpful as a resource for sexual assault survivors and their loved ones. The National Sexual Assault Hotline is free, confidential, and available 24/7 at the number listed above. The website also has an online hotline (chat) and a database of local counseling centers and a helpful general resource page.

Darkness to Light

1-866-FOR-LIGHT

<http://www.d2l.org/>

A national organization committed to diminish the incidence and impact of child sexual abuse. Programs seek to raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse.

Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment (GRACE)

<http://www.netgrace.org/>

An organization dedicated to preparing churches to prevent and respond to abuse in a godly way, with a particular focus on sexual abuse. The website is extremely helpful, with resources for prevention training and policies, response protocols for allegations of abuse, and a thorough resource section.

Futures Without Violence

<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/>

Formerly Family Violence Prevention Fund – The name is the mission. Provides many resources on a range of forms of abuse.

Local Resources

Oconee County Division of Family and Children Services

770-207-4176

Clarke County Division of Family and Children Services

706-227-7021

During regular DFCS office hours (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.), reports of abuse and neglect should be made to the DFCS office in the county where the child lives or the county in which the suspected case of abuse/neglect is witnessed. DFCS investigates child abuse, finds foster homes for abused and neglected children, helps out-of-work parents get back on their feet, assists with childcare costs for low income parents, and provides support services to help troubled families.

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Child Protective Services (CPS) After-Hours Call Center

1-855-GA-CHILD

Reports of child abuse and neglect can be made to the After-Hours Call Center 5 PM – 8 AM weekdays, or 24 hours on weekends, holidays, and furloughs.

Community Connection 2-1-1 Information and Referral Hotline

211

Dialing the number “211” from a telephone provides individuals and families in need of assistance with a shortcut to finding help or information for health and human service agencies around Northeast Georgia. If you’re looking for assistance with a problem and you don’t know where to turn, or you simply want information on a particular human service issue, 211 is for you. 211 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spanish speakers available.

Project Safe

706-543-3331

<http://www.project-safe.org/>

An Athens non-profit organization working to end domestic violence. Services range from short term crisis counseling on the hotline to long term support through follow up and transitional housing programs.

Prevent Child Abuse Athens

706-546-9713

<http://www.pcaathens.org/>

A non-profit, community-based organization serving Clarke, Jackson, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe counties that is dedicated to preventing child abuse in all of its forms through education, support and public awareness.

The Cottage – Sexual Assault Center & Children’s Advocacy Center

1-877-363-1912

<http://www.northgeorgiacottage.org/>

Serves adult survivors of sexual assault from Clarke, Oconee, Madison and Oglethorpe Counties and child survivors of abuse and their families from Clarke and Oconee Counties. Services include a 24-hour crisis and information hotline, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, counseling referrals, prevention education, and emergency financial assistance.

Georgia Conflict Center

706-389-5912

<http://www.gaconflict.org/>

A non-profit organization that aims to reduce the levels of physical, verbal, and emotional violence in our community by empowering individuals to bring conflict management and peacemaking skills to all facets of their lives

Peace Place, Inc.

770-586-0927

<http://www.peaceplaceinc.org/>

A domestic violence program that serves survivors of family violence in Banks, Barrow, and Jackson counties in Georgia. They offer emergency shelter, transitional and scattered site housing, outreach and legal advocacy, safety planning, educational presentations, and children's services.

Educational Resources

Darby Strickland *Is It Abuse?: A Biblical Guide to Identifying Domestic Abuse and Helping Victims* *A Biblical Guide to Identifying Domestic Abuse and Helping Victims*

Darby Strickland *Domestic Abuse: Help for the Sufferer (Resources for Changing Lives)* *Help for the Sufferer*

Darby Strickland *Domestic Abuse: Recognize, Respond, Rescue (Resources for Changing Lives)* *Recognize, Respond, Rescue*

Diane Mandt Langberg *On the Threshold of Hope: Opening the Door to Healing for Survivors of Sexual Abuse*

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Marie Fortune *Keeping the Faith: Guidance for Christian Women Facing Abuse*

Rachel Denhollander *What Is a Girl Worth?: My Story of Breaking the Silence and Exposing the Truth about Larry Nassar and USA Gymnastics*

Rachel and Jacob Denhollander "Justice: The Foundation of a Christian Approach to Abuse"
<https://www.fathommag.com/stories/justice-the-foundation-of-a-christian-approach-to-abuse>

David Johnson and Jeff Van Vonderen *The Subtle Power of Spiritual Abuse: recognizing and escaping spiritual manipulation and false spiritual authority within the church*

Jeff Crippen and Anna Wood *A Cry for Justice: how the evil of domestic abuse hides in your church*

Jay E. Adams *Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage in the Bible*

Lundy Bancroft *Why Does He Do That?: Inside the minds of angry and controlling men*

Barbara Roberts *Not Under Bondage: Biblical Divorce for Abuse, Adultery, and Desertion*

In an emergency, call 911.