

The background of the slide features a large, faint logo of a hand holding a flower. The hand is positioned at the top right, with fingers gently cupping a flower. The flower has several long, thin petals extending downwards and outwards. The entire scene is set against a dark purple background. In the top right corner, there is a small, solid pink square.

North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network, Inc.

SERVING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN
FANNIN, GILMER, AND PICKENS COUNTIES

“Help Us to Help Others”

Our Mission Statement



The North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network, Inc. provide services and programs to empower victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, that through community partnerships and education, we foster unwavering community support for all victims and survivors.

Our Core Services

- ▶ Crisis Hotline
- ▶ 24 Hour Crisis Intervention
- ▶ Safety Planning
- ▶ Emergency Safe Shelter
- ▶ Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention and Support
- ▶ Forensic Medical Exam following a Sexual Assault
- ▶ Medical Accompaniment
- ▶ Legal Advocacy
- ▶ Linkages with Community Agencies
- ▶ Emotional Support
- ▶ Follow-Up Contact and Services
- ▶ Counseling
- ▶ Support Groups
- ▶ Information and Referrals
- ▶ Community Education: Outreach and Prevention
- ▶ Emergency Financial Assistance
- ▶ Household Establishment Assistance

What is Domestic Violence?

- ▶ Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior which involves abuse or abusive behavior by one partner towards another within an intimate partner relationship. This tactic is used to gain and maintain control over the other partner.
- ▶ Examples of Intimate Partner relationships are: marriage, cohabitation or dating relationships.
- ▶ This abuse can also be referred to as (IPV) Intimate Partner Violence.
- ▶ It is the most under reported crime in the U.S.

Other Types of Domestic Violence Include:

- ▶ Elderly Abuse
- ▶ Child Abuse
- ▶ Abuse between any parties living together in the same household.

How Prevalent Nationally?

- ▶ About 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe violence by an intimate partner
- ▶ On average, nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States.
- ▶ Intimate partner violence accounts for 20% of all violent crime.

How Prevalent in Georgia?

- ▶ Georgia ranks 22nd in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men.
- ▶ From 2011 through 2020 at least 1,516 Georgia citizens lost their lives due to domestic violence.
- ▶ 136 Georgia citizens died due to domestic violence in the year of 2020.



Domestic Violence Related Deaths in Georgia: 2017

- ▶ Baldwin 1
- ▶ Barrow 1
- ▶ Ben Hill 2
- ▶ Bibb 3
- ▶ Bulloch 2
- ▶ Calhoun 1
- ▶ Camden 1
- ▶ Carroll 5
- ▶ Chatham 1
- ▶ Cherokee 3
- ▶ Clarke 4
- ▶ Clayton 2
- ▶ Cobb 11
- ▶ Coffee 2
- ▶ Colquitt 1
- ▶ Coweta 2
- ▶ Crawford 1
- ▶ DeKalb 11
- ▶ Dougherty 7
- ▶ Elbert 1
- ▶ Fannin 2
- ▶ Fayette 2
- ▶ Floyd 1
- ▶ Forsyth 6
- ▶ Franklin 2
- ▶ Fulton 11
- ▶ Gilmer 1
- ▶ Glynn 5
- ▶ Gordon 2
- ▶ Gwinnett 10
- ▶ Habersham 2
- ▶ Hall 3
- ▶ Hancock 2
- ▶ Haralson 1
- ▶ Houston 1
- ▶ Jackson 3
- ▶ Laurens 3
- ▶ Lumpkin 1
- ▶ Murray 1
- ▶ Muscogee 5
- ▶ Newton 4
- ▶ Oconee 2
- ▶ Paulding 1
- ▶ Pickens 2
- ▶ Rockdale 3
- ▶ Spalding 4
- ▶ Taylor 1
- ▶ Telfair 1
- ▶ Toombs 1
- ▶ Troup 1
- ▶ Twiggs 1
- ▶ Upson 1
- ▶ Walker 1
- ▶ Warren 1
- ▶ White 1

Quick Facts about Domestic Violence

- ▶ 47 % of female victims of intimate partner violence have at least one minor child together
- ▶ Frequent exposure to domestic violence normalizes violence for children and increases their risk of becoming domestic violence victims and/ or abusers.
- ▶ Intimate partner violence is most common among women between the ages of 18-24.

Firearms

- ▶ Victims are more likely to be killed by their partner who owns or has access to a firearm (70% in Georgia during 2017) than all other means combined.



Children and Domestic Violence

- ▶ In 29% of the cases studied through Georgia's fatality review project, children witnessed the domestic violence killing.



Effects on Children Exposed to Violence

- ▶ Sleep Disturbances
- ▶ Feelings of helplessness and passivity
- ▶ Generalized fearfulness
- ▶ Inhibited play and exploration
- ▶ Loss of recently acquired developmental skills (e.g., walking or talking)
- ▶ Easily startled
- ▶ Scanning for danger/expecting danger
- ▶ Aggressiveness
- ▶ Over-sexualized behaviors



NGMCMN Education & Awareness Topics

Domestic
Violence

Elder Abuse

Bullying

Peer
Pressure

Healthy
Relationships

Sexual
Assault

Human
Trafficking

Trainings & Educational Presentations Presented To...

- ▶ Law Enforcement
- ▶ Schools (Public & Private)
- ▶ Civic Organizations
- ▶ Faith Based Groups
- ▶ Department of Family & Children Services
- ▶ Court Personnel
- ▶ Community Based Non-Profit Groups
- ▶ Others

October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- ▶ October 17th Cars for a Cause 2pm-5pm at Circuit World in Blue Ridge, GA. (Rain date October 24th.)
- ▶ “Drive Away Domestic Violence” Hosted by Blue Jeans Pizza. Advanced ticket event featuring a meal and wine picked up through drive thru Tuesday, October 12, 2021 5pm-7pm.
- ▶ Proclamation Signings In All Three Counties.
- ▶ Other fundraising events for October to be announced on our Facebook page and website.

How You Can Help NGMCN

- ▶ Volunteer: NGMCN offers both direct service and thrift store volunteer opportunities available.
- ▶ Join Our Team: NGMCN is always on the look out for individuals who are dedicated to providing trauma informed care to those we serve. Our organization is a great place work!
- ▶ Donate: Donations come in many forms including gently used items for our thrift stores, consumable items for our safe shelter, cash donations, gift cards and more.
- ▶ Sponsor a Fundraiser: NGMCN works with other individuals and business that wish to host a fundraiser for our organization.
- ▶ Share: Sharing our information helps needed information to get into the hands of the victims who need our support and help.

Our Thrift Stores

- ▶ McCaysville Thrift Store
3094 Blue Ridge Drive
Blue Ridge, GA 30513
▶ (706) 492-7219
- ▶ Blue Ridge Thrift Store
2650 East First Street
Blue Ridge, GA 30513
▶ (706) 632-6619

Please consider volunteering at one of our stores – your help is greatly appreciated.



NGMCN Contact Information

- ▶ 24 Hour Hotline 706-632-8400
- ▶ Admin Line 706-632-9024
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www.facebook.com/ngmcn
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