

Spreading the Good News

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Societal Issues and the effects on Domestic Violence

Today's pandemic attack on our nation, namely Covid – 19 has created a super increase in the numbers of Domestic Violence, trauma issues and grief amongst citizens worldwide.

The following reasons for this rise in numbers are included in this list. Economic stress, job loss, family illnesses and death, lack of needed food, shelter, education, alcohol/drug addictions, parenting issues coupled with the mandates of staying at home are just some causes of this rise in numbers.

In some cases abusers are using this pandemic as an opportunity to further isolate victims.

Now more than ever, we must support and assist those in need of encouragement and services.

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Prayers for Healing

Luke 11:46, 17:2, 18:1-8, John 8: 1-11, Luke 8:43, John 4:1-42 –Taken from restoredrelationships.org

WHERE YOU CAN GET HELP

**The National Domestic Violence Hotline
24/7/265**

PHONE: 1-800-799-7233

TTY: 1-800-787-3224

**ONLINE CHAT AVAILABLE – CHAT NOW
BUTTON**

HELP FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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The New York Times is reporting that police departments are experiencing increases in domestic violence calls since the stay at orders have been in place.

If you would like information on the statistics in your state, click the following link:

<https://ncadv.org/state-by-state>

The National Coalition on Domestic Violence are taking even more steps to help protect those who are in vulnerable situations and cannot freely move to safety during this time.

- DV safe houses and shelters remain open
- Disinfection Schedules to protect staff and clients.
- Individualized counseling by phone
- Postponement of Community meetings
- Clients can still pick up food donations
- Safety Plan Phone Apps
- Teams are available for emergencies
- Postponement of court dates
- Mobile advocacy
- Text lines
- Phone hotlines
- Relocations of clients
- Quarantine Rooms for clients
- Virtual Group Classes through Zoom and Facebook.

Please check the state and local domestic violence agencies, shelters and victim advocacy programs in

your community for up to date information.

If you or someone you know are providing service to people in your community and you would like to share your information here. Contact Sterling Sessions at the contact information provided.

REMEMBER APRIL IS SEXUAL ABUSE MONTH!!!

PLEASE LEND YOUR SUPPORT TO GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS GEARED TOWARD THIS CRUCIAL AND SENSITIVE ISSUE.

Stay Safe Everyone.