



***Serving Victims of  
Domestic Violence  
& Sexual Assault Since 1977***  
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## ***Serving Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault***

Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties, Inc., was established in 1977 to meet the needs of domestic violence victims. In the 30+ years of existence, Haven has expanded its base of services and today provides comprehensive, unduplicated services to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. Our primary objectives are to provide these victims with alternatives to abuse or life-threatening situations, and empowerment to establish a violence-free life.

### ***DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES***

*(Haven is one of Florida's 42 Certified Domestic Violence Centers)*

- 24-hour hotlines provide immediate crisis intervention. Victims and their dependent children receive temporary emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation, and counseling (both individual and group). Continuing services include health, housing, education and employment referrals.
- Outreach counseling is available in both Lake & Sumter Counties.
- Transitional living is available to those victims requiring longer term physical and/or emotional healing.
- Legal Advocacy provides victims with referrals and/or legal representation in cases of protective injunctions, child custody and/or support and other legal issues. The advocate can also help secure financial assistance and restitution under the Victims of Crime Act.
- Children's Services provides counseling, advocacy, and/or referrals for children through 17 years of age, who are victims of, or witness to domestic and/or sexual abuse, Group counseling and Positive Parenting sessions are available for caregivers of these children to assist in dealing with and caring for troubled kids.
- Male victims of domestic and/or sexual violence may also receive Haven services.
- Teen Dating Violence Prevention education for youth.

### ***SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES***

- Rape crisis hotlines, available 24 hours a day, provide immediate response to sexually assaulted victims.
- Post-rape counseling is an integral part of our services, as is legal advocacy for the sexually abused victim. Counseling is also available to the families of the rape victim; as well as victims of incest and dating violence.
- 24 hour SANE forensic exams for adults in Lake and Marion Counties.
- 24 Hour advocate accompaniment for forensic exams in Lake and Sumter Counties.

### ***TRAINING & EDUCATION***

- Haven provides domestic and sexual violence training to law enforcement, health care providers and students. Presentations and awareness to the general public have been, and will continue to be our most powerful tools to combat the epidemic of violence.

**ALL Haven services are provided FREE of charge.**