



VICTIM SERVICE CENTER OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

September 2014

Newsletter

Let The Healing Begin Here

National Campus Safety Awareness Month

VSC is excited to support universities and campuses in Central Florida during National Campus Security Awareness Month and throughout the year!

As a response to a campus sexual assault and murder in 1986, the Clery Act was enacted. Originally known as the Campus Security Act, the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act is the landmark federal law that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. The law is tied to an institution's participation in federal student financial aid programs and it applies to most institutions of higher education both public and private. The Clery Act is enforced by the United States Department of Education.

The law was amended in 1992 to add a requirement that schools afford the victims of campus sexual assault certain basic rights, and was amended again in 1998 to expand the reporting requirements. The 1998 amendment also formally named the law in memory of Jeanne Clery. Subsequent amendments in 2000 and 2008 added provision dealing with registered sex offender notification and campus emergency response. The 2008 amendments also added a provision to protect crime victims, "whistleblowers", and others from retaliation (www.clerycenter.org).

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In 2006, September became the official month dedicated to enhancing dialogue around campus safety issues.



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Mark Your Calendar

Join Us for our Monthly Lunch and Learn held the last Wednesday of Every Month!

Next Lunch and Learn

Wednesday - September 24, 2014
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Victim Service Center

2111 E Michigan St, Suite 210
Orlando, Florida 32806

By attending, you will learn about our history, mission, services, goals, and ways to get involved.

Please let us know by close of business Friday, September 22, 2014 if you will be attending; space is limited and lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there!

RSVP by calling (407) 254-9415 or
e-mail Rhonda.Wilson@VictimServiceCenter.org

Support Groups

The Victim Service Center offers many opportunities for empowerment. Join one of our support groups to continue your healing and growth.

- Healing is Happening
 - Support group for sexual assault survivors.
- Art of Healing
 - Therapy group for trauma survivors using art therapy.
- Evolve (2 groups)
 - Therapy group for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and incest (12-wk program)

Donate



Volunteer Opportunities

- Guest Speaker - Join our Speakers Bureau and help educate the community about the many ways the Victim Service Center can help.
- Host an awareness event or fundraiser.
- Virtual Volunteer- invite others to join the the Victim Service Center team online through social media.
- Be on the look out for more volunteer opportunities!

Give New Purpose to an Old Cell Phone!

Did you know the Victim Service Center collects used cell phones and chargers for reuse?

Cell phones that are not activated can still be used to call for help during emergencies. The Victim Service Center gives the re-purposed cell phones to clients. This safety measure is a lifeline for survivors.

Help save lives! Bring your cell phone and charger to our office, and we'll take care of the rest.

- o Therapy group for survivors of sexual assault

If you are interested in learning more information about these groups please do not hesitate to call (407) 254-9415 to schedule an intake appointment.

Outreach & Prevention

Rhonda Wilson, VSC's Prevention & Outreach Specialist, has been busy in the Central Florida community educating residents on crime and crime prevention. Rhonda had a packed month with 23 presentations in August and already has 27 presentations scheduled in the month of September. Rhonda had a great time earlier this month at the UCF Campus Safety Day.



Welcome to the VSC Team!

Stephanie, Katrina, Meghan, Natasha, and Gina will be working with the advocacy and therapy departments throughout the school year. They are eager to begin working with our clients to offer their support and learn from our experts.



Central Florida Community Foundation DonorEdge Portrait

Learn more about the Victim Service Center - visit our DonorEdge portrait, established by the Community Foundation of Central Florida - helping donors validate the organizations they support.

Click [here](#) to see our Victim Service Center portrait.

Wish List Items

- New Kids Toys
- Comfortable clothing (New, please)
- Office Supplies
- Individually wrapped snacks for survivors
- Hygiene products (Thank You Clean the World!)
- Bedding - non-fitted sheets - Twin Size
- Gift Cards for client needs - Bus Passes, Wal-Mart, Target, Publix

Thank you for all of your support. Call the Victim Service Center at (407) 254-9415 if you have questions



Our Bachelor and Master level interns are joining us from the University of Central Florida and Rollins College. We are excited to welcome our new interns!

about how to donate these items or [visit our website](#) to learn more. Thank you for your consideration in helping to meet this need

Education

Learn how you can make your community safer! Schedule a personalized training with our Outreach and Prevention Specialist! You can find out more information about:

- Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- How Men Can Prevent Sexual Violence (Sensitivity Training)
- Crime & Crime Prevention
- Bullying
- Healthy Relationships (Teens)
- Intimate Partner Sexual Violence
- Identity Theft/Internet Safety
- Personal Safety Planning

Call (407) 254-9415 or email [Rhonda here](#) to schedule a presentation.

Victim Service Center of Central Florida

Contact Information

Hours: Monday - Friday (8AM-5PM)

Office: (407) 254-9415

2111 E Michigan St, Suite 210
Orlando, Florida 32806

24-Hour Sexual Assault Hotline: (407) 497-6701
Toll Free: 1(866) 757-2046

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