



Serving individuals and families impacted by interpersonal violence at no cost, in one location for

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Child Maltreatment
- Elder Abuse
- Human Trafficking

Operations

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M-F, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
<https://forsyth.cc/bridgestohope>

Purpose

- To decrease the number of visits to organizations in multiple locations for individuals and families experiencing crisis and trauma; and
- To provide navigation of multiple resources for safety and support both onsite and offsite; and
- To increase collaboration between systems and decrease barriers between systems working on behalf of families.

Family Justice Center Model

- The family justice center model is identified as a best practice in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services by the US Department of Justice, developed by Alliance for Hope International, both in the United States and abroad.

Survivors

- Survivors play an integral role in providing feedback and suggestions for service delivery planning, challenges with navigating systems, and sharing their lived experiences with safety and other important needs. Survivors also contribute by dispelling inaccuracies about interpersonal violence and how communities can help survivors thrive.

Trauma-informed Response

- We recognize:
 - Trauma is often the result of an event or series of events that can have long-lasting effects on survivors' inability to function and physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being.
 - Experiences can include being a direct victim of violence or witness to violence.
 - Everyone copes and adapts differently.
 - Physical and psychological safety, trust, support, empowerment, collaboration and cultural responsiveness are vital to building successful outcomes.

Types of Services/Assistance Offered with

- Law enforcement, criminal, and civil proceedings
- Victim support, advocacy, safety planning
- Legal consultation and support
- Electronic filing of complaints for Emergency Ex Parte 50B Domestic Violence Protective Order

Additional referrals will be provided for

- Financial education
- Parenting support
- Screening for public benefits
- Housing
- Vocational skills, training and education

Partner Agencies (inclusive of, but not limited to)

- Children’s Law Center of Central North Carolina
- City of Winston-Salem, Human Relations/DEI Department
- Family Services, Inc.
- Forsyth County Clerk of Court
- Forsyth County District Attorney’s Office
- Forsyth County Government
 - Department of Behavioral Health
 - Department of Community and Economic Development
 - Department of Public Health
 - Department of Social Services
- Forsyth County Sheriff’s Office
- Kernersville Police Department
- Legal Aid of North Carolina
- NC Department of Adult Correction
- Winston-Salem Police Department

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