

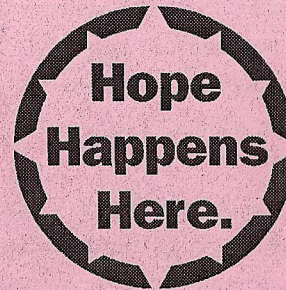
Did you know.....

- ... A woman is beaten every 15 seconds?
- ... Peaceful Paths provided shelter to over 250 women and children last year?
- ... Almost 4 million women are battered annually; almost 2.5 million children are seriously abused by a parent, guardian or others; almost 2 million abused victims are elderly?
- ... Children who witness domestic violence are more likely to become teen mothers, have difficulty in school and exhibit delinquent behaviors?
- ... Domestic violence is the leading cause of death for pregnant women?
- ... One in four teenage girls experience dating violence by the time they finish high school?

Many Battered Women Stay Because...

- ... they are afraid to leave.
- ... of financial issues.
- ... they have nowhere to go.
- ... they lack job skills.
- ... they want to keep their family together.
- ... they keep hoping their partner will change.
- ... societal and religious traditions tell them they should stay.

**HOTLINE: 377-8255
TOLL FREE NUMBER
1-800-393-SAFE**



I would like to be involved in ending domestic violence in my community.

- I would like information on becoming a volunteer*
- I would like to make a contribution*

*\$25.00 buys food for a family of four
\$50.00 buys a one-month supply of baby formula
\$100.00 pays a monthly utility bill*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Please cut out this form and mail with any contribution to:

Peaceful Paths
PO Box 5099
Gainesville, FL 32627-5099

A tax-deductible receipt will be mailed to you.



Peaceful Paths™
DOMESTIC ABUSE NETWORK

*Stop Domestic Violence
Make Healthy Choices*

Hotline 377-8255
Statewide Toll Free Number: 1-800-393-SAFE
Outreach Office: 377-5690
Bradford/Union County: 904-966-6878
Putnam County: 386-328-3737

If you're a victim of domestic violence, your needs become very basic. You want someone to talk to — confidentially — and a safe refuge for you and your children. Peaceful Paths provides for those needs 24 hours a day. So if you feel threatened and alone, remember you've got a friend as close as your telephone.

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www.PeacefulPaths.org

**email:
outreach@peacefulpaths.org**



**United Way
of North Central Florida**



Mission

Our mission is to stop domestic violence and encourage people in our communities to make healthy choices.

Vision

Our vision is to end domestic violence by:

- Providing a safe, supportive environment
- Instilling confidence and self-esteem
- Supplying information and resources
- Teaching parents and children non-violent alternatives
- Encouraging people to realize personal goals
- Acting as agents of social change
- Offering education and training
- Working as a team
- Building a cooperative network
- Promoting diversity and equality

Core Values

- Advocacy
- Honesty
- Choice
- Hope
- Compassion
- Mentoring
- Empathy
- Peace
- Empowerment
- Respect

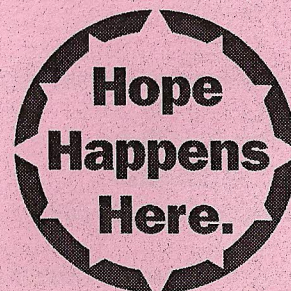
How We Can Help

Battered women often feel alone and are too scared or ashamed to seek help. Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network gives victims of domestic violence the assistance they need to live safely. Through shelter, transitional housing, and outreach services, victims are empowered to live their lives without violence.

Domestic violence is a crime requiring the active involvement of all members of our community. It affects women in every socio-economic class, age group, and educational level. It costs communities millions of dollars in healthcare and social services. It is a criminal offense requiring judicial and law enforcement action. And domestic violence destroys lives.

Through residential and outreach services, Peaceful Paths provides free and confidential assistance to all victims of domestic violence. We serve adults and children through a wide range of programs in Alachua, Bradford, Putnam, and Union Counties. Our staff is committed to ending battering and family abuse through advocacy and intervention. Peaceful Paths also provides education, training, and awareness activities aimed at the prevention of future violence and to inform others of how their support can lead to social change.

Call now. We can offer resources and information that can lead to a new path. Hope Happens Here.



Services For Victims Of Domestic Violence

- Safety
- Referrals
- Support
- Information
- Someone to talk to

SUPPORT GROUPS

- Regularly scheduled groups with other battered women
- Childcare is provided for all groups
- Spanish speaking groups may be available (please ask)
- Please call 377-5690 or 377-1083 for more information

SHELTER SERVICES

- Safety for women and children
- Counseling-group and individual
- Children's programs

OUTREACH SERVICES

- 24 hour Crisis line
- Crisis Intervention Counseling
- Transitional Housing
- Batterer's Intervention Program
- Assistance / Advocacy For Civil Orders For Protection
- Dating Violence Prevention Programs
- Violence Prevention Education Programs
- Victim Safety Program
- Professional Education / Training
- Speakers Bureau