

Important Phone Numbers:

LOCAL AND NATIONAL

Clinical Forensic Nurse

843-792-3391

Tri-County Speaks

843-745-0144

My Sister's House

843-744-3242

Tri-County Area on Aging

843-554-2275

Formation Project

843-744-3242

NCVC's Specialized Sexual Assault Program

843-792-6118

National Sexual Assault Hotline

800-273-8255

Polaris (Human Trafficking) Hotline

888-373-7888

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

800-273-8255

Air Force Base Charleston

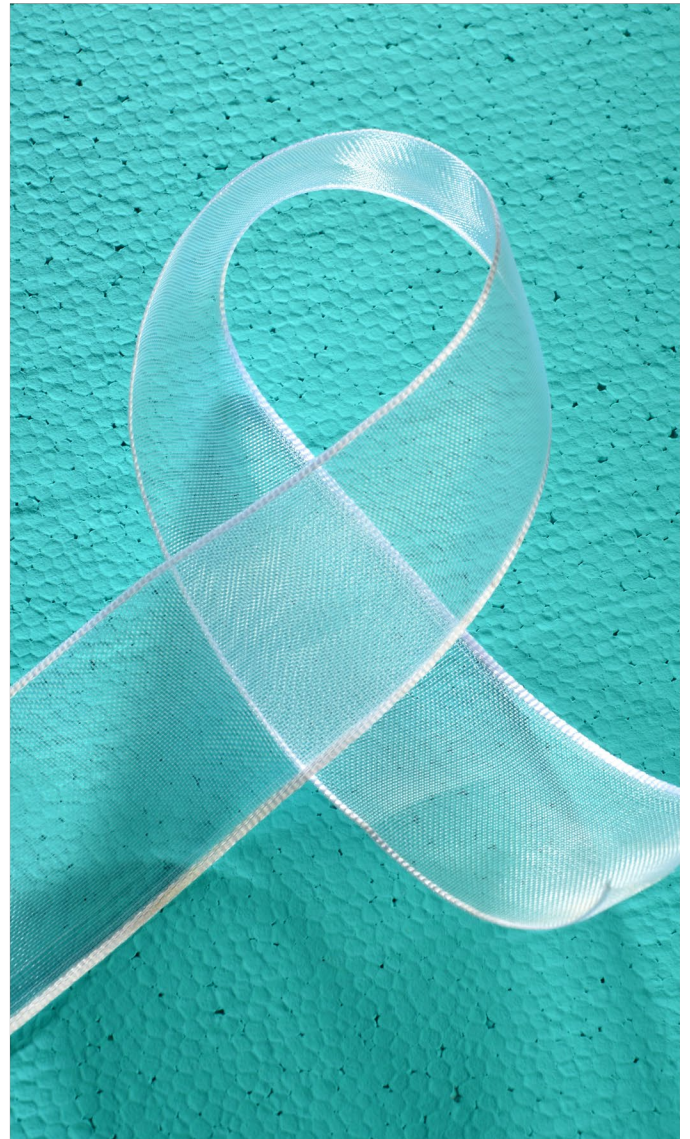
843-963-7272

Naval Weapons Station

843-834-4527

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Clinical Forensic Nurse Program



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WHAT IS THE CLINICAL FORENSIC NURSE PROGRAM?

The Clinical Forensic Nurse Program has nurses specially trained in performing forensic nurse exams.

The Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) understands about trauma informed care for patients who have experienced:

- Sexual Assault
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse
- Non-Fatal Strangulation
- Human Trafficking

SEXUAL ASSAULT:

- Clinical forensic exam.
- Collection of possible DNA evidence
- Forensic Photo documentation and body mapping of injury.
- Medications to prevent sexually transmitted infections as well as emergency birth contraception
- Blood and urine evidence for toxicology
- Recommendations for follow up care.
- Emotional support as you take back control of your body.

It is not necessary to have evidence collected if you only choose a physical exam and medications.

If you are unsure if you want to report the crime at this time. You may have the evidence collected anonymously and you will have the option to report the crime at a later time.

If it has been more than 120 hours since the assault, it is too late to collect evidence and have a forensic exam by the FNE. You do have other options available to you.

Please contact Tri-County Speaks for your options.

There is NO cost for Sexual Assault Exams.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE:

Intimate Partner Violence, or Domestic Violence, is when one of the following has harmed you.

- Current or Ex-Husband
- Current or Ex-Wife
- Current or Ex-Boyfriend
- Current or Ex-Girlfriend
- Share a child in common

ELDER AND VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE:

Elder and vulnerable adult abuse can happen in a care facility but often it is happening in the victim's own home. There are many forms of abuse and neglect.

- Physical Abuse
- Neglect/Self-Neglect
- Abandonment
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Financial Abuse

NON-FATAL STRANGULATION:

It is not just an airway issue after someone has been strangled. There is a danger of damaging the blood vessels in the neck. This can result in a delayed medical emergency days or weeks after the strangulation. Especially if the victims "passed out" or lost of bladder and bowel control.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

Human Trafficking can take many forms. It can be sexual or labor related.

The FNE along with the MUSC Advocacy Program Social Workers are able to provide:

- Forensic Photo documentation and body mapping of injury
- Written documentation
- Resources
- Recommendations and Reporting