

What is Sexual Assault:

Sexual assault is any unwanted sexual contact or behavior that occurs without clear, freely given consent. It can be committed by anyone: a stranger, an acquaintance, or someone you trust. It includes rape, forced kissing, groping, and unwanted touching.

Three key factors define sexual assault:

- **No Consent:** A sexual act occurs without the explicit agreement of all parties
- **Incapacity:** A person is unable to consent due to age, disability, or the influence of drugs or alcohol
- **Coercion or Force:** Threats, violence, or manipulation are used to pressure a sexual act

Consent must be clear, willing, and ongoing. Without it, it is an assault.

We are here

For survivors and for the community that surrounds them. Through professionally trained victim advocates, we provide support, resources, and a path forward for those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Because when one person heals, the whole community grows stronger.

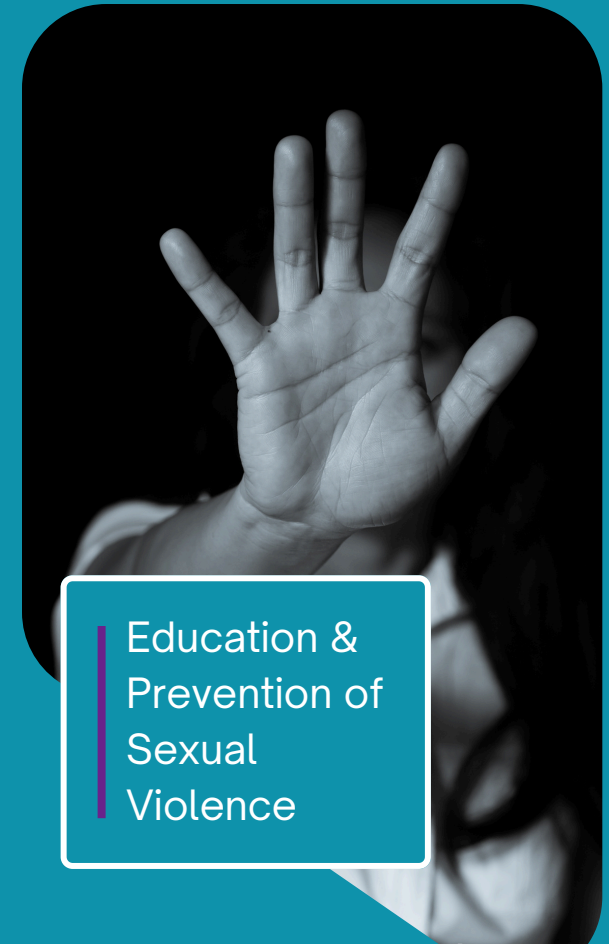


**We are Here for
you, as your
local advocacy
center.**

**We work to empower
survivors to rebuild their lives
and break the cycle of
violence to create a safer
community through outreach,
education, and awareness.**

Have questions or want to learn
more? Get in touch with us!

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Education &
Prevention of
Sexual
Violence

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Prevention

Understanding sexual assault and sexual violence starts with community education. At Stepping Stone, we offer:

- Presentations on Sexual Assault, Healthy Relationships, and Consent
- 24-Hour Crisis Line
- Community Partnerships

An informed community is the foundation of lasting change.



Did You Know:

3 out of 5 women in the state of Indiana, which is 60% of women, experience sexual violence in their lifetime. For men, it's 25%, or one in 4 men in the state will experience sexual and/or domestic violence.

Intervention

When a crisis strikes, we are here immediately and without hesitation:

- We can provide education and support and help you understand your rights.
- 24-Hour Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing
- Immediate Needs Assessment & Safety Planning
- Support During Medical Exams
- Assistance Filing Charges & Protective Orders
- Accompaniment During Legal Proceedings
- Emotional Support & Coping Strategies
- Family & Friends Education

How You Can Help

Through volunteers, donations, mentors, and internships, the community is invited to support our work as we stand in for those in our community, creating space for them as they heal.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about how to support this vital work.

Continuum

Healing from sexual violence takes time, and no survivor should face it alone. We stand with every survivor by offering:

- Individual Counseling & Support Groups
- Case Management & Safety Planning
- Housing Resources

Survivors have rights, and our advocates are here to help them understand and exercise every one of them.

There is always a chair at this table for you.

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