

## Domestic Violence Victims Services Information

### **Family Crisis Center**

Toll Free 1-800-334-2836

Main 706-375-7630

Catoosa 706-866-1465

(serving Catoosa and Dade)

Walker 706-638-0402

(serving Walker and Chattooga)

They will provide emergency shelter and support services such as counseling and housing. They will also provide victim assistance in obtaining a Temporary Protective Order. (TPO).

A TPO is a restraining order for domestic violence victims. It is not a divorce. The order will provide for housing, temporary custody and visitation arrangements and personal property possession. In some cases, child support will be ordered but most often you must file a divorce, custody or legitimation action to receive child support.

### **Magistrate Court**

Walker - 706-638-1217

Dade- 706-657-4113

Catoosa- 706-935-3114

Chattooga- 706-857-0711

To get a warrant against someone, you can go to the magistrate judge's office. Most often you will be required to complete a warrant application. The Magistrate Judge will review the application and many times set a pre-warrant hearing for you to attend. It is not necessary to have a lawyer for this.

### **Getting a Lawyer**

Georgia Legal Services

1-800-822-5391

706-272-2310

GLS represents domestic violence victims who have an action filed against them and custody is an issue.

Private attorneys - There are many reputable attorneys in the area. When choosing an attorney, ask around for references and make appointments to have consultations with several attorneys. Pick one you can afford and that you feel comfortable with. Do not pick an attorney based solely on a telephone call and fee quote.

### **Getting a copy of the police report**

Sheriff's Departments

Walker – 706-638-1909

Dade – 706-657-4111

Catoosa – 706-935-2323

Chattooga – 706-857-3411

Most law enforcement agencies will not have an incident report ready for approximately five days. You will need to go to the department and request a copy of the report and pay a fee.

## **Preparing to leave an abuser:**

If you need to leave in a hurry have the following items with a person you trust such as a neighbor, friend or family member:

Set of clothing for everyone

Toiletries

Extra keys for home and vehicle

Camera for injuries if there are any

Diapers, formula, bottles

Important phone numbers and addresses

Note pad and pen or pencil

Medications

Flashlight

**Copies of important papers such as birth certificates, marriage license, social security cards, lease agreements/mortgages, financial papers and any other papers that may be needed to file a legal action .**

## **Other Resources:**

### **Four Points, Inc.:**

**706-638-1555**

Four Points can provide resource information for a variety of services from employment and housing to parenting classes and support groups.

### **Housing (Low Cost)**

Lafayette Housing Authority – 706-638-2733

Ringgold Housing Authority – 706-935-3028

Section 8 Housing – 1-877-846-1943, 770-836-6660

### **NA/ AA Counseling**

NA Infoline – 706-279-9974, 1-888-479-9696

Alcohol and Drug Crisis Line – 800-882-1552

### **Counseling Centers**

Freedom Counseling – 706-639-3900

First Things First – 423-267-5383

Lookout Mtn. Community Services – 706-861-3387

