

The Center for Prevention of Abuse



The Center for Prevention of Abuse provides safety and support to more than 5,000 women, men and children each year. Our services help people affected by domestic violence, sexual assault/abuse, elder abuse and the abuse of adults living with disabilities. Our prevention education staff also reaches 33,000 students in 105 schools annually educating about healthy relationships, bullying prevention, non-violent conflict resolution, social and emotional well-being and keeping their bodies safe. All of our services are confidential, and most are at no cost to those we care for.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

- Two emergency shelters, in Peoria and Pekin, giving people a safe haven from abusive situations
- Assistance with Orders of Protection in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford County courthouses
- 24/7 Crisis Hotline: 1-800-559-SAFE (7233)
- Counseling, therapy and support group available on-site
- Children's programming available on-site
- Medical advocacy available at emergency medical facilities.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

- All services are free, confidential and open to anyone in need
- Therapy available on-site and off-site
- Assistance with Orders of Protection in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford County courthouses
- Medical advocacy available at all medical facilities.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- Available to seniors ages 60 and over and

adults ages 18 to 59 who are living with a disability

- Caseworkers investigate claims of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program helps residents living in long-term care facilities.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION

- Available to children, primarily in schools, daycares and youth groups, throughout Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties
- Prevention educators teach students about building healthy relationships, body safety, bullying prevention, non-violent conflict resolution and other ways to prevent abuse.

OTHER SERVICES

- *Next Step Transitional Housing*: Long-term housing for women and their children who are fleeing abusive relationships. Residents may stay up to two years while receiving case management and therapy.
- *Family Violence Intervention Program*: A 26-week educational group for men and women who are court-ordered to attend or voluntarily seek services. The curriculum focuses on building positive and respectful relationships that are violence-free.

SIGNATURE EVENT

The 29th Annual Duck Race benefiting The Center for Prevention of Abuse takes place August 26, 2017 at Eastside Centre in East Peoria. Watch 25,000 little yellow rubber ducks race down a giant slip-n-slide, with the first ducks to cross the finish line winning their owners a prize. The race begins at 2pm, with family fun beginning at noon.

Duck race entries go on sale in June with sales locations throughout Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Fulton, Marshall and Stark counties through the day of the race. Ducks can also be purchased through our website, DuckRacePeoria.com. To learn more about Duck Race sponsorships, contact Celsy Martindale at cmartindale@centerforpreventionofabuse.org.

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Mission

To build a safe, peaceful community by helping all people— women, men and children —to live free from violence and abuse.

How to Help

Monetary donations can be processed online through our website, over the phone at (309) 691-0551 or mailed to the address above. For more information, contact Carol Merna at cmerna@centerforpreventionofabuse.org.

Anyone interested in volunteering at The Center can contact Jamie Dowell at (309) 691-0551 or jdowell@centerforpreventionofabuse.org.

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