

AREA RESOURCE GUIDE

(Services listed are provided free of charge, or have income-based scheduling)

Homicide Support/ Advocacy

Compassionate Families
354-0007, 721-3326
Life Is Valuable
908-0989
Parents of Murdered Children
262-0866, 713-9683
Victim Services Center
630-6300
Jax. Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate
630-1764

Abuse (Domestic)

24 Hour Hotline
1-800-500-1119
Hubbard House Emergency
Shelter & Counselling
354-3114
Quigley House (Clay County)
1-800-339-5017

Compensation (victim)

Victim Services
630-6300
MADD Victim Services
388-0664

Consumer Fraud

State Attorney's Office
630-4994

City of Jacksonville

Consumer Affairs Division
630-3467

Detoxification

Gateway Community Services
387-4661

Family

Family Nurturing Center of Florida
389-4244

Guardian Ad Litem Program

220 East Bay Street, 6th Floor
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
(904) 630-1200

Legal Assistance

Legal Aid
356-8371
Three Rivers Legal Services
126 W. Adams St., 7th floor
Jacksonville, FL 32204
904/394-7450

Mental Health Center of Jacksonville

333 West 20th Street
Jacksonville, FL 32254
(904) 695-9145

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

(MADD)
388-2455

Rape

Sexual Assault
Response Center
244-RAPE (244-7273)
Office: 244-4600

RAPE Recovery Team

722-3000

State Attorney's Office

630-2400

Trauma Counseling

Women's Center of Jacksonville
722-3000
City Victim Services
630-6300

Youth Crisis

Youth Crisis Center – The Safe Place
3015 Parental Home Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
904- 725-6662

Budget...

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Prevention efforts focus on children and families before horrible things happen. Prevention programs emphasize helping families in order to prevent a child being hurt by abuse or neglect. Neglect is the most common form of child abuse and the most difficult to catch and prosecute. Neglect often starts in families that are isolated and/or living in disruptive situations – poverty, divorce, unemployment, health issues, moving, loss of extended family support, and many more issues.

People become parents with no training; parenting is a learned skill. Some people only know what they learned from their parents. Sometimes they learn good skills and sometimes they learn very unhealthy ways to parent. Poor parenting gets passed

from one generation to the next if something does not change. A healthy change could be a parenting class that helps a parent of a young child learn skills that lead to a healthy family.

Parenting is hard work for both Mom and Dad. If there is only one parent, the job is more than doubly hard. Paying attention to a child's developmental needs is so important, but putting food on the table requires a lot of energy when there is only one adult in the household. Prevention programs need resources to help these single-parent families.

There are solutions to prevent child abuse; many solutions need funding to make them possible. Some of the solutions just require one family reaching out to another family. The Florida

Department of Children and Families has a program called the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida and Prevent Child Abuse Florida. They sponsor a website and a parent help line with a toll-free number – 1-800-FLA-LOVE.

There is also the Healthy Families Florida program that

coordinates with Florida Healthy Start Initiative, Head Start, and Florida First Start.

It is not enough to sit back and rely on the state to be the only one interested in prevention. It takes all of us to pay attention and to stand up for the most vulnerable in society.

Here is a spot for you



To place your ad in the *Victims' Advocate*
Call **783-6312**

Family Support Services of North Florida NEEDS YOUR HELP to locate these children



Tashina Brissett
Missing 132 Days



Aja Fooks
Missing 10 Days



Sebra Lovings
Missing 12 Days



Iesha Williams
Missing 14 Days



Katrina Ford
Missing 62 Days



Kayla Stanford
Missing 29 Days



Kassidy Jones
Missing 10 Days



Anthony Coleman
Missing 381 Days



Aisha Brown
Missing 5 Days



Jessica White
Missing 82 Days



Kayla Williams
Missing 37 Days



Marcell Holmes
Missing 31 Days

Have You Seen Them?
If so, please call **(904) 421-5813**