

AVAILABLE SERVICES

DIRECT

- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment
- Counseling Support Group
- Criminal Justice Advocacy/court accompaniment
- Crisis intervention
- Emergency Shelter referrals
- Emotional Support
- Hospital/clinic/ medical accompaniment
- Limited Transportation
- Personal Advocacy
- Referral to licensed therapist

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT SUPPORT GROUP

Youth ages 6-18

SAFE ONLINE SPACE (SOS) FOR HEALING CONVERSATIONS

An **anonymous** and **secure** online chat for survivors of sexual violence to connect.

RESTORE SUPPORT GROUP



Renewing Each Survivor Through Options Respect and Empowerment

Adult ages 19+, Group settings are for female and male victims of sexual assault.

The staff provides guidance and support to victims as they work towards healing. The sessions are culturally specific and creatively blended with facilitation from the participants.

24-HOUR HELPLINE

833-279-LOVE (5683) or 662-332-LOVE (5683)

All services and support groups are provided **FREE** of CHARGE.

About us

Our House, Inc., New Birth to Violence Free Living is a non-profit culturally specific victim services-based organization, serving 9 rural communities: Bolivar, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington and Montgomery in the Mississippi Delta.

VISION

A World Free of Interpersonal Violence.

MISSION

To lead, empower and inspire change by eliminating domestic violence and sexual violence through intervention, prevention, prosecution, victim protection and sustainable restoration in rural communities; and, to enhance the lives of survivors of interpersonal violence by providing services that meet the psychological, spiritual and cultural needs of those we serve.

Our House prohibits discrimination based on actual or perceived race, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin with respect to providing educational activities, intervention services or employment. If you have complaints alleging discrimination, contact the Executive Director at 662-334-6873

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CULTURALLY SPECIFIC *Sexual Assault Program*

Supporting African American/Black Survivors



This program promotes healing and provides increased direct support, intervention and related services to victims/survivors of sexual violence, in a culturally appropriate manner.

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AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK SEXUAL ASSAULT STATISTICS



- For every African American/Black woman that reports her rape, at least 15 African American/Black women do not report theirs. *
- Approximately 40% of Black women report coercive contact of sexual nature by age 18. *
- The National Violence Against Women Survey found that 18.8% of African American women reported rape in their lifetime.

*Source: <https://endsexualviolencect.org/resources/get-the-facts/woc-stats/>



WE BELIEVE YOU!

- *I'm sorry this happened*
- *It is not your fault*
- *You didn't do anything to deserve this*
- *It takes a lot of courage to talk about this*
- *You are not "weak minded"*

WE SUPPORT YOUR DECISION!

TYPES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Sexual Assault refers to sexual contact or behavior that occurs without explicit consent of the victim.

Sexual Assault of Men and Boys: Men and boys who have been sexually assaulted may face feel additional challenges because of social attitudes and stereotypes about men and masculinity.

Child Sexual Abuse is a form of child abuse that includes sexual activity with a minor. A child under the age of 16 cannot consent to any form of sexual activity, period.

Intimate Partner Sexual Violence is sexual assault committed by a person in an intimate relationship with the victim.

Incest: refers to sexual contact between family members.

Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault occurs when alcohol or drugs are used to compromise an individual's ability to consent to sexual activity.

Source: <https://www.rainn.org/articles/sexual-assault>

FACTS ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- **Sexual violence** doesn't discriminate, anyone can be a victim: female/males of any age, race, position, religion, occupation, education, or physical make-up.
- **Many times**, the sexual violence is committed by someone the victim knows; relative, friend, neighbor, associate, etc.
- **Sexual violence** can happen anywhere.
- **Sexual violence** impacts not only the victim's self-worth, but also her/his sense of safety and control over life.
- **Anyone** can commit a sexual assault regardless of race, color, rich or poor.

If you have been sexually assaulted...

Find a safe place.

Contact a trusted friend or relative.

Call our helpline...

*we can support you through
immediate medical care or crisis intervention.*

LOCAL RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS

Our House, Inc. Helpline	(833) 279-5683
Life Help Crisis Hotline	(866) 453-6216
North MS Rural Legal Services	(855) 216-8731