



PCPADV NEWS

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Pike County Partnership Against Domestic Violence
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FOOD DRIVE

Non-Perishable & Canned

Hosted by the Partnership

March 30th & 31st

10 am-4 pm

Drop off center:
Pike County Sheriff's
Department

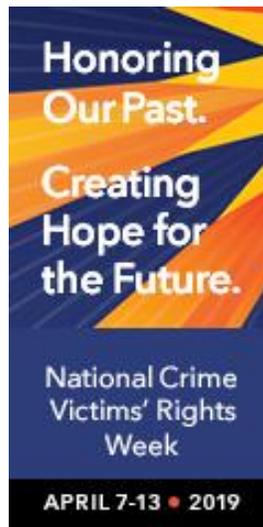


Examples: water, juice, noodles, fruit snacks, pop-tarts, cereals, granola bars, jello, sugar, flour, boxed snack goods, formula, etc.

For every item donated, you will be given a chance to win a raffle item!

All donations go directly to families in the domestic violence shelter.

FOR SURVIVORS, REPORTING VICTIMIZATION IS A COMPLEX DECISION:



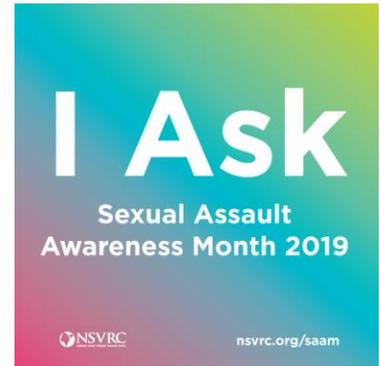
Survivors face many barriers, resulting from both internal and external factors, when deciding whether to report their victimization. The National Crime Victimization Survey administered by the Bureau of Justice Statistics found that in 2017, only 45 percent of violent victimizations were reported to law enforcement. To understand this statistic, the context around barriers to reporting should be explored. Some victims may not know the benefits of reporting a crime. They may think that their story feels insignificant, or they may wish to forget the incident and focus on recovery. Every victimization is significant, as it impacts the survivor and the larger community. Reporting to law enforcement enables a survivor to apply for crime victim compensation, which is financial assistance that covers some expenses incurred after victimization. Survivors may also report a crime to open the possibility of achieving justice from their offenders, which can be a meaningful part of recovery. However, the decision to report is not always easy to make. For some victims, the consequences of reporting may outweigh the benefits. They may be afraid that their offender will retaliate and commit another, more severe crime. In other cases, victims may be reliant on their offenders for financial support, caretaking, or other resources. Some victims may not have the necessary additional support if their offenders are jailed or if protection orders are issued. To protect their own safety and wellbeing, these victims may choose not to report their victimizations. If you or someone you know has been

the victim of a crime, the Pike County Partnership Against Domestic Violence is here to connect you with resources. (2019 NCVRW Resource Guide)

“You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. – ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (1884 – 1962)”

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

This year's campaign focuses on the power of asking for consent — whether it be asking to hold someone's hand or how often they'd like to text. Conversations about consent help you feel more confident about what you're doing, and your partner will feel more comfortable getting close to you. Sexual assault is a serious and widespread problem. Nearly one in five women in the US have experienced rape or attempted rape at some time in their lives, and one in 67 American men have experienced rape or attempted rape (NSVRC, 2019). When we talk about prevention, we mean stopping sexual violence before it even has a chance to happen. This means changing the social norms that allow it to exist in the first place, from individual attitudes, values, and behaviors to laws, institutions, and widespread social norms. Prevention is everyone's responsibility: All of us can create and promote safe environments. We can intervene to stop concerning behavior; promote and model healthy attitudes and relationships; and believe survivors and assist them in finding resources. Sexual assault, harassment, and abuse are preventable, get involved and be Consent focused!



UPCOMING EVENTS: Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019, Wear Teal Day, the color of sexual assault awareness and prevention, on the SAAM Day of Action!

April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month! Wednesday, April 10, 2019 is Wear Blue day, a statewide awareness campaign to show support for preventing child abuse and neglect!

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