



Press Kit

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Mission Statement: Interact is a private, nonprofit United Way agency that provides safety, support, and awareness to victims and survivors of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault.

Program Offerings: Interact provides two 24-hour crisis lines, group and individual counseling, specialized children's counseling, case management, court and hospital advocacy, professional training, and a full curriculum of violence prevention in the Wake County schools. Interact also operates Wake County's confidential residential program for women and children fleeing domestic violence.

All of Interact's services are free and confidential.

Client Contact Information: 24-hour Domestic Violence Crisis Line: (919) 828-7740,
24-hour Rape/Sexual Assault Crisis Line: (919) 828-3005

Main Office: 612 Wade Avenue, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina

Organization and History: Interact serves over 31,000 people each year, including over 6,400 direct victims of crime and their families, 17,000 participants in training and awareness events, about 6,000 elementary/middle school/high school students, and over 80 media requests.

Interact is organized into three primary service areas: Direct Services, Residential Shelter, and Community Relations. The work of Interact is made possible through the dedication of more than 150 volunteers and over 40 staff people.

Formed in 1984, the agency was created by the merger of three organizations dedicated to victims of domestic violence, victims of rape, and to the prevention of child abuse. As a consolidated agency, Interact is able to reach more people, at less expense to the community. The agency is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is funded by the generous support of the Triangle United Way, businesses, foundations, civic and faith communities, dedicated individuals and local, state and national grants.



Resources Available to Media:

Spokespeople: Including comments on current events; the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault on the community, businesses, crime victims, children and special populations; current legislation; myths and stereotypes; safety tips; patterns of behavior; community responses; available resources; related topics such as stalking, protective orders, long-term behavioral effects; and a general awareness of trends, statistics and profiles.

Materials: Fact sheets, brochures, academic analyses and studies, videos, books, and documentaries.

Professional Training: Including appropriate community responses; ethical dilemmas facing media; simple steps to avoid re-victimization in media coverage, greater understanding of the dynamics of power and control, the cycle of violence, and populations effected by violence.

Other resources are available upon request. Feel free to contact us regarding your needs.