

Responding to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The programs designed to respond to issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and child sexual abuse in Cecil County are The Bridge (Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center) and the Child Advocacy Center. Each remains open and operational, although those in need of services must schedule an appointment in advance in order to enter the buildings. The 24 hour hotline number for The Bridge is 410-996-0333 and many of our services can be provided via telephone to include safety planning, information about legal services, crisis intervention and referrals to other resources. To report child abuse, please call the Department of Social Services at 410-996-0100 and press option 3.

During this time of pandemic we recognize that many may not have free and safe access to use their phones. The Bridge does not currently have the capabilities to offer online or texting options for the hotline. If you need to talk to someone about domestic violence, sexual assault/abuse or human trafficking and it is only safe to do so through chat or text, here are some resources:

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Log onto: thehotline.org or

Text LOVEIS to 22522

Rape Abuse Incest National Network (RAINN)

Log onto: www.rainn.org for live chat

The National Human Trafficking Hotline

Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)