

Community Education

Professional staff and volunteers have extensive experience in providing preventive education to schools and community groups. In-service training for professionals is provided by senior staff. VIBS offers programs on these and related topics:

- date rape/dating violence
- sexual assault/domestic violence/ incest
- sexual harassment
- the effects of domestic violence on children
- elder abuse
- the interrelationship of domestic violence and substance abuse

Volunteer Programs

Volunteers play a vital role in the work of VIBS. There are many volunteer opportunities with training to fit the jobs. Volunteers serve as Emergency Room Companions, in the speakers bureau, in the office, in child care, and at special events. Call the office or visit our website for more information.

VIBS is a private, non-profit organization serving residents of Suffolk County. Support for our program comes from a combination of government and private sources. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Are Crimes.



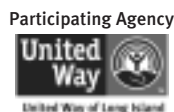
VICTIMS INFORMATION BUREAU OF SUFFOLK

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Services for Survivors of:

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault



VIBS Programs and Services

Established in 1976, Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk has pioneered services and innovative programs for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our mission is to assist survivors, to prevent these crimes through education and services, and to raise community awareness of the need for justice and compassion for victims.

VIBS works toward creating communities of safe and loving homes; healthy and abuse-free relationships; and a social climate that discourages abuse and restores dignity to survivors.

The agency is committed to assisting the diverse population of Suffolk County. Free and confidential counseling and advocacy are available in English and Spanish. The hotline is equipped with TDD to serve the deaf community, and ASL interpreters are available. The office is wheelchair accessible; please call first for accessing the elevator.

24 Hour Hotline
VIBS
631.360.3606

Counseling

VIBS' staff of master's level counselors and licensed social workers are experts in the field of domestic and sexual violence.

VIBS offers:

- Immediate crisis appointments
- Group or individual counseling for adults
- Group or individual counseling for teens
- Individual or group counseling for children who have witnessed domestic violence or who have been sexually assaulted

Advocacy

VIBS' advocates are experts in legal options and procedures in cases of domestic violence and sexual assault. Advocates can provide:

- Court accompaniment
- Information on victims' rights
- Assistance with police, District Attorney's office, and other criminal justice agencies
- Crime Victims Board (CVB) compensation claims assistance

Hotline

Specially trained hotline counselors provide crisis intervention, information and referrals.

24 hours/7 days a week
(631) 360-3606

Elder Abuse

VIBS' Elder Abuse program provides counseling, home visits and case management to elderly people who are victims of emotional, physical, financial or sexual abuse.



"Once I started talking about it, I found I wasn't alone."



"I always thought it was my fault — I now know that it was not."

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program

SANEs are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide medical exams for rape and sexual assault survivors. Their training includes work with survivors with special needs, including children. These nurses conduct the exam in a compassionate manner in a warm and comfortable environment. To arrange for a SANE exam, go to Good Samaritan Hospital, Mather Hospital, Peconic Bay Medical Center, or call the police.

The Emergency Room Companions (ERC)

Trained and certified volunteer counselors are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help any victim of domestic violence or sexual assault who uses the hospital after an assault. ERCs provide emotional support, information and referrals.

H.A.L.T.

Help Abusers Learn Together is a highly structured program designed to stop abusive behavior. Participants are either mandated by court or join the group voluntarily. This program operates on a sliding scale fee system.