

ON SITE PARTNERS:

- Amigos for Kids
- Bridging Family and Communities
- Church World Service
- Clerk of Court
- CASA
- Connect Families
- Dade Resource Center
- Entre Nosotras
- Family Court Self-Help Program
- Family Counseling, Journey Institute
- Florida Immigrant Advocacy (FIAC)
- HAND
- Helen B. Bentley Family Health
- Ideal Medical
- Kristi House
- Legal Aid Society
- The Lodge-victim Response, Inc.
- MLM International Foundation
- Master Sang
- Miami-Dade Police Department
- MDC/Department Human Services
- South Florida Workforce
- State Attorney's Office
- Survivor's Pathway
- Trauma Resolution Center
- University of Miami, Campos Project
- University of Miami, Dunspaugh-Dalton Community and Educational Wellness Research Center
- University of Miami, Mailman Center for Child Development, HEROES
- University of Miami, El Centro
- Vida Legal Assistance
- Wingspan Seminars, L.L.C.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH:

Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center
175 NW 1st Avenue, Mezzanine Floor...305-349-5677
Hialeah District Court
11 East 11th Street, Room 105.....305-520-4031
North Dade Justice Center
15555 Biscayne Blvd.....305-354-8728
South Dade Government Center
10710 SW 211th Street, Room 1100..... 305-252-5807

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(CVAC)



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Our Mission Statement:

The Coordinated Victims Assistance Center provides a long-term positive impact on our community through compassionate, comprehensive, coordinated services in a one-stop service center. CVAC promotes justice and provides support to people whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence and sexual abuse.

What is CVAC?

The Coordinated Victims Assistance Center in Miami, Florida, is a walk-in center for all domestic violence and sexual abuse victims and their children. In order to make it easier for you to get the help that you need, many agencies are collocated in the Center.

When you visit the Center, you can expect a safe and caring environment with one-on-one free services and support. On your first visit to the Center, you will meet with a screener who will help you identify what services you need. The screener will then refer you to the appropriate on site partner agencies and to other services and resources available at the Center.

The Center is located in a building with security to ensure your safety. You should check in with the security guard located in the entrance of the building. You will then be asked to go through a metal detector before entering the Center.

EVERYONE has the right to live in a home where they can feel safe. You are not alone. The Coordinated Victims Assistance Center is here to help you.

Services Available at the Coordinated Victim Assistance Center

Community Referrals and Advocacy
Completion of Family Court Self Help Package
Court Accompanying
Court Orientation Workshops
Crisis Counseling
Direct Relief Funding
Distribution of Dial-A-Life Phones
Domestic Violence Legal Representation
Employment Skills & Interview Skills Training
Empowerment Educational Support Groups
Filing Criminal Cases
Financial Literacy/Credit Counseling Workshops
Immigration Legal Services
Individual/Group Counseling for Domestic Violence or Sexual Abuse Children and Adults
Information about Legal Programs and Procedures
Injunction Assistance Services
Injunction Picture Taking
Office of the Attorney General
Victim Compensation Claims
Parenting Educational Groups
Public Benefit Assistance
Relocation Assistance Program
Self-Sufficiency Financial Literacy Workshops
Spiritual Counseling
Transportation Assistance
Victim Address Confidentiality
Stress Relief Resiliency Groups
Yoga/Breath Work/Meditation

Staying Safe

If you are being abused, the following steps may help you stay safe:

- Call 911 if you are in danger of have been hurt by your partner
- Teach your child to use the telephone to call the police and go to a safe place during a violence incident,
- Identify a safe place to go in case of an emergency, such as your local police stations.
- Lock all windows and doors at night and when you leave your home.
- Inform your children's school/daycare about who has permission to pick them up.
- Request to have your telephone changed to an unlisted number.
- Keep your home address confidential and, if possible, do not tell the abuser where you live
- Avoid going out alone.
- Change your route to and from work often.
- If possible, have someone screen your calls at work, request that your office telephone number and email address be changed, and vary your schedule.

Gather Important Documents:

- Passport/Green Card/Work Permit
- Social Security Card/Birth Certificate
- Bank account information/House Deed/Lease
- Protective Order
- Custody/Visitation Orders
- Marriage License
- Children's Immunization/School records
- Address Book and Calling Card

Pack a bag with money, extra keys, clothes, medicine, and important documents – leave it in a safe place or with someone you trust.