



# AVANZAR

SAFETY, JUSTICE, EMPOWERMENT

Since 1975, **AVANZAR** (formerly *The Women's Center*) has been fulfilling our mission of...

**Empowering individuals and families by working to secure their physical safety, emotional well-being, individual freedom, and economic equality.**

Following a vision to strive to be the premier social justice agency focused on equitable inclusiveness, we advance this work through our services and programs:

- Dismantling Racism
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking
- Displaced Homemaker Services
- Fatherhood Services
- Early Childhood Education

24-hour crisis hotline: 800-286-4184 or 609-646-6767

Text Line: 609-569-5437

**AVANZAR** is committed to providing equitable and inclusive treatment to our diverse community with a fully integrated and educated staff.

Diversity is our strength and we celebrate it by helping individuals of all ages, races, nationalities, religions, physical abilities, sexual orientations and gender identities.

We pledge ourselves to creating and maintaining an environment that respects multiple traditions, heritages, and experiences.

Our goal is to eliminate discrimination by becoming change agents in the workplace and the community.

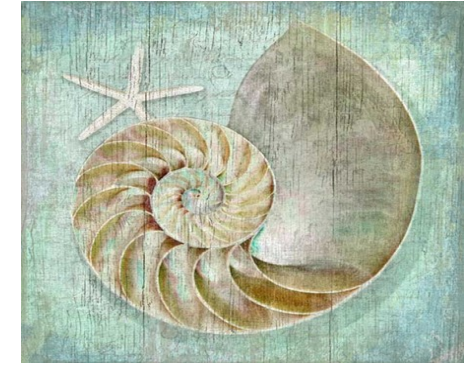
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## ATLANTIC COUNTY FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER PROGRAM



**YOU ARE THE SURVIVOR**  
SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME AND  
IS NOT YOUR FAULT

No one should have to face the trauma of sexual assault alone. You deserve support during this difficult time and we will do our best to provide that for you.

### WHO WE ARE

A service of **AVANZAR's** Sexual Assault Program, we are the Forensic Nurse Examiner Program (FNE), a team of registered nurses certified to provide state-of-the-art support to sexual assault survivors while improving the quality of evidence and information collected for use in prosecuting sexual offenders.

**WE WILL TREAT YOU  
SENSITIVELY AND WITH DIGNITY**

# SPECIAL CARE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

## IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

With your consent, upon your arrival we will conduct a forensic medical exam (FME) and give you information about various concerns that many survivors have following a sexual assault, including HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, referrals for follow-up treatment and resources for counseling and support services.

## THE EXAM

The Forensic Medical Exam (FME) will include identification and documentation of physical injuries as well collection of specimens using a sexual assault forensic evidence kit (SAFE).

Results from the kit are only used in cases that are prosecuted. Even if you are unsure about prosecuting the offender, a SAFE kit is highly recommended.

## PREGNANCY AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

We will offer you medication designed to prevent a pregnancy that may occur as a result of the sexual assault. We will also offer you medication designed to prevent common sexually transmitted diseases.

## FOLLOW-UP EXAMINATIONS

We recommend follow-up gynecological examinations and certain tests following your initial visit. Contact your private healthcare provider to schedule an appointment or:

**Atlantic County Public Health Clinic**  
210 Shore Road  
Northfield, NJ 08225  
609 645-5933

## FOLLOW-UP TESTS

- 2-3 weeks from initial visit for: pregnancy, chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomoniasis (PAP)
- 6 weeks from initial visit for syphilis
- 6 weeks, 3 months, and 6 months from initial visit for HIV

For free and confidential HIV testing locations throughout Atlantic County, call: 609-645-5933



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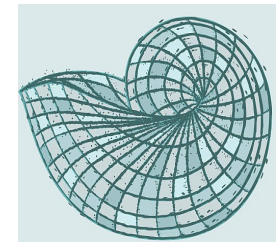
## COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Because sexual assault is a crime of violence, any combination of emotions such as shock, anger, shame, guilt, and fear are normal.

**AVANZAR** provides individual and group counseling for sexual assault survivors and their families.

For an appointment, to report a sexual assault, or for support at any time, call **AVANZAR's 24-hour crisis hotline at 800-286-4184 or 609-646-6767**  
Text Line: 609-569-5437

**ALL SERVICES ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**



For more information about the Forensic Nurse Examiner Program, please contact us at 609-601-9925 ext. 1037

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- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 24-HOUR Crisis Hotline: 1 (800) 286-4184 or 609-646-6767 Text: (609) 569-437
- PALS – Peace a Learned Solution: 609-601-9925 ext. 1012
- Fatherhood Services: 609-601-9925 ext. 1018
- Displaced Homemaker Program and Self Sufficiency Services : 609-601-9925 ext. 1014
- Human Trafficking (Statewide Human Trafficking Services) 24-HOUR Crisis Hotline: 1 (800) 286-4184 or 609-646-6767 Text: (609) 569-437
- Volunteer Program: 609-601-9925 ext. 1025
- Community Education: 609-601-9925 ext. 1016
- Statewide Social Service Information: Dial: 211; or visit <http://www.nj211.org>

## STATE RESOURCES

### New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Phone: 609-631-4450

Email: [info@njcasa.org](mailto:info@njcasa.org)

Crossroads Corporate Center  
3150 Brunswick Pike, Suite 300  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-2420

### New Jersey Coalition for Ending Domestic Violence

Phone: 609-584-8107

1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road, Trenton, NJ 08690

### New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking

784 Morris Turnpike, Suite 111  
Short Hills NJ 07078  
(201)903-2111

### New Jersey Statewide Domestic Violence 24 Hour Hotline

Hotline 800-572-SAFE (7233)

### New Jersey Statewide Sexual Assault Hotline

1-800-601-7200

Statewide Social Service Information

Dial: 211