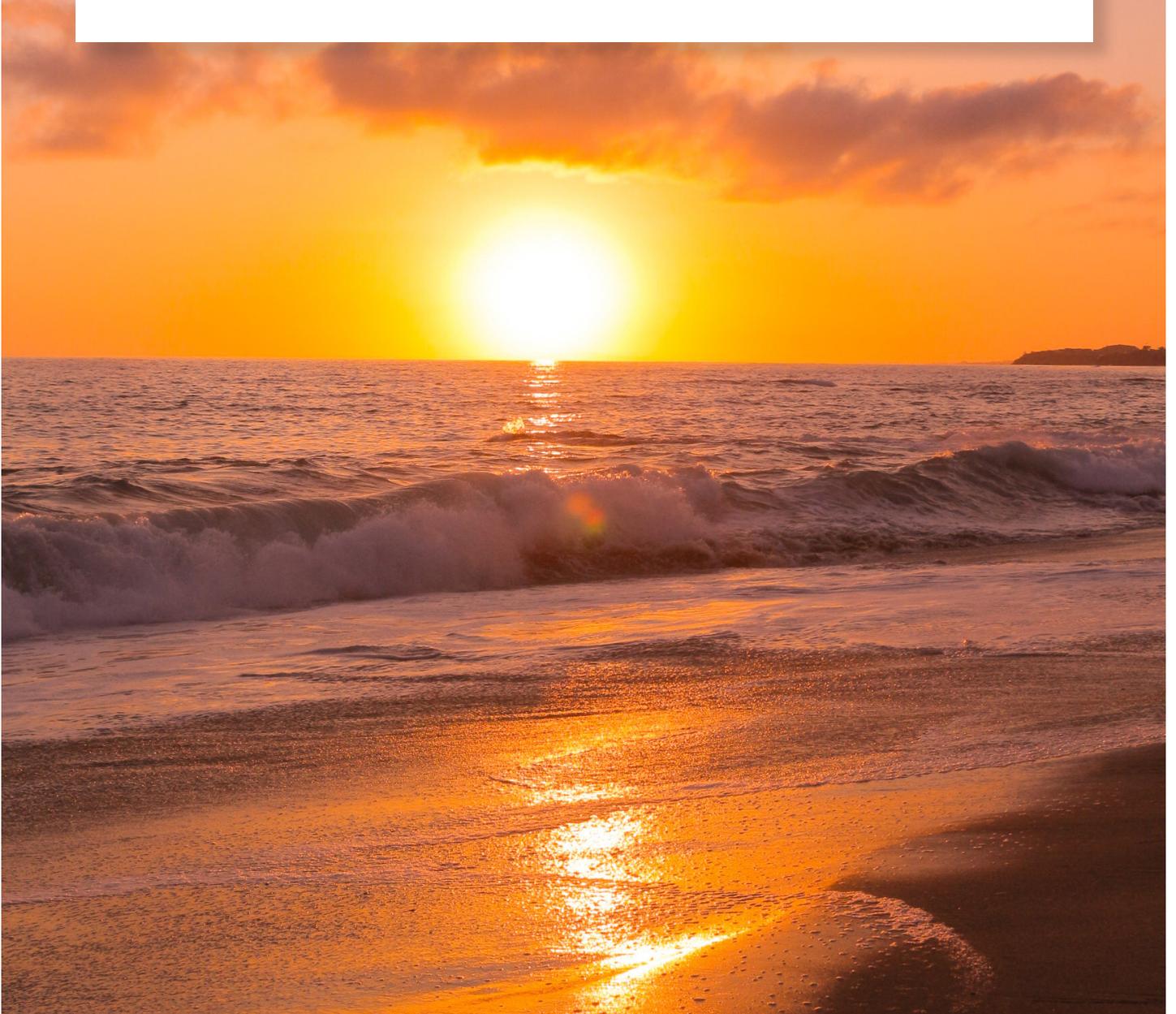


TURNING THE TIDE

SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



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Violence and abuse come in many forms – from community youth and gun violence to intimate partner violence (IPV), child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse and mass violence.

Did you Know?

- South Carolina has one of the highest homicide rates in the U.S.
- Violence is one of the leading causes of death for children, teens and young adults in the U.S.
- Community gun violence is the leading cause of death for Black male youth and young adults in the U.S.
- 1 in 4 women will experience sexual violence and/or intimate partner violence during her lifetime.
- 1 in 7 men will experience intimate partner violence during his lifetime.
- 1 in 4 children have experienced abuse or neglect at some point in their lives, and 1 in 7 children have experienced abuse in the past year.
- Approximately 1 in 10 Americans 60 years and over have experienced some form of elder abuse.
- Violence increases the risk of disability, mental health problems, substance abuse, chronic pain, experiencing further violence, poor outcomes in school and work, as well as poverty.

No one should have to experience violence, abuse or neglect. MUSC wants you to know that we care about your health and safety and encourage you to talk with your health care providers if you are experiencing violence or abuse. People have a variety of needs after experiencing violence to address **physical injury, emotional trauma, family support and counseling, legal and financial support, safety planning, transitioning back to work or school, and obtaining basic needs like food and housing**. There are many services at MUSC and in the community to help you, your children and your family.

Response to Trauma & Loss

A traumatic event is a threatening, frightening, dangerous and/or violent event that can cause physical and/or emotional harm. These can include serious injuries, illnesses, psychological abuse, witnessing or experiencing violence, or having the sudden loss of a loved one or friend. It is normal to experience new feelings and changes after trauma. Sometimes these are positive like stronger relationships and support, appreciation for life, newfound purpose, and personal growth, while others can be distressing including anxiety, depression, difficulty sleeping, fear of people and places, flashbacks, trouble concentrating, and disrupted relationships.

These distressing feelings and experiences can sometimes improve after a few weeks, but if they persist over a month or are severely impacting your mental health, you or your loved one may benefit from emotional support and counseling by a trained professional.

Some responses to grief (loss of a loved one) include:

- Sadness and loneliness
- Resentment and anger
- Fear and anxiety.

Over time these may resolve or fluctuate, or people may find themselves accepting the loss of a loved one. They may also feel connected to the loved one even though they are not here, find comfort in the positive memories, and feel like they are healing. There is not a “normal” path or time period for this process. Sometimes people experience longer grief or complicated grief, especially after losing a loved one to violence.

Signs of complicated grief can include:

- Trouble accepting the death
- Inability trusting others
- Numbness and detachment
- Increased agitation, bitterness or anger
- Feeling like life is empty or meaningless
- Believing the future is hopeless

While some of these thoughts are normal after experiencing the loss of a loved one, if they are severely impacting your health and mental health, or persisting after a year, counseling services may be helpful.

Victim Rights and Services in South Carolina

SC Crime Victims' Constitutional Rights (Article I, Section 24)

To preserve and protect victims' rights to justice and due process regardless of race, sex, age, religion or economic status, victims of crime have the right to:

- Be free from intimidation or harm throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process
- Be informed of victims' rights
- Be reasonably informed of criminal proceedings
- Be informed if the accused is arrested, released or escapes
- Confer with the prosecution before the case is heard in court
- Be present at criminal proceedings where the accused has the right to be present
- Be heard at proceedings affecting bond, bail, release, pleas, or sentencing
- Have reasonable access to documents relating to the crime before trial
- Receive restitution from the adult or juvenile offenders
- A reasonable, prompt and final conclusion of the case

Eligibility for Crime Victim Compensation

South Carolina has a Crime Victim Compensation Fund to help citizens with costs related to injuries received as a result of a crime. Advocates here at MUSC can help individuals complete the application. The eligibility requirements to receive services from the Department of Crime Victims Compensation (DCVC) are:

- The crime must occur in South Carolina.
- The victim must sustain a direct injury (physical or psychological).
- DCVC must consider contributory or illegal behavior when making eligibility determinations.
- The victim/claimant must cooperate with DCVC and law enforcement.
- The crime must be reported within 48 hours (may be waived for good cause).
- The claim must be filed within 180 days (may be waived for good cause).

Additional resources from the SC Office of the Attorney General:

Victim Rights | <https://www.scag.gov/crime-victim-services/victims-rights/>

Victim of Crime Compensation | <https://www.scag.gov/inside-the-office/crime-victim-services-division/crime-victim-compensation/>

Crime Victim Ombudsman | <https://www.scag.gov/inside-the-office/crime-victim-services-division/crime-victim-ombudsman/>

MUSC and Community-based Services & Resources

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), Domestic Violence (DV), and Sexual Assault

■ MUSC Advocacy Program (MAP)

843-792-2300 (*Ask for MAP Social Worker*)

<https://muschealth.org/medical-services/emergency/trauma/advocacy-program>

MAP is a 24/7 social work response program for IPV, vulnerable adult abuse, child abuse and sexual assault.

■ MUSC Sexual Assault Forensic Services

843-792-3391 | <https://muschealth.org/medical-services/sexual-assault/emergency-services>

Sexual assault forensic nurses are available at MUSC to provide support, exams, legal advocacy and care after sexual assault.

■ My Sister's House

800-273-4673 | <https://www.mysistershouse.org/>

24/7 services to women, men and children experiencing IPV in the Tri-county, including emergency housing, counseling, legal advocacy, transitional services and support groups.

■ Liza's Lifeline

843-991-9085 | <https://lizaslifelinesc.org/>

Provides money to help domestic violence victims and their families, provides temporary shelter for pets, provides educational programs about DV.

■ Origin SC

843-628-3000 | <https://originsc.org/>

Financial and housing stability services, counseling services for victims and perpetrators of IPV. educational programs about DV.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services

■ MUSC Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs (CDAP)

843-792-5200 | <https://muschealth.org/medical-services/psychiatry/cdap/services>

Provides outpatient and inpatient therapy and medication management services for treatment of alcohol and/or drug addictions.

■ Charleston Center

Emergency Line: 843-722-0100, Main Line: 843-958-3300 | <https://cc.charlestoncounty.org/>

Provides therapy and medication management services for treatment of alcohol and/or drug addictions. assault.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (continued)

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous**

843-554-2998 | National: <https://www.aa.org/> Tri-County: <https://tcio.org/>

Supports recovery from alcohol abuse and dependence. Individual sponsors are available to support individuals. Multiple groups meet throughout the area. Services are free and donation based.

■ **Al-Anon**

888-425-2666 | <https://al-anon.org/>

Provides free (donations accepted) support groups for family members or loved ones who are concerned about alcohol abuse.

Mental Health Services

■ **National Crime Victims Research & Treatment Center**

843-792-8209 | <https://muschealth.org/medical-services/psychiatry/ncvc>

Provides trauma-focused treatment for child and adult victims of crime and other traumatic events.

■ **Trauma Resilience & Recover Program**

843-792-0979 | <https://www.trrphealth.org/>

Provides support, screening and counseling to survivors of traumatic injuries for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

■ **SC Safe Seniors**

843-284-6628 | elderabusehelp@musc.edu

Offers mental health support to older adult victims of abuse, mistreatment, and other traumatic events.

■ **SC Department of Mental Health**

Charleston: 843-852-4100 | Dorchester: 843-873-5063 | Berkeley: 843-761-8282
<https://scdmh.net/contact/dmh-facility-locator/>

Provides mental health services for children, families, and adults. Offers same-day walk-in services as well as long-term counseling for a variety of mental illnesses. See website for facilities and contact information across SC.

■ **SC Department of Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team**

843-364-2274 | <https://scdmh.net/dmh-components/community-mental-health-services/programs/mobile-crisis/>

The 24/7 mobile crisis unit provides psychiatric assessment and support within 60 minutes anywhere in SC.

■ **SCDMH Tri-County Crisis Stabilization Center**

843-414-2350 | <https://www.charlestdorchestertermhc.org/services/tri-county-crisis-stabilization-center/>

Voluntary 10-bed adult crisis unit serving the tri-county. Urgent treatment option for those with psychiatric symptoms that may require medication adjustments and/or counseling support.

■ **National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**

988 | <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

24/7 free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources.

Mentoring and Support Services for Youth

■ My Community's Keeper Mentor Group

<https://www.mycommunityskepermentorgroup.com/>

Mentorship, life skills and community outreach for youth in Charleston and North Charleston.

■ Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry

<https://www.bbbslowcountry.org/>

Mentorship program for youth in the Charleston and North Charleston areas.

■ Be A Mentor

800-793-1185 | <https://www.beamentornow.org/>

Mentorship services for youth in the Charleston and North Charleston areas.

■ Carolina Youth Development Center (CYDC)

843-266-5200 | <https://cydc.org/>

Child and family services for at-risk youth, including summer programs, after-school services, counseling, and residential services.

Child Abuse Advocacy Services and Centers

■ MUSC Child Abuse Pediatrics

843-792-2300 (Ask for Child Abuse Team) | <https://musckids.org/our-services/child-abuse-pediatrics>

Child abuse pediatricians and staff are available to treat and support children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

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■ Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center

800-723-3600 | <https://www.deenortoncenter.org/>

Child-friendly community-based agency that provides a coordinated, multidisciplinary response to child abuse and child trauma in Charleston and Mt. Pleasant. Provides expert trauma treatment services to help children and families heal from abuse and trauma.

■ Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center

843-875-1551 | <https://dorchesterchildren.org/>

Provides a coordinated evidence-based response to child abuse that reduces trauma and provides treatment for the children and families in our community in a safe, child-focused environment to promote healing and prevent future risk.

Housing Services

■ Origin SC

843-628-3000 | <https://originsc.org/>

Financial counseling and literacy, foreclosure prevention, home buying assistance, debt management, and family violence intervention counseling.

■ One80 Place

843-737-8357 | <https://www.one80place.org/>

Local shelter and transitional housing in downtown Charleston. Offers employment, education, and housing services, life skill groups, and clinics for civil legal matters.

■ Charleston Housing Authority

843-720-3970 | <https://www.chacity.org/>

Subsidized apartments, housing vouchers, utility assistance and other housing services.

■ North Charleston Housing Authority

843-747-1793 | <https://www.northcharlestonhousing.org/>

Subsidized apartments, housing vouchers, utility assistance and other housing services.

Grief and Homicide Support Groups and Services

■ Survivors of Homicide Support Group (SHSG)

843-792-8209 | <https://muschealth.org/medical-services/psychiatry/ncvc/homicide-support>

Crisis intervention for survivors of homicide as well as transportation to crime-related appointments and assistance with completing Crime Victims Compensation applications.

■ Compassionate Friends

843-990-1135 | <https://www.compassionatefriends.org/find-support/>

Support groups offering support for those who have lost a child, grandchild, or sibling.

■ We Are Their Voices

843-900-6919 | <https://www.wearetheirvoices.com/>

Local Lowcountry group that provides grief support services in addition to outreach for gun violence prevention advocacy efforts.

Health Care Resources

■ MUSC Health

843-792-1414 | <https://muschealth.org/>

Offers comprehensive primary and specialty care.

Health Care Resources (continued)

■ Fetter Clinic

843-792-3391 | <https://www.fetterhealthcare.org/>

Federally qualified health center providing comprehensive care in the Tri-county area regardless of health insurance status. Offers primary care, pediatrics, women's health, mental healthcare, dental, and case management.

■ Access Health Tri-County Network

843-743-2777 | <https://www.ahtricity.com/>

Helps uninsured individuals in the Tri-county obtain free or reduced-cost medical services and provides case management and care navigation services.

■ SC Department of Public Health Clinics

855-472-3432 | <https://scdhec.gov/health/health-public-health-clinics>

Multiple clinics provide services including vaccinations, family planning (birth control), STD testing and treatment, and home services for qualifying mothers with newborns and children with disabilities.

■ SC Medicaid

888-549-0820 | <https://apply.scdhhs.gov/CitizenPortal/application.do>

Qualifying adults and children can apply for Medicaid health insurance and benefits.

■ Medicaid Transportation (LogistiCare)

866-445-9954 | <https://www.scdhhs.gov/site-page/transportation-beneficiary-information>

Provides transportation for medical and mental health appointments for clients with Medicaid. Clients must make reservations 72 hours before their appointments.

■ Federal Marketplace for Health Insurance

800-318-2596 | <https://www.healthcare.gov/get-coverage/#state=south-carolina>

Portal to apply for and compare health insurance plans through the Federal Marketplace (also known as Obamacare plans).

Basic Needs and Services

■ United Way

211 or 866-892-9211 | <https://sc211.org/>

Directory of local services and resources to meet unmet needs, including housing, food, healthcare, and more.

■ East Cooper Community Outreach Center

843-416-4133 | <https://eccocharleston.org/>

Assistance includes food, clothing, household furnishings, financial aid, dental and medical care, prescription assistance, counseling and educational opportunities.

Basic Needs and Services (continued)

■ Palmetto Community Action Partnership

844-769-6448 | <https://www.palmettocap.org/>

Employment, job training, education & housing and emergency utility assistance (including essential home improvements), youth leadership programs.

■ Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services, Inc.

Charleston: 843-805-8064 | James, Johns, & Wadmalaw Islands: 843-559-4109
<https://www.olmoutreach.org/>

Multiple clinics provide services including vaccinations, family planning (birth control), STD testing and treatment, and home services for qualifying mothers with newborns and children with disabilities.

■ Department of Social Services

Charleston: 843-953-9400 | Berkeley: 843-761-8044 | Dorchester: 843-821-0444 | <https://dss.sc.gov/>

Child and vulnerable protective services; adoption and foster care services; economic assistance programs, including employment and training for people receiving cash assistance; food assistance programs (including SNAP).

■ Lowcountry Food Bank

843-747-8146 | <https://lowcountryfoodbank.org/>

Food services (pick-up sites, assistance applying for SNAP) for individuals, families and children.

Law Enforcement & Victim Advocacy Contacts

■ Charleston Police Department

Charleston County non-emergent dispatch: 843-743-7200 | Violent crimes unit: 843-720-2427
<https://www.charleston-sc.gov/303/Police-Department>

■ North Charleston Police Department

Charleston County non-emergent dispatch: 843-743-7200 | <https://www.northcharleston.org/government/police/>

■ Charleston County Sheriff's Office

Non-emergent dispatch: 843-743-7200 | Detectives: 843-554-2473 or 843-554-2475
<https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/sheriff/index.php>

■ Goose Creek Police Department

843-572-4300 | <https://www.cityofgoosecreek.com/government/departments/police>

■ Dorchester County Sheriff's Office

843-832-0300 | <https://www.dorchestercountysc.gov/government/emergency-services/sheriff-s-office>

■ Berkeley County Sheriff's Office

843-719-4465 | <https://sheriff.berkeleycountysc.gov/>

■ Summerville Police Department

843-871-2463 | <https://www.summervillepolice.com/512/Police>