



**RAPE IS NOT PART OF THE PENALTY**

## **ALABAMA RESOURCE GUIDE**

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### **COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES**

#### **AIDS Alabama, Inc.**

P.O. Box 55703  
Birmingham, AL 35255  
Office: (205) 324-9822  
Toll-free Confidential Statewide Help Line: (800) 592-2437  
Website: [www.aidsalabama.org](http://www.aidsalabama.org)

AIDS Alabama is the largest community-based HIV service organization in Alabama and provides comprehensive services for people infected and affected with HIV while working to prevent the spread of the disease. AIDS Alabama offers the following services: case management; linkage to other services, including medical care; transitional and permanent housing for those who qualify; rental assistance programs in the Birmingham area; transportation assistance; Alabama Rural AIDS Project, which links persons at risk for HIV who live in rural areas with available services; HIV testing and counseling; and prevention education programs. Alabama Rural AIDS Project Outreach Workers and HIV Prevention Educators work in prisons throughout the state to assist HIV+ prisoners with discharge planning and gaining access to needed services in the community. AIDS Alabama also operates a 24-hour, toll-free statewide HIV Help Line to provide support, information, and referrals to individuals with concerns or questions about HIV/AIDS. All services are free and highly confidential.

#### **Alabama Coalition Against Rape**

P.O. Box 4091  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Office: (334) 264-0123  
Toll-free Office: (800) 656-4673  
Website: [www.acar.org](http://www.acar.org)  
E-mail: [acar@acar.org](mailto:acar@acar.org)

The Alabama Coalition Against Rape (ACAR) is a statewide nonprofit organization working to prevent sexual violence in the State of Alabama. At the heart of ACAR's success is the network of rape crisis centers that provide services to survivors of rape and sexual assault. Staff or

volunteers are available 24-hours a day to offer confidential crisis assistance through the crisis line and hospital or police accompaniment. Counseling and advocacy services are also available to help survivors and their families through their recovery process. In addition, the centers work in their own communities to create public awareness and provide education about sexual violence. ACAR does not provide direct services, but can help survivors to contact the rape crisis center that is in their area.

### **Crisis Services of North Alabama**

P.O. Box 368

Huntsville, AL 35804

Office: (256) 716-4052

24-hour Hotline: (256) 716-1000

Toll-Free 24-hour Hotline (Alabama and Tennessee Residents): (800) 691-8426

Website: [www.csna.org](http://www.csna.org)

Email: [csna@csna.org](mailto:csna@csna.org)

Crisis Services of North Alabama (CSNA) offers comprehensive crisis intervention and prevention services to four northeast Alabama counties: Jackson, Limestone, Madison, and Morgan. Sexual assault services include: 24- hour hotline; crisis intervention; hospital and personal advocacy; Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program; and weekly support groups. All CSNA services are free and confidential.

### **FAIRHOPE, Inc.**

P.O. Box 765

Selma, AL 36702-0765

Office: (334) 996-8966

E-mail: [shickey1@peoplepc.com](mailto:shickey1@peoplepc.com)

FAIRHOPE is a nonprofit organization that provides various types of assistance to inmates while they are incarcerated and when they are released. FAIRHOPE provides prisoner support and advocacy on behalf of prisoners regarding conditions of confinement and constitutional rights. In addition, support groups and counseling services are available for those who have experienced sexual abuse while incarcerated.

### **Family Guidance Center of Alabama**

2358 Fairlane Drive

Montgomery, AL 36116

Office: (334) 270-4100

Toll-free (Alabama Only): (800) 499-6597

Website: [www.familyguidancecenter.org](http://www.familyguidancecenter.org)

E-mail: [fgc@familyguidancecenter.org](mailto:fgc@familyguidancecenter.org)

The Family Guidance Center of Alabama (FGC) provides services throughout Alabama in the following cities: Birmingham, Montgomery, Troy, Hayneville, and Dothan. FGC works with survivors of sexual violence through individual or group counseling, depending on the needs that exist within each community. The staff is made up of licensed and trained counselors and social

workers. Fees are based on a sliding scale, and often FGC is able to make referrals to other programs that are free of charge.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender National Help Center**

2261 Market Street, PMB #296

San Francisco, CA 94114

Hotline: (888) 843-4564

Hotline Hours: Monday-Friday, 1-9pm and Saturday, 9am-2pm PST

Website: [www.GLBTFNationalHelpCenter.org](http://www.GLBTFNationalHelpCenter.org)

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

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender National Hotline provides telephone and email peer-counseling, as well as information and local resources for cities and towns across the United States. Volunteer peer counselors share information about coming-out issues, relationship concerns, HIV/AIDS anxiety, safer-sex practices, and more. The hotline also maintains the largest resource database of its kind in the United States, with over 15,000 listings. All services are free and confidential.

**The Lighthouse**

P.O. Box 531

Robertsdale, AL 36567

Office: (251) 947-6197

24-hour Hotline: (251) 947-6008

Toll-free 24-hour Hotline: (800) 543-5068

Website: [www.abeacon.org](http://www.abeacon.org)

The Lighthouse Sexual Assault Program provides comprehensive services to adult survivors who have been sexually assaulted in Baldwin and Escambia Counties. Services include: 24-hour hotline and crisis intervention for survivors and their families; 24-hour accompaniment to hospitals or police departments to provide support, information, and referrals; individual counseling; advocacy throughout the criminal justice process, including court advocacy; and individual advocacy and support throughout the recovery period. All services are free and confidential.

**Rape Crisis Center**

P.O. Box 91068

Mobile, AL 36691

Office: (251) 602-0909

24-hour Hotline: (251) 473-7273

Website: [www.rapecrisismobile.org](http://www.rapecrisismobile.org)

Rape Crisis Center, a program of the Family Counseling Center of Mobile, Inc., provides direct services to survivors of sexual assault and their families in Mobile, Washington, and Clarke Counties. Services include: 24-hour hotline; crisis intervention; hospital and court advocacy and accompaniment; counseling; and support groups. In addition, Rape Crisis Center is willing to

provide on-site crisis intervention and other services for survivors in jail, if requested. All services are free and confidential.

### **Rape Response**

3600 8th Avenue South, Suite 501  
Birmingham, AL 35222  
24-hour Hotline: (205) 323-7273  
Toll-free 24-hour Hotline: (888) 323-7273  
Website: [www.crisiscenterbham.com](http://www.crisiscenterbham.com)  
E-mail: [mmcglamery@crisiscenterbham.com](mailto:mmcglamery@crisiscenterbham.com)

Since 1975, Rape Response has been consistently providing comprehensive services to sexual assault survivors in Central Alabama including Blount, Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby, Walker, and Chilton Counties. Available services include: 24-hour crisis intervention in the hospital or at the SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) facility; a 24-hour hotline; court advocacy; individual or group counseling; and education about issues of sexual violence. These services are available to any rape survivor, regardless of how long ago the rape occurred. Friends and family members of rape survivors are also eligible for counseling services. All services are free and confidential.

### **Shepherd's Fold**

1134 Princeton Ave., S.W.  
Birmingham, AL 35211  
Office: (205) 780-6211  
E-mail: [joel.brumbach@yahoo.com](mailto:joel.brumbach@yahoo.com)

Shepherd's Fold operates five Christian residential re-entry facilities in Birmingham that provide food, shelter, and counseling to formerly incarcerated men. As part of the program, Shepherd's Fold offers support groups for men who were sexually abused while in prison. Meetings are conducted weekly at a local church and are led by qualified counselors. To qualify for the program, an application must be filled out. To receive information or an application, send a letter to the address above. Shepherd's Fold evaluates each application to determine if an individual is qualified to participate in the group (which can be done before release). The program lasts a minimum of four months, with a maximum of 1 ½ years of continued support and counseling available. As of June 2008, the cost of the program is \$80/week.

### **Shoals Crisis Center - Rape Response**

P.O. Box 2752  
Florence, AL 35630  
Office: (256) 765-0025  
24-hour Hotline: (256) 767-1100  
Toll-free 24-hour Hotline: (800) 917-7273  
Website: [bellsouthpwp2.net/s/h/shoalsresponse/index.htm](http://bellsouthpwp2.net/s/h/shoalsresponse/index.htm)  
Email: [shoalsresponse@bellsouth.net](mailto:shoalsresponse@bellsouth.net)

Rape Response provides comprehensive services to survivors of sexual assault in Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Lawrence, and Marion Counties. Services include: 24-hour crisis hotline;

advocacy and accompaniment to hospitals, law enforcement, and courts; individual counseling; support groups; free and confidential HIV testing; prevention education; and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) facility for collection of evidence in a non-medical environment. All services are free and confidential.

**Standing Together Against Rape**

1415 East South Blvd.  
Montgomery, AL 36116  
24-hour Hotline: (334) 213-1227  
Toll-free 24-hour Hotline: (888) 908-7273  
Website: [www.lighthousehelp.com/rapecrisis.htm](http://www.lighthousehelp.com/rapecrisis.htm)  
Email: [info@lighthousehelp.com](mailto:info@lighthousehelp.com)

Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) is a program of Lighthouse Counseling, Inc. STAR is a 24-hour crisis intervention program that assists sexual assault survivors and their families in six counties: Montgomery, Butler, Lowndes, Autulga, Elmore, and Crenshaw. STAR services include: 24-hour hotline; crisis intervention; in-house forensic sexual assault exams; advocacy and accompaniment for survivors to the hospital, law enforcement, and court following an assault; individual and group counseling for survivors and their families; and community education and awareness programs. All services are free and confidential.

**Turning Point**

P.O. Box 1165  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
24-hour Hotline: (205) 758-0808  
Website: [www.turningpointservices.org](http://www.turningpointservices.org)  
E-mail: [tpoint@dbtech.net](mailto:tpoint@dbtech.net)

Turning Point is the domestic violence and rape crisis center for West Alabama, providing comprehensive services in nine counties: Tuscaloosa, Fayette, Pickens, Bibb, Lamar, Hale, Marengo, Sumter, and Greene. Turning Point offers the following services for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault: 24-hour hotline; crisis intervention; individual counseling; case management services; information and referrals; support groups for survivors of sexual assault; community education and outreach; and volunteer programs. All services are free and confidential.

## **LEGAL RESOURCES**

### **Alabama State Bar Lawyer Referral Service**

415 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Office: (334) 269-1515  
Toll-free: (800) 392-5660  
Website: [www.alabar.org/lrs](http://www.alabar.org/lrs)  
E-mail: [lrs@alabar.org](mailto:lrs@alabar.org)

The Lawyer Referral Service is a service of the Alabama State Bar. Its purpose is to assist in finding a lawyer to provide advice on legal problems. It is the only lawyer referral service operated by the Alabama State Bar. All panel members of the LRS are licensed lawyers in Alabama and are members in good standing of the Alabama State Bar. The referral attorney agrees to charge no more than \$25.00 for the first 30-minute consultation. If your problem requires work beyond this time, and you decide to hire the lawyer, be sure to discuss any additional fees. An attorney bases his/her fee on the time and type of work involved, the difficulty in solving the problem and your needs as the client. LRS encourages you to ask for a written fee agreement before you proceed with any legal work beyond the first 30-minute consultation.

### **Equal Justice Initiative**

122 Commerce St.  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: (334) 269-1803  
Website: [www.eji.org](http://www.eji.org)  
Email: [contact\\_us@ej.org](mailto:contact_us@ej.org)

The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) of Alabama is a private, nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system, including survivors of sexual abuse behind bars. EJI litigates on behalf of condemned prisoners, juvenile offenders, people wrongly convicted or charged with violent crimes, poor people denied effective representation, and others whose trials are marked by racial bias or prosecutorial misconduct. EJI works with communities that have been marginalized by poverty and discouraged by unequal treatment. EJI also prepares reports, newsletters and manuals to assist advocates and policymakers in the critically important work of reforming the administration of criminal justice. EJI is a small non-profit and receives a large number of requests for assistance. As such, EJI can only represent a small number of the individuals who contact the organization.

### **Lambda Legal: Southern Regional Office**

730 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 1070  
Atlanta, GA 30308-1210  
Phone: (404) 897-1880  
Fax: (404) 897-1884

Website: [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)  
E-mail: [legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org](mailto:legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org)

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work. Southern Regional Office provides services for those who are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia.

Help Desk Hours (Eastern Standard Time)

Mondays: 2-4pm

Wednesdays: 2-4pm

Thursdays: 10am-12pm

If Help Desk staff are busy helping other callers, your call will be routed to the Legal Help Desk voicemail. Please leave the following information: name, state, contact info, best time to reach you, and a brief message outlining your legal inquiry. A Help Desk staff person will return your call.

It is usually most efficient for Help Desk callers to contact Lambda Legal by phone. If you are in a place where you are not able to make long distance calls, they can make an appointment to call you. If you are absolutely unable to call Lambda Legal, you may e-mail them at [legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org](mailto:legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org) or write to the addresses above.

### **Southern Center for Human Rights**

83 Poplar Street, N.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303-2122  
Office: (404) 688-1202  
Website: [www.schr.org](http://www.schr.org)  
E-mail: [rights@schr.org](mailto:rights@schr.org)

The Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR) represents those confined to prisons and jails in class action law suits challenging inhumane conditions of confinement, degrading or discriminatory treatment, denial of medical and mental health care, and other constitutional violations. Center attorneys will respond to complaints sent through the mail by prisoners throughout Alabama and Georgia, including cases of physical and sexual assault, but prisoners should be aware that the SCHR does not generally litigate individual cases.

## **GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**

### **Investigations and Intelligence Division, Alabama Department of Corrections**

P.O. Box 301501

Montgomery, AL 36130-1501

Office: (334) 353-8916

Fax: (334) 353-8922

The Investigations and Intelligence Division of the Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) thoroughly investigates all reported violations of law to include misdemeanors, felonies, and internal affairs relating to ADOC employees, inmates, institutions, and divisions as directed by the Commissioner/designee or requested by a Warden/Director. Inmates who have been sexually assaulted in an ADOC facility can contact the Investigations and Intelligence Division by writing to the address above to report the assault and any concerns regarding the handling of investigations into such abuse.

*JDI has directly contacted each organization listed in the Resource Guide in hopes of pointing survivors toward those currently accepting new clients. However, the inclusion of any group or individual in the Resource Guide does not necessarily constitute an endorsement or recommendation by JDI, nor can JDI guarantee the availability of the services described here.*