



RAPE IS NOT PART OF THE PENALTY

NORTH DAKOTA RESOURCE GUIDE

COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center

P.O. Box 1081

Dickinson, ND 58602

Office: (701) 225-4506

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm MST

Toll-free Hotline: (888) 225-4506

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: Yes, during office hours

Website: www.dvrccrisiscenter.org

Email: dvrcc@ndsupernet.com

From the time of its incorporation in 1979, Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center (DVRCC) has worked to consolidate under a single administration management of the region's services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; to secure physical safety for these individuals and their families; to make available to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors the sustained support that enables them to break the cycle of abuse; and to educate the community about abusive relationships.

Service area: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark Counties

Work with: Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline and by mail; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams for sexual assault survivors in Dickinson and surrounding areas; legal advocacy and court accompaniment; a support group for treatment group participants at Dakota Women's Correctional and Rehabilitation Center (DWCRC) in New England; information; and referrals. Hospital accompaniment during forensic exams may also be available for survivors at DWCR, depending on weather and staff availability. The support group at DWCR is closed to treatment group participants only.

Services for survivors after release include: Crisis counseling via the 24-hour hotline; emergency shelter; personal and legal advocacy; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams;

assistance with protection orders; support groups for women and children; information; and referrals for counseling and other needed services.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis counseling; emergency shelter; information; and referrals

Fees: Free

Minnkota Center and Minnkota Health Project

810 4th Avenue S., Suite 202

Moorhead, MN 56560

Office: (218) 287-4636

Toll-free Office: (877) 871-4636

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm CST

Accept Collect Calls: Yes, with prior authorization

Website: www.mhpmc.org

Email: minnkota@mhpmc.org

The Minnkota Center is a nonprofit, community-based organization providing safe and affordable counseling services for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) individuals. The Minnkota Health Project provides services for people living with HIV/AIDS, their partners, and families in western Minnesota and North Dakota

Service area: North Dakota and 40 counties in greater Minnesota

Work with: GLBTQ individuals and people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information, support, and referrals for services after release by mail and by phone for GLBTQ prisoners and people with HIV.

Services for survivors after release include: Referrals for HIV testing and counseling; and a range of services for people living with HIV/AIDS through the Minnkota Health Project, including care advocacy; individual counseling and monthly support groups; social activities; transportation assistance; a food voucher program; emergency financial assistance; leadership opportunities; Speakers' Bureau; and referrals for appropriate resources, including medical care, medication, and social services. Services available to GLBTQ people through the Minnkota Center include individual counseling; relationship counseling; GLBTQ youth group; discussion groups for men who identify as gay, bisexual, queer or as men who have sex with men and for lesbian, bisexual, and queer women; smoking cessation programs; leadership opportunities; and Speakers' Bureau.

Services for loved ones include: Information; support; referrals for HIV testing and counseling; and support groups.

Fees: Counseling services are provided on a sliding scale, and no one is turned away for lack of ability to pay. All HIV-related services are free.

Additional Information: A new support group is scheduled to begin meeting in Bismarck in March, 2010 for people living with HIV/AIDS and anyone affected by it, including their caregivers or loved ones. Contact Minnkota Health Project for more information. Services are available in English, but Minnkota Center and Minnkota Health Project Center staff can access interpreter services for non-English speakers.

North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services and the Coalition Against Sexual Assault in North Dakota

418 East Rosser #320
Bismarck, ND 58501-4046
Office: (701) 255-6240
Toll-free Office: (888) 255-6240
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm CST
Accept Collect Calls: No
Website: www.ndcaws.org
E-Mail: ndcaws@ndcaws.org

The mission of North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services and the Coalition Against Sexual Assault in North Dakota (NDCAWS/CASAND) is to provide leadership and support in the identification, intervention, and prevention of domestic and sexual violence.

Service area: North Dakota

Work with: Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their loved ones, sexual assault programs, and allied professional groups

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information and referrals to the nearest rape crisis center via phone and by mail and a directory of affiliated rape crisis centers on the NDCAWS/CASAND website.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above.

Services for loved ones include: All of the above.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: Other NDCAWS/CASAND programs include: membership services and outreach; prevention education; training; and legislative and public policy advocacy.

North Dakota Department of Health HIV/AIDS Program

2635 East Main Ave
Bismarck, ND 58506-5520
Office: (701) 328-2378
Toll-free Office (ND only): (800) 472-2180
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm CST
Toll-free HIV/AIDS Hotline: (800) 706-3448
Hotline Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm CST
Accept Collect Calls: No
Website: www.ndhealth.gov/HIV/default.htm
Email: denlarsen@nd.gov

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) HIV/AIDS Program is divided into three sections: HIV Surveillance, HIV Prevention, and HIV Care. The HIV Surveillance Program receives funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to collect information about HIV infection and AIDS diagnoses among North Dakota residents. The HIV Prevention Program works to reduce the spread of HIV in North Dakota by decreasing risky behaviors, which include unprotected sex, needle-sharing, tattooing, and body piercing. North Dakota CARES (Comprehensive AIDS/HIV Resources and Emergency Services) is a program

that assists low-income North Dakota residents living with HIV or AIDS to access confidential health and supportive services.

Service area: North Dakota

Work with: People who are living with HIV/AIDS, at risk of contracting HIV, or in need of testing

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information related to HIV/AIDS and referrals via phone and by mail. Anyone who has HIV/AIDS and is about to be released can contact the HIV/AIDS Program for referrals to local case managers, medical care, and other needed services following their release. The HIV/AIDS Program also works to ensure that anyone who tests positive for HIV while they are incarcerated is able to meet with an epidemiologist to coordinate their medical care during their incarceration.

Services for survivors after release include: Information and referrals for HIV testing sites, case management, medical care, housing assistance, and other services throughout the state via the HIV/AIDS hotline, by mail, and by phone.

Services for loved ones include: Information and referrals for HIV testing sites, support groups, and other needed services throughout the state via the HIV/AIDS Hotline, by mail, and by phone.

Fees: Free

Rape and Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo Moorhead

P.O. Box 2984

Fargo, ND 58108

Office: (701) 293-7273

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm CST

Toll-free Hotline: (800) 344-7273

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.raccfm.com

Email: info@raccfm.com

The Rape and Abuse Crisis Center (RACC) of Fargo-Moorhead is a non-profit agency whose mission is to provide crisis intervention, advocacy, counseling, and education to all persons affected by sexual and domestic violence and to provide prevention programs to create a society free of personal abuse.

Service area: Cass and Traill Counties in North Dakota

Work with: Survivors of sexual assault and their family and friends

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention; information; and referrals via the 24-hour hotline.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above and individual and group counseling.

Services for loved ones include: All of the above.

Fees: Free

Additional information: RACC will provide immediate crisis intervention to any survivor who contacts them. For survivors convicted of sex crimes, RACC will provide appropriate referrals for ongoing support services

SAFE Shelter

P.O. Box 1934

Jamestown, ND 58402

Office/Hotline: (701) 251-2300

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: Yes

Email: safeshelter@qwestoffice.net

SAFE Shelter provides crisis and support services to adult and adolescent survivors of sexual assault.

Service area: Foster and Stutsman Counties, including the cities of Jamestown and Carrington

Work with: Adult and adolescent survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline, by mail, and by email; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; court accompaniment and legal advocacy for sexual assault cases; in-person services such as counseling at local jails and prisons; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above; individual counseling; support groups; information; and referrals.

Services for loved ones include: All of the above.

Fees: Free

Additional information: SAFE Shelter will provide immediate crisis intervention to any survivor who contacts them. For survivors convicted of sex crimes, SAFE Shelter will provide appropriate referrals for ongoing support services.

LEGAL RESOURCES

ACLU of Minnesota

450 North Syndicate, Suite 325

St. Paul, MN 55104

Office: (651) 645-4097

Website: www.aclu-mn.org

Legal Intake Form: www.aclund.org/legal/intake.pdf

E-mail: info@aclu-mn.org

Founded in 1952 as the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU-MN fights to protect the civil liberties of Minnesotans and North Dakotans through litigation, public education, and lobbying related to legislation that impacts civil liberties and civil rights.

The ACLU of North Dakota in coordination with the ACLU of Minnesota legal program assures that the Bill of Rights and the rights guaranteed by the Constitution are preserved for each new generation.

You can download the Legal Intake Form (link provided above) and mail it back to the ACLU of Minnesota to the address on the form or write to the ACLU of Minnesota directly for assistance. Please be patient as there may be some delay due to the overwhelming number of requests the ACLU receives.

Lambda Legal: Midwest Regional Office

11 East Adams, Suite 1008

Chicago, IL 60603

Office: (312) 663-4413

Website: www.lambdalegal.org

E-mail: 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.

The Midwest Regional Office provides services for those who are located in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin and accepts Help Desk calls at any time during business hours, Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:30pm CST.

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 by phone. If you are in a place where you are not able to make long distance calls, Lambda can make an appointment to call you. If you are absolutely unable to call Lambda, you may e-mail them at legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org or write to the addresses above.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

North Dakota Attorney General

State Capitol
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Dept. 125
Bismarck, ND 58505
Office: (701) 328-2210
Toll-free TTY Office: (800) 366-6888
Website: www.ag.state.nd.us/
Email: ndag@nd.gov

The Attorney General is the chief legal counsel and advisor to state government in North Dakota. He represents and defends the interests of the state and the people of North Dakota in civil and criminal actions. He may take legal action to protect the rights of North Dakotans, defend the actions of state officials, and ensure public order. Inmates who have been sexually assaulted in a North Dakota detention facility and want to appeal the grievance resolution within the facility can contact the Attorney General to report the assault and any concerns regarding the handling of investigations into such abuse at the address above.

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.