

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Main Number . . . . . 704-853-5000  
Child Health . . . . . 704-853-5010  
Family Planning . . . . . 704-853-5009  
Maternity . . . . . 704-853-5008  
WIC . . . . . 704-853-5100

**HOUSING**

Gastonia Housing Authority . . . . . 704-864-6771  
Belmont Housing Authority . . . . . 704-825-9376  
Mt. Holly Housing Authority . . . . . 704-827-9025

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Main Agency - Switchboard . . . . . 704-862-7500  
Medicaid and Day Care . . . . . 704-862-7515  
Adult/Elder Abuse (Hotline) . . . . . 704-862-7575  
Child Abuse (to report only) . . . . . 704-862-7555  
Child Support . . . . . 704-862-7520  
Food Stamps . . . . . 704-862-7510  
Work First Employment Services . . . . . 704-862-7525

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

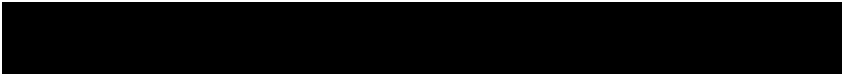
Domestic Violence Court Advocate . . . . . 704-862-6682  
Gaston County Sheriff's Office and Jail . . . . . 704-869-6880  
District Attorney's Office . . . . . 704-852-3113  
Gaston County Police . . . . . 704-866-3320  
Gaston County Police Victim / Witness Assistance . . . . . 704-866-3378  
Gastonia City Police . . . . . 704-866-6702  
Magistrate . . . . . 704-852-3310  
Pre-trial Release . . . . . 704-852-3308  
Probation & Parole . . . . . 704-853-5350

The Gaston County Sheriff's Office is now linked to the Statewide Automated Victim Assistance and Notification (SAVAN) system. You may call 1-877-627-2826 or register on-line at [www.ncsavan.org](http://www.ncsavan.org) to be notified when an offender is released from the Gaston County Jail.

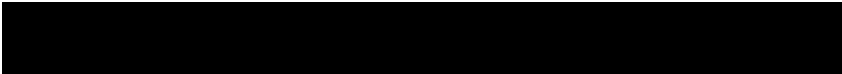
**TO CHECK COURT DATES**

Criminal District Clerk's Office . . . . . 704-852-3187 or 704-852-3190  
Criminal Superior Clerk's Office . . . . . 704-852-3102

For Additional Copies of This Brochure,  
Call The Shelter of Gaston County at 704-810-6492.  
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**RESOURCE GUIDE  
FOR VICTIMS OF  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**



24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

**704-852-6000**

Produced by:  
Gaston County Domestic Violence  
Prevention Council

# HELP THROUGH THE COURTS

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS:

To obtain a Domestic Violence Protective Order -  
Either go to the Gaston County Sheriff's Office, ask for the Domestic Violence Court Advocate (Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) *or*

Go to the Clerk of Civil Court, Civil Filing – located within the Courthouse.  
(Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) *or*

### To obtain a protective order – (After hours or weekends)

Go to the Magistrate's Office – (Open 24 Hours) 425 N. Marietta Street

- Ask for the Domestic Violence Protective Order forms. *There is no charge.*
- Fill out the forms and turn them in at Civil Filing at the Courthouse. You will then go in front of the judge to testify about your case. (Ex Parte Hearing)
- If you are granted a Domestic Violence Protective Order – Go back to Civil Filing. They will give you a copy of your Domestic Violence Protective Order and create a packet for you to take to the Gaston County Sheriff's Office.
- You must take the packet of papers that the Clerk prepares for you and turn them in at the Sheriff's Office. (Civil Process)
- If there is an order for the abuser to be evicted from the home, you will meet with the Domestic Violence Deputy on duty to make a plan surrounding that.

## YOUR 10 DAY HEARING (Your Next Court date):

You can represent yourself at the hearing or you can hire a lawyer. If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer call:

**Legal Aid of NC, Inc. (1508 S. York Street, Gastonia) . . . . . 704-865-2357**

If you have a question about your court date, call:

**Clerk of Civil Court's Office . . . . . 704-852-3100**

**Domestic Violence Court Advocate . . . . . 704-862-6682**

## TO ARREST THE ABUSER:

You can request that the Magistrate's Office issue a criminal warrant. The Magistrate's Office is located within the Gaston County Sheriff's Office and Jail. (425 N. Marietta St.).

**Magistrate's Office (Open 24 Hours) . . . . . 704-852-3192**

## VIOLATIONS OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER:

- Call 911. Police may arrest the abuser if found on the scene.
- If the abuser is not found by the police at the scene, you may be able to take out a warrant for arrest. This may be done at the Magistrate's Office.
- To contact the Gaston County Sheriff's Office about service of protective orders, Call Civil Process 704-869-6818 (Mon. – Fri. 8:30 – 5:00) *or* Dispatch 704-869-6800 (After hours).

### **\*NOTIFY THE CIVIL CLERK'S OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGE**

**. . . . . 704-852-3179 o 704-852-3174**

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# OTHER PLACES FOR HELP

## EMERGENCY SHELTER:

The Shelter of Gaston County (24 Hour CRISIS Line) . . . . . **704-852-6000**

- **Battered Women's Shelter**

The Salvation Army . . . . . **704-867-6145**

Catherine's House - **Homeless Shelter** . . . . . **704-825-9599**

## COUNSELING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:

Family Works, Inc. . . . . Insurance, Medicaid or Self Pay. . . . . **704-853-8227**  
(Individual Therapy, Art/Play Therapy & Family Therapy)

Phoenix Counseling Center . . . . . **704-854-4830**

Psychiatric Center at Gaston Memorial Hospital. . . . . **704-854-3300**

Pathways Referral Agency . . . . . Medicaid, Sliding Fee Scale . . . . . **1-800-898-5898**  
(Individual, Group Counseling)

## COUNSELING FOR ADULT VICTIMS:

Family Works, Inc. . . . . Insurance, Medicaid or Self Pay. . . . . **704-853-8227**  
(Individual Therapy, Family Therapy, Survivors' Group Therapy)

Family Service . . . . . Sliding Fee. . . . . **704-864-7704**

Pathways Referral Agency . . . . . **1-800-898-5898**

(Individual, Group Counseling)

Phoenix Counseling Center . . . . . **704-861-8014**

## COUNSELING FOR ABUSERS:

IMPACT - NC Certified . . . . . **980-721-7268**

(26 weekly group counseling/educational sessions for male domestic violence offenders, Court or self referrals, Payable at \$30/session includes case management and court services, One time intake fee is \$75)

Family Service/HALT – NC Certified . . . . . **704-864-7704**

(26 weekly group counseling sessions for male batterers, Court or self-referrals, Payable at \$30/session, One time assessment fee is \$50)

## AGENCIES (FOOD, CLOTHING, PAYMENT OF BILLS, ETC.):

Belmont Community Organization . . . . . **704-825-4526**

Bessemer City Crisis Center . . . . . **704-629-2147**

Cherryville Area Ministries . . . . . **704-435-3816**

Community Relief Organization of Mt. Holly . . . . . **704-827-0450**

Cramerton Ministerial Relief Association . . . . . **704-824-4286**

Crisis Assistance Ministries – Greater Gastonia . . . . . **704-867-8901**

Dallas-High Shoals Christian Social Ministries . . . . . **704-922-1236**

Greater Gaston Baptist Association . . . . . **704-867-0905**

SOCKS: Springwood Area . . . . . **704-827-8780**

Stanley Emergency Relief Fund . . . . . **704-263-5649**

The Salvation Army (Countywide) . . . . . **704-867-6145**

Consumer Credit Counseling Service . . . . . **704-864-7704**

NC Vocational Rehabilitation . . . . . **704-853-5358**

Information and Referral . . . . . **888-892-1162**