

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) 704-862-7375
Child Abuse (to report only) Daytime 704-862-7555
Child Abuse to report after 4 p.m., Weekends, & Holidays 704-865-2331
Child Support 704-862-7520
Food Stamps 704-862-7510
Work First Employment Services 704-862-7525

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

District Attorney's Victim / Witness Program 704-852-3285
(Information/assistance with legal procedures & case status)
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
Gastonia City Domestic Violence Coordinator 704-854-6608
Magistrate 704-852-3310
Pre-trial Release 704-852-3308
Probation & Parole 704-853-5350
Sheriff's Office 704-869-6880
Jail 704-869-6880
Court Advocate 704-862-6682

TO CHECK COURT DATES

Criminal District Clerk's Office 704-852-3187 o 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

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HELP THROUGH THE COURTS

TO ARREST THE BATTERER:

You can file a criminal complaint at the Magistrate's office located within the Gaston Co. Sheriff's office and Jail. (355 N. Marieta Street). Charges for a criminal complaint can be for: *Assault on a Female, Harassing Phone Calls, Threats, or Stalking.*

Call the Magistrate (Open 24 Hours). **704-852-3310**
DV Court Advocate at Gaston Co. Sheriff's Office -M-F, 8:30-5:00 . **704-862-6682**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS:

To obtain a protective order -
Either go to the Clerk of Civil Court located within the Courthouse or at the Sheriff's Office, ask for the DV Court Advocate.

- Fill out the forms. You will then go in front of the judge to testify about your case. (Ex Parte Hearing)
- BEFORE you leave the courtroom, READ the Domestic Violence Protective order. Make sure the order is right (if any information is not right on the Domestic Violence Order, tell the clerk immediately).
- Write down the date for your next hearing (the Judge will tell you the date for your "10 day hearing").
- You must take the packet of papers that the Clerk prepared for you and turn them in at the Sheriff's Office.
- If there is an order for the abuser to be evicted from the home, you will meet with the DV Deputy on duty to make a plan surrounding that.

YOUR 10 DAY HEARING (Your 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. **704-865-2357**

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

Civil Clerk's Office. **704-852-3179 or 704-852-3174**
DV Court Advocate. **704-862-6682**

VIOLATIONS OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER:

- Call 911. Police will arrest batterer if found on the scene.
- If the batterer is not found by the police at the scene, you may be able to take out a warrant for arrest. This maybe done at the magistrate's office
- Fill out a "Contempt" form in the Civil Records Office. The sheriff will notify the batterer of the court date. If the batterer is found "in contempt" of the Protective Order, the judge can order the batterer to go to jail for 1 – 30 days.
- To contact the Sheriff's Office about service of protective orders, Call 704-869-6818 or 704-869-6817.

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

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

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 Services. Sliding Fee. **704-864-7704**
Pathways Referral Agency. Medicaid, Sliding Fee Scale **1-800-898-5898**
(**Individual, Group Counseling**)
Phoenix Counseling Center. **704-854-4830**

COUNSELING FOR BATTERERS:

IMPACT - NC Certified. **980-721-7268**
(26 weekly group counseling/educational sessions for male domestic violence offenders. Court or self referrals. Payable at \$35/sessions plus case management and court services. One time intake fee is \$75.)
Family Service/HALT **704-864-7704**
(26 weekly group counseling sessions for male batterers, Court or self-referrals. Payable at \$20/session)

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 **704-864-5788**