

24-Hour Crisis Line

334.263.0218

COLLECT CALLS ARE ACCEPTED

FOSTERING HOPE & HEALING



Family Sunshine Center

- To end family violence and foster hope and healing
- To offer immediate response and a safe haven in crisis
- To provide advocacy, counseling and support for families
- To empower them to lead safe, violence-free lives
- To promote community awareness through education and training

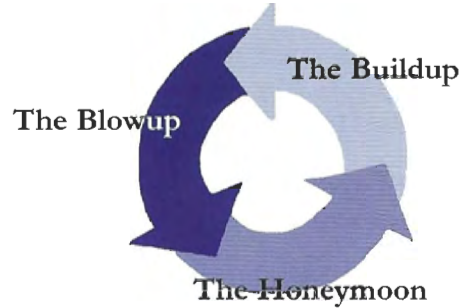
The Family Sunshine Center is a community-based program. Private donations are an important source of funding for the agency. These are tax deductible.

Volunteers are needed in many areas. Please help if you can.

The high level of involvement of the Montgomery community is responsible for the opening of the Sunshine Center in 1979, the Shelter in 1981, and the Family Sunshine Center's continuing services.

Admission to the Family Sunshine Center Shelter and other services are provided on a case-by-case basis.

The Cycle of Abuse



Phase 1: the buildup of tension Phase 2: the blowup
Phase 3: the honeymoon

The Family Sunshine Center

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Shelter

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E.V.E.N.
334.834.3843

Montgomery Area Family Violence Program, Inc.



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE • FOSTERING HOPE & HEALING
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The Family Sunshine Center receives more than 3,000 crisis calls each year from domestic violence victims who live in one of the seven Alabama counties served by the shelter program.

The Center serves domestic violence victims and survivors in Autauga, Butler, Chilton, Crenshaw, Elmore, Lowndes, and Montgomery counties. In its 23 years, the Family Sunshine Center has grown to incorporate services not only to victims with immediate crisis needs, but those ready to move out of emergency shelter and into self-sufficient lifestyles. The Center also provides a batterers' intervention program, non-residential counseling center, and a community outreach program for prevention education.

The Family Sunshine Center's staff works diligently to raise awareness about domestic violence and the services that are available to victims and to ensure a network and positive communication among law enforcement, legal services, the court system and other agencies a victim might encounter while exiting the cycle of violence.

ARE YOU BEING BATTERED? WE CAN HELP.

FAMILY SUNSHINE CENTER SERVICES

■ 24-HOUR CRISIS LINES 1.800.650.6522 ■

Or locally in the Montgomery area 334.263.0218 (collect calls accepted)
TTY Hotline for the hearing impaired 1.800.834.3843

■ THE SHELTER ■

Our Shelter offers a safe, secure place, in an undisclosed location, for adult victims of abuse and their children.

■ THE MEDICAL CENTER ■

In conjunction with the Montgomery Family Medicine Residency Program, shelter residents have the opportunity to receive needed medical attention. With assistance from Baptist Health and Bob Boshell from the Medicine Shoppe, the FSC is able to provide prescription drugs to those in need.

■ COUNSELING CENTER ■

The FSC provides non-residential counseling to adult and child victims of abuse. An appointment is not necessary.

■ LEGAL/COURT ADVOCACY ■

The FSC provides advocacy services for clients in need of legal services.

■ FAMILY ASSESSORS AND SAIL ■

Family Assessors and SAIL specialists both operate under the umbrella of DHR. Family Assessors advocate for families involved in child abuse cases where there is evidence of domestic violence. They assess the level of risk for domestic violence, provide direct intervention through counseling and other activities to foster independence. SAIL Specialists assist and advocate for victims enrolled in DHR's Welfare to Work program so that they may safely obtain employment and independence from welfare.

■ OUTREACH/PREVENTION EDUCATION ■

FSC staff and volunteers will speak to civic, faith-based, or business groups to educate the public on services offered by the FSC, the signs of domestic violence and its dynamics. FSC staff also educates school children on handling interpersonal conflict, active listening, problem-solving techniques, empathy and warning signs of unacceptable expressions of anger.

■ VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ■

From clerical help to working directly with clients, from answering the hotline to making copies, volunteers are a vital part of the FSC.

■ E.V.E.N. ■

End Violence Effectively Now (E.V.E.N.), a batterer's intervention program, is designed to ultimately serve and protect victims of family violence.

■ THE EXODUS COMMUNITY ■

Exodus is a long-term transitional housing program designed to provide domestic violence survivors with an opportunity to learn skills that will help increase their earning potential, while nurturing families toward self-sufficiency.



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