

You are not Alone

Survivors of sexual assault can experience a wide variety of normal reactions to a traumatic event. These reactions can include:

- Anger
- Change in appetite
- Crying
- Self-blame
- Sleeplessness
- Hopelessness
- Easily startled
- Afraid
- Worthlessness
- Nightmares

Without proper care and attention, traumatic events can lead to an increased likelihood of developing substance abuse and/or addiction; anxiety and/or depression and interfere with daily levels of functioning. At HelpLine, we offer survivor-centered trauma services to any teenage or adult sexual assault Survivor.

For more information about our free services to Survivors, contact the HelpLine SARN program at 740.369.3316, 419.947.2520 or 1.800.684.2324

Language Services Available



Volunteer with SARN

Become a SARN advocate! Volunteer advocates respond to hospitals and law enforcement agencies in the north central Ohio area to provide emotional support to survivors of sexual assault and offer information and resources to the survivor, their family and friends. Advocates may also participate in community events and provide information about sexual assault and HelpLine services.

Benefits:

- Be a part of the movement to end sexual violence
- Experience personal & professional growth
- Obtain crisis intervention skills
- Gain satisfaction from helping others
- Make friends

Requirements:

- Desire to help others
- At least 18 years old
- High School diploma or GED
- Transportation
- Reliable, mature, and responsible
- Successfully complete SARN training

SARN Training occurs periodically during the year. To learn about upcoming training opportunities, contact HelpLine.

24-Hour Support and Info line:
740.369.3316 / 419.947.2520

Local Toll Free: 1.800.684.2324/Dial 2-1-1 for Resources
Deaf or hard of hearing: 7-1-1 or 1.800.750.0750
Language Services Available

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Delaware, Ohio 43015

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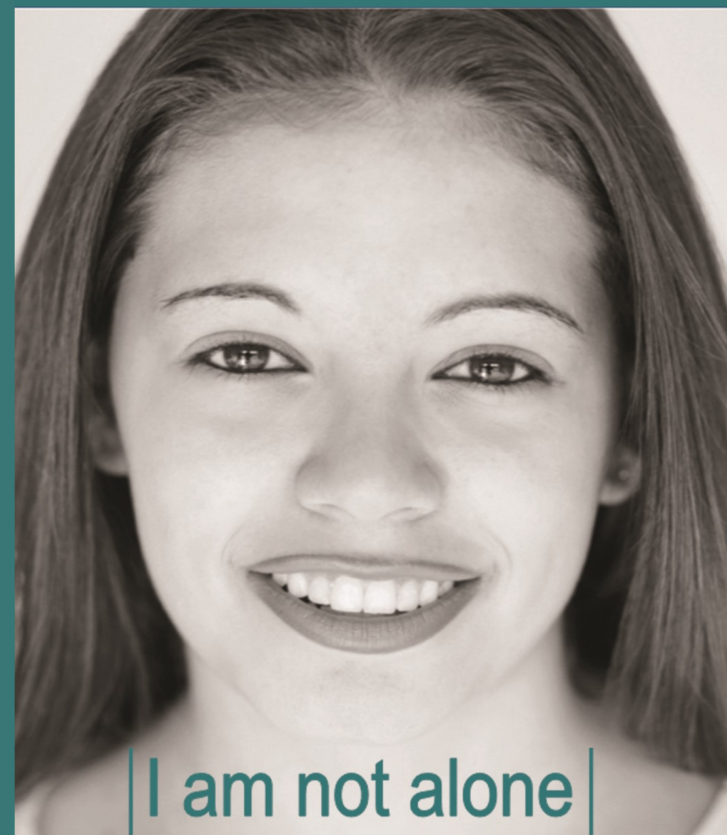
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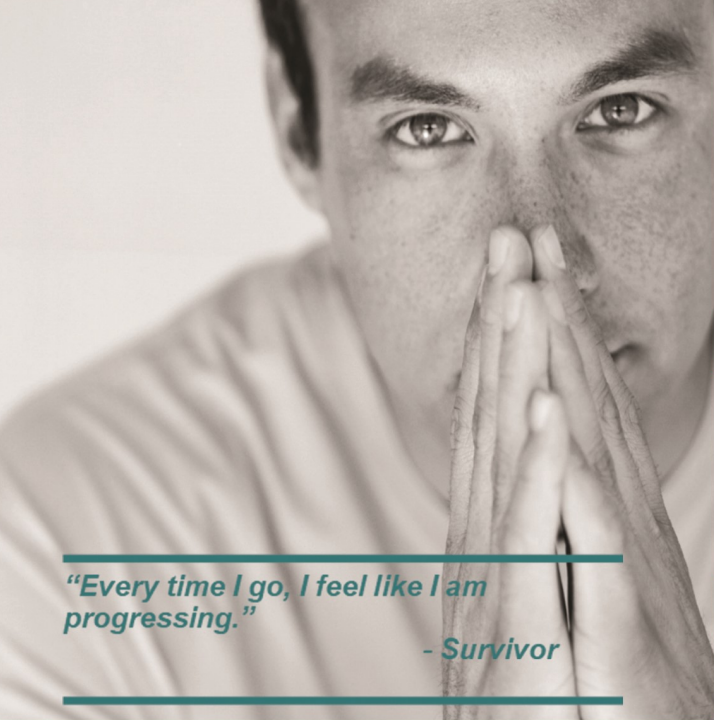
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SARN
Sexual Assault Response Network

Serving Delaware, Morrow, Crawford, and Wyandot Counties



**Providing Rape Crisis
and Recovery Services for all
Survivors of Sexual Assault**



"Every time I go, I feel like I am progressing."

- Survivor

What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is any unwanted sexual act that is not consensual. Survivors may be unable to consent for any reason. Some examples of this can be when the Survivor is:

- Tricked
- Too young
- Coerced
- Threatened or forced
- Unconscious
- Intoxicated
- Pressured to consent in any circumstance

Sexual assault is a crime of violence, power and control. It's a violent act whether or not physical force is used.

Remember it's never the Survivor's fault!

Options for You

Sexual assault is a traumatic experience. To ensure your health and safety, and to give you legal options in the future, you may want to consider:

Going to the hospital (within 96 hours)

WHY?

You may have serious injuries that you aren't aware of and you can ask about medication to prevent pregnancy or Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). Specially trained nurses can collect evidence for future prosecution.

Reporting the assault to law enforcement

WHY?

For possible future prosecution. To ensure the safety of yourself, your family and the community.

Getting tested for STIs

WHY?

Some STIs do not cause physical symptoms. Getting tested will help ensure you are not at risk for future problems.

Talking to a trusted friend, family member or SARN advocate

WHY?

Speaking with supportive friends and family helps you know that you are not alone.

Participating in trauma informed therapeutic services through SARN

WHY?

Appropriate professional care can help speed up the healing process.

SARN Can Help

SARN advocates are available to assist survivors at the hospital and with law enforcement immediately following an assault and can help connect a Survivor to the resources at HelpLine and in our community.

SARN offers:

- A free, 24-hour information, referral and crisis line
- Individual support at hospitals and law enforcement agencies
- Workshops for sexual assault Survivors
- One-on-one crisis intervention and follow up
- Healing workshops for Survivors & their support people
- Annual retreats
- Trauma-informed support

Even if the assault happened years ago, the HelpLine SARN program can still help. Unfortunately, many survivors do not think they need help until months or years after the assault. Remember, it's never too late to get help.

Our advocates are trained and prepared to help male, female, LGBTQ, teen, adult, and/or elderly Survivors of sexual assault.



"The SARN program was informative, encouraging and empowering."

- Survivor

Call the free, confidential hotline at 800.684.2324 or text helpline to 898211