



COMMON THREADS



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Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services
24 Hour Helpline (814) 274-0240 or Toll free (877) 334-3136





Mission Statement

The mission of *A Way Out* is to assist and support all victims, survivors, and families of domestic violence and sexual assault through ethical, culturally competent, and compassionate services.

We advocate for social change designed to end the cycle of abuse through dedication, community involvement and education.



We're vaccinated and finally hitting the road again, so come see us!



Watch for prizes to win!



LIKE our Facebook page to learn more about upcoming events



- Galeton Red Suspender Weekend, Saturday, July 3rd. Parade starts at 11 a.m.
- Roulette Days, Friday, July 9th, 6:30 p.m.
- Music at the Arboretum, Saturday, July 17th, Noon – 6 p.m.
- Potter County Fair, Sunday, August 1st through Saturday, August 7th
- Falling Leaves Festival, October 1st and 2nd, 9 a.m - 7 p.m.



Keep Learning this Summer with Heart!

Just because school is out doesn't mean the learning needs to end! With extra time at home this summer, you and the children in your life can learn about boundaries, communication, and feelings with Heart!

Here are some ideas of how you can use our educational resources this summer:

- As an adult, learn about the basics of [consent](#), how to identify and communicate about [feelings](#), how to be a [trusted adult](#), and how to cope with [stress](#).
- Then learn together with the children in your life by using our [online activities](#).
- Keep the conversation going by using our guides:
 - [Talking to Your Children About Consent](#)
 - [Tackling Tough Conversations](#)
 - [Helping Children Cope With Stress](#)
 - [Guiding Your Child Through Healthy Coping](#)
- Still have questions? Contact us at www.safesecurekids.org

About SafeSecureKids.org

SafeSecureKids.org is a joint partnership between [Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape](#) (PCAR) and [d'Vinci Interactive](#) and is supported in part by The Commonwealth of PA, The Hershey Company, Penn State Health, Highmark, Select Medical, The GIANT Company, and Walmart. [Learn more](#) about supporting this project to keep children safe, happy, and free from sexual abuse at www.safesecurekids.org.

Tech Safety

Welcome to the **Tech Safety App**. This app contains information that can help someone identify technology-facilitated harassment, stalking, or abuse and includes tips on what can be done.



This app explores six categories:

- Harassment
- Impersonation
- Cellphone safety
- Device safety
- Location safety
- Online safety

Under each category, more information is provided with specific explanations on what someone can do if they are being harassed as well as privacy tips that can be used to increase privacy and security. The Tech Safety App also includes additional resources on documenting abuse, talking with an advocate, contacting police, getting an attorney, and where to call for help.

Who is This App For?

This educational and resource app was created for anyone who thinks they might be experiencing harassment or abuse through technology or wants to learn more about how to increase their privacy and security while using technology. Although this app contains information about what you can do if you are being harassed or abused, it is not meant to be a comprehensive safety plan. Each situation can be different and there is no one-solution-fits-all approach. Use this app as a guide or a starting point, but if you are being abused or harmed, consider reaching out to someone. You can talk to a domestic violence advocate, sexual assault counselor, police, or someone you trust.

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Tech Safety App

Safety

Remember that your safety is most important. If the abusive person learns that you are seeking resources and information, it could be possible that they may escalate their abusive behavior. If that person is monitoring your smartphone or tablet and see that you downloaded this app, consider using this app from a device they don't have access to. You could also access some of this information at <http://TechSafety.org/resources>.

Resources

For more resources on technology-facilitated abuse: <http://techSafety.org/resources>

For more resources on laws regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking: <http://womensLaw.org>

Hotlines

National Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-800-799-7233

www.thehotline.org

RAINN (Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network) Hotline:

800.656.HOPE (4673)

<https://rainn.org>

Nonconsensual Pornography Hotline:

844-878-2274

www.cybercivilrights.org/ccri-crisis-helpline

Victim Connect Hotline:

1-855-484-2846

victimconnect.org

Disclaimer

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New IRS Tool Makes it Easier to Access Stimulus Checks

On Monday, June 14, 2021, the IRS launched a [new Non-filer Sign-up tool](https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool) on its website at <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>

*Although this non-filer portal is labeled as for non-filers claiming advance payments of the child tax credit, **it is also available for others, including single individuals and people experiencing homelessness.*** It will allow individuals to provide their information to the IRS so that they can receive any of the three Economic Impact Payments (EIPs), also known as “stimulus payments,” that they may be missing. If an individual did not get the full amounts of the EIPs, they may use this tool if they:

- Are not required to file a 2020 tax return, didn't file a 2020 tax return, and don't plan to, and
- Want to claim the 2020 Recovery Rebate Credit (which covers the first and second EIPs) and get their third EIP.

When using the new non-filer portal, individuals will need to provide:

- Full name;
- Current mailing address;
- Email address;
- Date of birth;
- Valid Social Security numbers (or other taxpayer IDs) for the person completing the form (and their dependents, if any);
- Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) if received from the IRS earlier this year; and
- Bank account number, type, and routing number (optional).

The [new Non-filer Sign-up tool](https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool) is for people who did not file a tax return for 2019 or 2020, and who did not use the IRS Non-filers tool last year to register for Economic Impact Payments.

THE BIG RED FLAG

“When deciding whom to trust, bear in mind that the combination of **consistently bad or egregiously inadequate behavior with frequent plays for your pity** is as close to a warning mark on a conscious-less person’s forehead as you will ever be given.

A person whose behavior includes both of these features is not necessarily a mass murderer, or even violent at all, but is still probably not someone you should choose to befriend, take on as your business partner, ask to take care of your children, or marry.”



Dr. Martha Stout

“The Sociopath Next Door”

➤ **FOOD BANKS:**



- **Coudersport** / Alliance Church, – 7 Alliance Ave, every Tues & Thurs, 10:30am – 1:30pm, 814-274-8661
- **Austin** / Austin Fire Hall, 42 W Main St, every 3rd Tues, Check Austin Food Pantry FB page for time(s), 814-647-8562

Roulette / Firehall, Times TBD monthly, 814-544-7365

Ulysses / Zion Christian Assembly, 4th Thursday, 10-11am. 814-848-7407

Galeton / St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4th Friday, 10-11am. 814-435-2471

Shinglehouse / Methodist Church, 4th Saturday, 9-10am. 814-698-2144

➤ **AA MEETINGS:**

TUESDAY 8pm @ Christ Episcopal Church, Coudersport

WEDNESDAY Noon @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Coudersport and
8 pm @ St. Eulalia's Catholic Church, Coudersport

THURSDAY *AL-ANON*, 6-7pm @ First Presbyterian Church,
Coudersport
AA, 7pm @ Park United Methodist Church, Coudersport

FRIDAY 8pm @ St. Augustine Rectory, Austin and
Noon @ First Presbyterian Church, Coudersport

SATURDAY 8pm @ Galeton Presbyterian Church



Be sure to LIKE us on Facebook and watch for upcoming events and fundraisers!



Did you know... we manage the FREE Child Car Safety Seat Program?

Just call and let us know the age/weight of the child or children that require car seats.

Then we can schedule a time for you to view the 30 minute safety video and pick up your car seat(s).

Closed Office Holidays for 2021:

July 5th – **Independence Day**

September 6th – **Labor Day**

November 26th and 27th – **Thanksgiving**

December 24th / 27th – **Christmas**

December 31st 2021 / January 3rd 2022

– **New Year's**

If you need assistance outside of regular business hours or on a holiday, you can call the 24 hour Helpline at 814-274-0240 or toll free at 1-877-334-3136.

