RUTH'S HOUSE

Beaufort County, NC

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Seek HELP.
Find HOPE.
Reach SAFETY.

Who We Are...

Ruth's House is a community driven 501c3 non-profit organization.

Our purpose is to assist in the interruption of the cycle of domestic violence, to educate the community about domestic violence and all it encompasses, and to provide family members engaged in domestic violence with alternative options for overcoming.

24 Hour Crisis Line
252-940-0007

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Domestic Abuse
In the LGBTQ+ Community

Often when we think of domestic abuse we think of physical violence. However, domestic abuse comes in many forms, all focusing on power and control.

Power and control are how abusers gain and maintain power over their partner. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional, digital, and/or financial.

Domestic abuse is not limited to heterosexual relationships and can affect individuals of all sexual orientations and genders. Within the LGBTQ+ community, intimate partner abuse occurs at a rate equal to or even higher than that of the heterosexual community. LGBTQ+ individuals may experience unique tactics of intimate partner abuse such as deadnaming and misgendering, outing as queer or trans, and projecting homo and/or trans phobia, (See Power and Control Wheel)

Types of Abuse

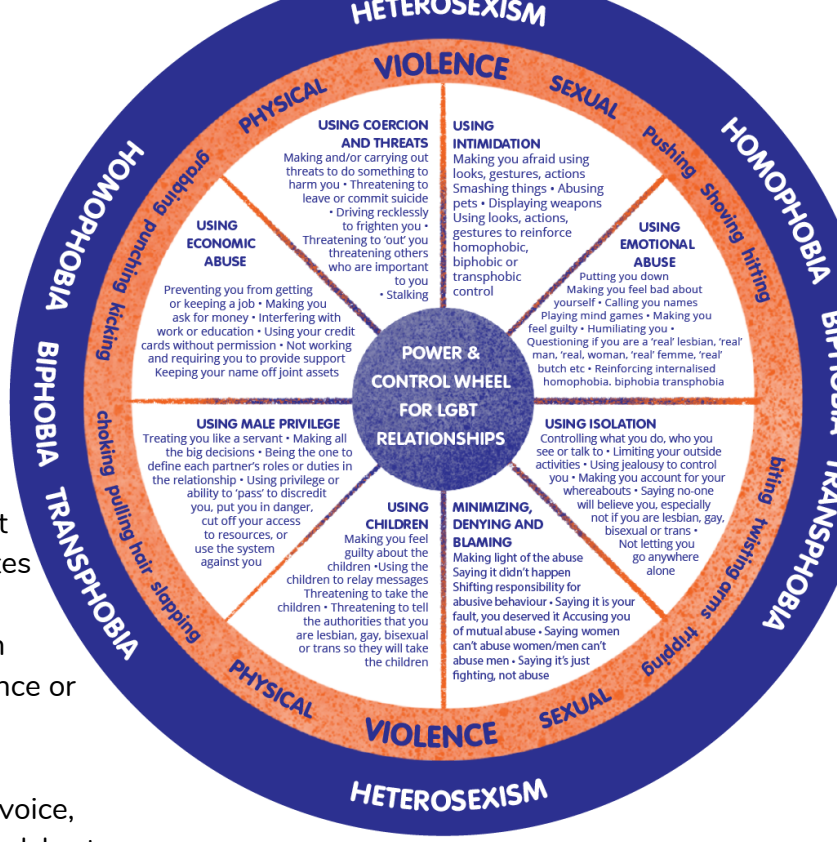
Physical: the threat of harm or any forceful physical behavior that intentionally or accidentally causes bodily harm or property destruction.

Sexual: any forced or coerced sexual act or behavior motivated to acquire power and control over the partner. It is not only forced sexual contact but also contact that demeans or humiliates the partner and instigates feelings of shame or vulnerability – particularly in regards to the body, sexual performance or sexuality.

Emotional/Verbal: any use of words, voice, action or lack of action meant to control, hurt or demean another person. Emotional abuse typically includes ridicule, intimidation or coercion.

Financial: the use or misuse, without the victim's consent, of the financial or other monetary resources of the partner or of the relationship.

Identity Abuse: using personal characteristics demean, manipulate and control the partner. Some of these tactics overlap with other forms of abuse, particularly emotional abuse. This category is comprised of the social "isms", including racism, sexism, ageism, able-ism, beauty-ism, as well as homophobia. Includes threats to "out" victim.



Our Services

- 24 Hour Crisis Line 252-940-0007
- Court Supportive Services
- Supportive Counseling and Case Management
- Shelter
- DV Protective Order Assistance

All Services are Free and Confidential

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