

ABOUT OUR AGENCY

Family Services of North Alabama's mission is to inspire, empower, and promote positive parenting through education, resource networking, and related services, and to empower, educate, assist and provide advocacy for victims of sexual assault in Marshall County and surrounding areas through the agency's Sexual Assault Support Services program.

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Family Services of North Alabama

provides

*Sexual Assault Support Services
and*

*SART/SANE Programs in
Marshall & Dekalb Counties of Alabama*

&

*Fatherhood Initiative Programs in
Marshall & Blount Counties of Alabama*



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SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES



Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

- ◆ A SANE is a Registered Nurse specially trained to provide comprehensive, uninterrupted care to sexual assault survivors, including collection of forensic evidence.
- ◆ A SANE program located within a caring, secure atmosphere for rape kit procedures with SANE trained nurses, free clothing, prophylactic antibiotics for possible exposure to STDs, and pregnancy prevention options.
- ◆ The program's goal is to minimize the physical and psychological trauma to the victim and to maximize the probability of collecting and preserving the physical evidence of an assault for potential use in the legal system.

Sexual Assault Response Team

SART is a multidisciplinary team designed to help meet the needs of sexual assault victims. The SART meets regularly and is made up of the following:

- ◆ Forensic Nurse Examiner (SANE)
- ◆ Law Enforcement
- ◆ Victim Advocates
- ◆ District Attorneys' Office
- ◆ Various Other Organizations

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

The CAPCAN Program offers two education child abuse and neglect prevention programs for Marshall County including:

Internet Safety Classes

The CAPCAN Program offers internet safety classes for school-age children and their parents. Classes cover the following topics:

- ◆ What is the internet and how does it work
- ◆ What is social networking and chat rooms
- ◆ Internet grooming
- ◆ Cyber bullying
- ◆ parental controls and reporting abuse
- ◆ safe sites for children

Mandatory Reporting Classes

The CAPCAN Program offers a 2 hour mandatory reporting class for Marshall County mandatory reporters. Classes cover the following topics:

- ◆ Alabama's mandatory reporter law
- ◆ Legal responsibilities as a mandated reporter
- ◆ Types of child abuse and neglect and their definitions
- ◆ How to recognize child abuse and neglect
- ◆ How and where to make a report
- ◆ What happens after you make a report

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

The Fatherhood Initiative Program is a court ordered and voluntary program that is designed to assist fathers (and mothers) to put themselves in a financial and emotional position to better provide for their children. Case Managers assist fathers/mothers by providing:

- ◆ Referral to drug treatment
- ◆ GED classes
- ◆ Job skills training
- ◆ Resume-building
- ◆ Employment search services
- ◆ Parenting classes

