

## ACT'S SERVICES



Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. provides the following services to victims of domestic violence and their children, as well as survivors of sexual assault and their families.

**All services are provided free of charge:**

- 24-hour hotline
  - Safety planning
  - Emergency shelter
  - Information and referrals
  - Individual & group counseling — both residential and non-residential
  - Medical, legal, and personal advocacy
  - Assistance with crimes compensation
  - Child assessments
  - Children's program
  - Information and assistance with injunctions for protection
  - Support throughout the judicial system
  - 24-hour on-call counseling and support at all local hospitals and our rape crisis center
  - Community education
  - Professional trainings
  - Forensic examinations for victims of rape
  - Volunteer opportunities
- Programs provided on a sliding fee scale:**
- Anger Management Group
  - Batterer's Intervention Programs

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Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. will not discriminate against any individual because of race, color or creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, affectional preference, disability, age (40-over), pregnancy, marital status, military status, disability, genetic information or status with regard to public assistance.

The Center will provide accommodations, including American Sign Language interpreters, assistive listening devices, alternative formats of printed materials and real-time captioning upon request for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or are living with disabilities. To ensure accommodations, please make your request at least 7 days prior to the event.



Visit us at: [actabuse.com](http://actabuse.com)



**Love Shouldn't Hurt...**

Providing safe and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties since 1978.

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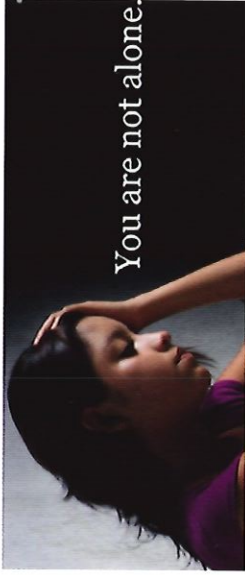
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Website: [actabuse.com](http://actabuse.com)

Florida Hotlines: 800.500.1119 or 888.956.7273

National Hotline: 800.799.SAFE

LOVE SHOULDN'T HURT



You are not alone.

If it does, you may be experiencing the many types of domestic violence. The problem of abuse is not a new one, nor are you alone in your search for answers and options. The following facts reflect the magnitude of the problem:

- A woman is beaten in the United States every nine seconds.
- On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States — more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year. That means one person is victimized every 2.5 seconds!
- A recent study found that school-age children who witness violence exhibit a range of problem behaviors including depression, anxiety, and violence towards peers.
- More than 1 in 3 women (35.6%) and more than 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime. (CDC National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey 2010)

IF YOU ARE HURTING ...

Your deepest desire is most likely to make the hurt stop. ACT shares that desire with you. Violent and hurtful behavior threatens the stability of the family and leaves a legacy of violence to impressionable children.

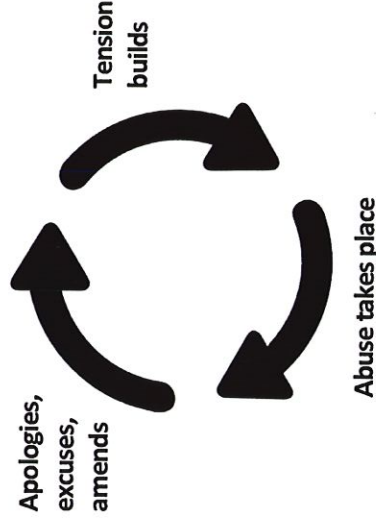
ACT's mission is to eliminate domestic and sexual violence through the services we provide by the quality and excellence of our Board, Staff, and Volunteers.



All of our services are provided free to victims and their children and will provide you with support options for beginning the journey to a safe, healthy relationship.

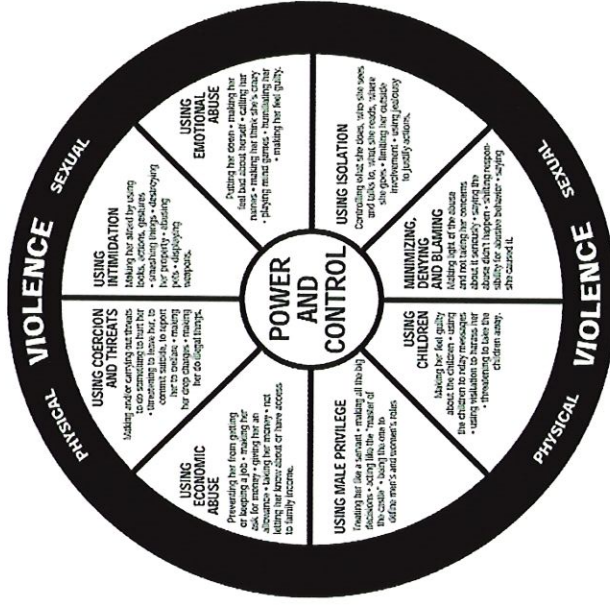
We want to help you stop the cycle of violence.

THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE



Our sensitive, professional staff have been providing services, support, information and referrals to victims of domestic violence for over 35 years in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties.

THE WHEEL OF POWER AND CONTROL



You don't have to be living in emergency shelter to get help.

Our counselors provide individual and group counseling through our non-residential department. ACT's victim advocates will help you through the legal process if you need an Injunction for Protection or wish to prosecute.

Our 24-hour hotline is available to you if you need a listening, caring and confidential ear. We can help you explore your options.