

For more information about the  
**Union County  
Rape Crisis Center**  
and/or if you are interested  
in becoming a  
**Volunteer Confidential Sexual  
Violence Advocate**  
call (908) 233-RAPE (7273)  
Monday through Friday,  
between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,  
or visit us at  
[www.ucnj.org](http://www.ucnj.org) or  
[www.unioncountyrapecrisiscenter.blogspot.com](http://www.unioncountyrapecrisiscenter.blogspot.com)

**24-hour HOTLINE,  
Crisis Counseling,  
Consultation,  
In-Service Training,  
Education Program,  
Resource Center**

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**Union County**  
*We're Connected to You!*

## WHAT IS THE UNION COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER?

Under the auspices of the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Planning, the Union County Rape Crisis Center (UCRCC) offers a network of services to Survivors of sexual assault.

## WHAT ARE THE SERVICES OFFERED?

- ◆ **24-HOUR HOTLINE**  
(908) 233-RAPE (7273)
- ◆ Accompaniment to Hospitals, Police Departments, and Court by certified Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates.

*Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates receive specialized training on sexual trauma, crisis intervention, and advocacy.*

o Hospital, Police Departments

## CONSULTATION

- ◆ Staff can provide consultation to service providers in the community working with survivors of sexual assault.

## IN-SERVICE TRAINING

- ◆ To mental health professionals, hospital personnel, and law enforcement.

## RESOURCE CENTER

- ◆ Informative materials on rape, incest, sexual harassment, and child sexual abuse are available.

## EDUCATION

- ◆ A major objective of the Union County Rape Crisis Center (UCRCC) is to implement primary prevention education throughout Union County. The New Mexico Media Literacy Project (NMMLP), also referred to as “Media Literacy”, is currently being used to achieve this goal.
- ◆ Today, the definition of what it means to be a “man or woman” is increasingly influenced by mass media. It is therefore believed, that youth can especially benefit from assistance with developing critical thinking skills. Such skills can aid them in effectively navigating the negative dimensions of popular culture including violence, gender stereotyping, and sexualized media content.
- ◆ The UCRCC is implementing a fun, dynamic Media Literacy curriculum for high schools in Union County. This curriculum teaches students how to analyze and evaluate the way media shapes gender roles, impacts self-image, and influences behavior. It is believed that by becoming empowered and self-aware, youth will be more effective at resisting the constant stream of violent or hyper-sexualized messages in print, television, or online.
- ◆ If you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to contact the Union County Rape Crisis Center at (908) 233-7273.