

24-Hour Helpline

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Our dedicated Helpline advocates are trained to assess crisis situations, provide safety planning, complete shelter screenings, provide information and referrals, and identify community resources for callers with great care and without judgment. Peaceful Paths operates this local helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Contact the Helpline at 352.377.8255 or 800.500.1119
Text us at 352-727-0948

Emergency Housing Campus

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We provide secure, temporary shelter and supportive housing for adult and child victims living in Alachua, Bradford, and Union Counties. Our shelter is staffed by trained advocates who provide safety planning, emotional support, crisis counseling, information referrals, and basic necessities to residents throughout their shelter stay. Child and youth programs, a space for pets, and connections to Outreach programs are also provided.



You each have given me courage, kindness, advice, compassion, and strength. I am truly grateful for everything you have unconditionally given me: food, safety, shelter...

-Former Emergency Shelter Resident



Adult Support Group

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Peaceful Paths adult support groups meet at various times throughout the week in Gainesville and Starke. All adult groups have separate child and youth programming available as well.

Our support groups are safe, supportive, confidential group counseling spaces where survivors can receive educational information from trained domestic violence advocates, and share their own experiences, if desired, as part of their personal empowerment journey. Some examples of topics discussed in these groups include:

- Boundaries
- Warning Signs in a Relationship
- Cycle of Violence
- Healthy Relationship skills
- My Relationship Rights
- Safety Planning

An initial intake must be completed prior to attending. Call for more info and to sign up for the group that best fits your schedule.

Trauma Counseling

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Peaceful Paths offers free trauma counseling to adult and child victims impacted by domestic violence. Individual sessions are offered at flexible times throughout the tri-county area with a variety of contracted therapists. Trauma counseling addresses both the short-term crisis and long-term impact that abuse creates.

Legal Advocacy

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Peaceful Paths has a legal team available to provide free assistance to clients who reside in Alachua, Bradford, or Union Counties. The attorneys provide assistance with injunctions for protection against domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and legal aid. The attorneys draft the paperwork, explain the court process, represent the client in court, give legal advice, and make legal referrals. Through a partnership with the Alachua County Clerk of Courts, Peaceful Paths operates an injunction office at the family courthouse. Call the Legal Assistant at 352.337.5690 x536 to schedule an appointment.

Child & Youth Programs

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Our Children's Program offers services to all children and teens coming with their parent and may have witnessed domestic violence. Children's groups and childcare run concurrently with adult support group programming. These support groups are a fun, safe, and supportive environment for those who participate. Topics covered in groups include:

- Safety
- Healthy Relationships & Friendships
- Expressing Emotions and Anger

Additionally, we provide support for teens experiencing dating violence, including individual counseling and school-based education. Prevention programs for healthy relationship education are offered throughout school and youth based programs in the tri-county region.

To schedule Prevention Education for your community or school group, contact our Outreach Office.





Economic Empowerment

Our Economic Empowerment program is designed to help survivors build financial capability as they work through their own experience with economic abuse; be it creating a budget, tackling credit repair, developing savings or exploring investing. The program offers Financial literacy through our LIFE classes, an IDA matched savings account opportunity, a micro-lending program, and employment assistance referrals. The program also works to connect survivors with resources and education to sustain affordable and safe housing by providing case management, advocacy, and rapid rehousing financial assistance. The program is open to any survivor of domestic violence within our service area-Alachua, Bradford, and Union Counties.

Relocation Assistance

Peaceful Paths has certified advocates who can apply for Victim's Compensation Assistance through the Office of the Attorney General. Relocation assistance is available for victims of domestic violence who meet guidelines as a victim of a DV crime and who are in need of relocating to a safe place. Eligibility requirements do apply, so please contact our helpline or Outreach office for more information.

Our Programs

Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network, Inc. is the state certified domestic violence center that serves Alachua, Bradford, and Union Counties. Our agency provides **free and confidential services** to adult and child victims of abuse who are seeking safety, support, and a path to self-sufficiency.

A list of our offices can be found below:

Outreach Center & Administrative Office

2100 NW 53rd Avenue, Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32653
p 352.377.5690
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9am - 5pm.
*Support Group and Intake times vary, please call for schedule

Legal Services:

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm at the Outreach Office.
Call (352)317-2348 or 352-377-5690 ext. 536
for an appointment

Bradford County Satellite Office

403 Georgia Street
Starke, FL 32091
**Limited hours, please call 352.318.4852 for an appointment

Union County Satellite Office

410 West Main Street
Lake Butler, FL 32054
Located inside the Townsend Green Building
**Limited hours, please call 352.318.4852 for an appointment

Donate, volunteer, support!

Please call our Outreach Office to schedule a donation drop-off.

Internships and group service days are available.

Visit www.peacefulpaths.org for more information.

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