InterAct Press Kit

InterAct is a trusted resource for safety information, statistics, and expert commentary. If you are a member of the media working on a story regarding domestic violence or sexual assault, please contact:

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If you are a member of the media on deadline and are reaching out after hours or on a weekend, please contact InterAct's Media Cell Phone at 919-706-9755.

Mission Statement

Dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic and sexual violence in Wake County, North Carolina, InterAct saves lives, rebuilds lives, and secures safer futures for victims and survivors and their families.

Services Offered

- 24 HOUR CRISIS HOTLINES: InterAct's three 24-hour crisis lines serve as lifelines for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence who need to take immediate steps toward achieving safety.
- EMERGENCY SHELTER: InterAct's Emergency Shelter Program serves as a "home away from home" for Wake County families who have experienced domestic violence and need emergency shelter.
- INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING: Victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault can see individual counselors and participate in ongoing specialized support groups – all at no charge.
- COURT ADVOCACY AND E-FILING OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS: InterAct has a fulltime presence in each of Wake County's two domestic violence court rooms. Additionally, victims of domestic violence can electronically file for a domestic violence protective order at InterAct.
- PERSONAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: InterAct offers economic empowerment and financial literacy programming as a key component of self-sufficiency for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES: InterAct provides individual counseling, case management and support to victims and survivors of rape and sexual assault.
- THE SOLACE CENTER: The Solace Center provides comprehensive, expert, compassionate nursing and forensic care, along with advocacy and support services for survivors of rape and sexual assault.
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH: InterAct offers engagement and outreach services in Wake County to provide information and education about domestic violence and sexual assault.
- YOUTH EDUCATION SERVICES: InterAct's Youth Education Services (YES) Program provides a full violence prevention and early intervention curriculum to stude nts in Wake County schools in grades 3-12.

Learn more about InterAct's services <u>here</u>. 24 Hour Crisis Hotlines

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- Domestic Violence: 919-828-7740
- Sexual Assault: 919-828-3005
- Solace Center: 919-828-3067
- Spanish: 844-203-8896

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Resources Available to the Media

- Spokespeople: Including comments on current events; the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault on the community, businesses, crime victims, children and special populations; current legislation; myths and stereotypes; safety tips; patterns of behavior; community responses; available resources; related topics such as stalking, protective orders, long-term behavioral effects; and a general awareness of trends, statistics and profiles.
- Materials: Including fact sheets and informational handouts.
- Professional Training: Including appropriate community responses; greater understanding of the dynamics of power and control, the cycle of violence, and populations effected by violence.
- InterAct Press Kit for Media Professionals Reporting on Domestic Violence
- InterAct Press Kit for Media Professionals Reporting on Sexual Violence

Other resources are available upon request. Feel free to contact us regarding your specific needs.

