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The Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau provides the resources to agencies, organizations, companies, civic groups, schools, and the faith community with information booths at health fairs and through formalized trainings. Topics can range from basics like Domestic Violence 101 to specialized issues such as; child observers, types of abuse, and survivor's stories.

Speakers include Safe Alliance and Mecklenburg County CSS Women's Commission professionally trained staff as well as volunteers and survivors of domestic violence relationships.

## What is Safe Alliance?

Safe Alliance provides 24 hour crisis line, temporary safe shelter/meals/clothing/toiletries for residential clients, transportation and financial assistance, child care and tutoring, individual counseling sessions, weekly educational and support groups for adult clients and children, specialized trauma recovery groups, housing and employment assistance and referral, court advocacy, assistance with protective orders, court accompaniment, on-site domestic violence services for jail inmates and patients at Carolinas Healthcare System and community education for adults and teens.

## What is the Women's Commission?

The Women's Commission services include assistance to individuals in their job search by identifying support networks and other resources for self-sufficiency, as well as to provide prevention and intervention programs and services to adult and teen victims, offenders and child witnesses of domestic violence. This is accomplished through individual and group counseling, parenting groups, case management, crisis intervention, advocacy, family law information, and community education. The Women's Commission is a department within Mecklenburg County's Community Support Services which includes Project Safe Neighborhoods, Homeless Support Services and Veteran Services.

## Working together?

Safe Alliance and the Women's Commission Domestic Violence Services bring a wonderful blend from two different perspectives when it comes to domestic violence services. Safe Alliance being more crisis-oriented with the Domestic Violence Shelter and Victims' Assistance, while the Women's Commission offers programs and services geared toward self-sufficiency with a long term focus.