



PRESS RELEASE

2017 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

On **Thursday, April 6th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**, Safe Passage, Inc. will be screening of *Audrie & Daisy*. In two towns on different sides of America, two teenage girls pass out while intoxicated at high school parties and, while unconscious, both are sexually assaulted by boys they call friends. In the aftermath, the girls each endure online harassment, both attempt suicide, and tragically one dies. The film explores this new public square of shame from the perspective of the teenagers and their families – including the boys involved in the assaults. Admission is **FREE**. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. 745 Saluda St Rock Hill, SC 29730

Safe Passage, Inc. will be attending Moes Spirit Night on **Wednesday, April 19th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**. The event works to support Safe Passage, Inc.'s Sexual Assault Program. Please feel free to join our staff as we will be present to answer questions or enjoy friendly conversation.

On **Wednesday April 26th**, wear denim to show your support. The history of Denim Day comes from an Italian girl in the 1990s whose rape case was dismissed because the judge said "because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex.". We seek to teach the truth about rape and sexual assault so that these myths don't permeate our society. If posting on social media, use hashtags #DenimDay #SAAM #SPITalksTeal

On **Wednesday April 26th from 12:00 pm – 2:00pm** Safe Passage, Inc. will host a mini training in Union County entitled *Sexual Assault 101*. The purpose of this training is to provide a brief overview of what it means to advocate for sexual assault victims and survivors.

On **Friday, April 28th from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm**, Safe Passage, Inc. will host a training entitled *A Comprehensive Overview of Adult Sexual Assault*. The training is geared towards anyone who may encounter victims of sexual assault (i.e. medical professionals, advocates, therapists, etc.). Continuing Education Credits will be provided for Lawyers, Law Enforcement, Counselors, Social Workers, and Victim Service Providers (VSPs). Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite by clicking [here](#).

ABOUT SAFE PASSAGE: Safe Passage Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides a 24-hour emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis line, advocacy, counseling, and other supportive services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse in York, Chester, Lancaster, and Union counties. Our services are free and provided without regard to income, age, sex, race, ethnicity, limited English proficiency and disability. We have been part of the Rock Hill community since our beginnings over 20 years ago as Tri-County Sistercare.

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