



Safe Passage

No one deserves to be abused.

Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates

August 2019

August

Client Outing:

Staff members organized a “parents night out” for shelter clients. Parents were taken out to a movie and ice-cream for some well-deserved self-care time!

Erin's Law Begins!

In August, our Prevention Team kicked off annual Erin's Law presentations. Over the next several months, we'll be traveling across the county teaching kids about sexual abuse, safe and unsafe secrets, and safe and unsafe touches. If you'd like to learn from a presentation, please call 815.756.7930.

Welcome to Safe Passage:

In July, we welcomed 3 volunteers and 2 interns into our agency! They participated in our domestic violence and sexual assault training and became trained advocates on August 10.

If you'd like to volunteer or intern with our agency, please call Pamela for more information: 815.756.7930.

Upcoming Events

Pokanoka's Run/Walk:

This year, our annual July 4th race, the Pokanoka's Run/Walk, will be held on **September 28**. Register now through **September 20** to receive your free t-shirt! [Register here.](#)

Have you heard? We partnered with the DeKalb Corn Classic to offer runners a discounted registration fee and special medals when you attend both races! [Learn more here.](#)



Cut it Out: A Training for Beauty Professionals:

Calling all beauty professionals! Cosmetologists and aestheticians are required to complete 1 hour of domestic abuse training by the end of September in order to qualify for license renewals. Join Safe Passage for the training on September 9, 6-7 PM in DeKalb Public Library's Story Time and Activity Room. The event is FREE, but donations are appreciated. To view our most needed page, please visit <https://www.safepassagedv.org/ways-to-give/>



[Join Our Team!](#)

[Check out our open job positions here.](#)

[Apply for a position on our Board of Directors here.](#)

Staff Spotlight



Congrats Pam!

In August, Pam was recognized through our Staff Spotlight! Pam is Safe Passage's first Volunteer Coordinator and has been with our agency for nearly 2 years.

Pam does a wonderful job recruiting volunteers and interns each year and explains, "I love connecting passionate volunteers and interns with our volunteer opportunities that can help further their career or fulfill their passion."

Interesting fact! Pam loves listening to podcasts. Her latest favorite is *LGBTQ&A*.

Counselor's Column

What is IPSV?

By Melissa McGraw

Intimate Partner Sexual Violence (IPSV) is a form of domestic violence in which an abusive partner engages in sexually abusive or coercive behaviors in an effort to gain or maintain power and control in a relationship. Some examples of IPSV include unwanted sexual touching, making derogatory sexual comments, forced sex, and making someone feel guilty for not wanting to be sexually intimate. The counselors at Safe Passage have noticed a high percentage of victims reporting this type of abuse, although it is unlikely that a victim will report IPSV unless she is specifically asked about it. Experiencing IPSV in an intimate relationship results in higher levels of trauma-related emotional and physical health



symptoms than domestic violence victims who don't report experiencing IPSV. Counselors in either the domestic violence or sexual assault counseling programs are here to assist clients who have experienced this type of abuse.

If you have experienced this form of abuse, or care about someone who has experienced it, please contact our hotline for assistance: 815-756-5228.



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