SERVICES PROVIDED:

Volunteers and staff will provide a safe place and supportive services for all survivors of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. These services include:

- A 24-hour crisis line.
- Confidential shelter services, which include housing, food, clothing, emergency transportation and support for adults and children.
- Henderson House also provides community education on domestic violence/sexual assault in middle and high schools in the county.

Other services include the following:

- Information on abuse related issues.
- Outreach to all women regardless of race, color, creed, religious beliefs, or personal lifestyle.
- Referral to appropriate resources and community agencies.
- Advocacy to insure that survivors receive needed services.
- Follow-up to determine effectiveness of services received.
- Assistance with Restraining Orders, Stalking Protective Orders, and Sexual Abuse Protective Orders.
- Court accompaniment and abuse related issues and for Restraining, Stalking, and Sexual Abuse Orders.
- Safety Planning and abuse assessments for victims.
- Prevention and healthy relationships.

ROLE OF PRACTICUM STUDENT:

The practicum student will work closely with staff and volunteers to develop a program to meet the needs of the student and clients. Students may choose to work in any of the service areas listed above. Other areas of interest to the student may also be pursued such as working with the support group, doing public outreach or working with children.
CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK MAY BE REQUIRED

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.