



A Message of Hope from Linda Crockett, Director of Safe Communities

We are here for you!

This is the first full week of Spring! Even though it has not started as we had wished, its message of new life emerging even from hard and rocky soil remains.

Since we closed our offices at Liberty Place, our team has worked hard to figure out how we can embody the persistent hope and promise of Spring in this time of fear and necessary social distancing. **Child sexual abuse is not going to stop because of a pandemic.** In fact we fully expect it will get worse as many children are now trapped in abusive homes. Which means we can't stop either.

We are excited to announce that we have secured a Zoom video platform that allows us to continue our vital child sexual abuse prevention education, consultation, and opportunities for survivors of sexual violence to gather in safe and healing space.



How We Will Be Here For You!

How to reach us:

You can leave a message at our office at 717-560-9989 and we'll call you back! You can also reach us via [email](#). We have a very active [Facebook Page](#) where you can check for announcements, blogs, messages of hope and more!

Here for churches, organizations, programs, youth camps:

Now is a great time to review, revise or develop a comprehensive best practice child protection policy so you are prepared to keep all those children and teens safe from sexual abuse when they come exuberantly flooding back into your sanctuaries, programs and campground! During this stay-at-home period, we have reduced our consultation fees on policy making to \$100/hour.

Here for education and training:

From training your mandated reporters to educating your staff and volunteers about child-on-child sexual abuse prevention and much more, we have you covered online! Our Zoom platform will accommodate up to 100 people for a live training. We will offer continue to offer individual/organizational consultation and coaching on issues related to child sexual abuse.

Here for Survivors:

As a way to contribute to the wellbeing of trauma-survivors during this time, we are offering three [Virtual Circles of Connection and Healing](#) for survivors on Wednesday evenings beginning March 25. These will be at NO COST. Sign up for one, two or all three! Check out the [flyer](#) for more information.

We are preparing to offer another new healing circle for survivors online. These are psychoeducational groups facilitated by a licensed therapist. Participation requires commitment to attend sessions. Fee based w/scholarships available. More information will follow.



How You Can Be There For Us!

We are a survivor-led organization and each team member brings their own personal experiences of interpersonal trauma as well as professional expertise to this work. We welcome check-ins and messages of support for our well-being as we serve our community to the best of our ability.

We rely primarily on donations, support from a few foundations, and a smaller amount of fee-for-service work. We are enormously grateful to our donors and foundations who make it possible for our small non-profit with a big mission to end child sexual abuse to operate. Please continue to support our work!

If you have not yet done this and are in a position make a contribution, [please click here!](#)

Together, we will bring hope and the promise of Spring to everyone around us!

Linda Crockett
Director

Virtual Circles of Connection + Healing

Click Flyer to the Right for detailed information. Feel free to register for one or more groups! We look forward to this virtual connection.

Register March
25

Register April 1

Register April 8

SAFE COMMUNITIES
SAFE COMMUNITIES PRESENTS
VIRTUAL CIRCLES OF CONNECTION + HEALING

Fear of the unknown, and loss of control over daily routines, is particularly hard for survivors with trauma-sensitized neurobiological systems. With social distancing now the norm, we are offering online/remote Circles of Connection and Healing for 3 Wednesday evenings.

**DATES: MARCH 25, APRIL 1, APRIL 8
6:45 PM - 8:45 PM
THE GROUP IS FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE, ASSAULT, OR HARASSMENT.**

Each Circle will begin with grounding practices, intention to create a virtual healing community, and a brief check-in from each person. Following this, we will use a "talking stick" method in which a facilitator will ask a curated question designed to evoke our deepest wisdom and healing needs.

Each participant will have 2 to 3 minutes for response. In Circle, we practice equality and value all voices. There is no "cross talk", but simply deep listening and presence. Circles close with brief opportunity for group discussion before blessing and sending each other back into non-liminal space.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BUT THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE. WE WILL BE USING ZOOM WHICH IS ACCESSIBLE VIA INTERNET OR PHONE. YOU MAY REGISTER FOR ONE OR MORE CIRCLES. PLEASE REGISTER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DATE. EACH CIRCLE IS LIMITED TO 7 PARTICIPANTS. THE CIRCLES WILL BE FACILITATED BY SAFE COMMUNITIES DIRECTOR, LINDA CROCKETT.

