Edisto Children’s Center-CASA Family Systems

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Mission:  CASA/Family Systems is a private, not-for-profit organization serving Bamberg, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties whose primary focus is providing support, advocacy, and intervention to individuals and families who have been affected by sexual assault, family violence, and/or child abuse and neglect.

Limited services for Spanish speaking community.

Geographic area covered: Orangeburg, Bamberg, and Calhoun Counties.

Services Provided:

Shelter Services:
- CASA/Family Systems' temporary emergency shelter for battered women and their children was started in 1991 and has the capacity to house 18-21 women and children at any given time. The shelter is open 24 hours a day - seven days a week providing services to victims of domestic violence at no cost. Services include individual and group counseling, advocacy, and case-management.

Domestic/Community Violence Services:
- 24 hour crisis counseling
- Individual counseling
- Medical advocacy
- Information and referral
- Criminal Justice advocacy
- Support groups
- Temporary Emergency Shelter
- Assistance with Orders of Protections

Community Advocacy Program
- The Community Advocacy Program is a primary prevention program that focuses on prevention programs for the community with an emphasis on elementary, middle, high and college aged students on sexual assault, dating violence, and domestic violence. Curriculum’s used include but not limited to: Girl’s Circle and the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP).

Alternative Methods Program
- Alternative Methods is a batterer’s intervention program designed to help perpetrators of domestic violence. The program provides counseling and psychosocial education services. The goal is to end domestic violence by teaching perpetrators problem solving, conflict resolution and anger management skills. The Alternative Methods program was a charter member of the Palmetto Association.

Strengthening Families Program
- Strengthening Families Program is a nationally and internationally recognized evidence-based program that grows parenting and family skills. CASA/Family Systems began implementing this program in 2014 with a grant from the Children's Trust Fund. The program significantly reduces problem behaviors. The program has also demonstrated that child maltreatment decreases as parents strengthen bonds with their children and learn more effective parenting skills.