

## **Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault**

**Web address:** [www.peedeecoalition.org](http://www.peedeecoalition.org)

**Street Address:** Pee Dee Coalition  
P.O. Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503

### **Contact information:**

#### **Phone:**

24-Hour Crisis Line

- Toll Free – 1.800.273.1820
- Florence – 669.4600

Childhelp Pee Dee

- 24 Hour Toll-Free Helpline – 1.866.867.9857

Programs Located In Florence

- Crisis Center – 843.669.4694
- Durant Children’s Center – 843.664.4357
- Alternatives to Violence – 843.673.2008
- Prevent Child Abuse Pee Dee – 843.669.3391, ext. 26

Programs Located In Our Satellite Locations

- Lower Florence County Satellite, Lake City – 843.394.8566
- Chesterfield County Satellite, Chesterfield – 843.623.7364.
- Marlboro County Satellite, Bennettsville – 843.479.0882
- Prevent Child Abuse Pee Dee, Bennettsville – 843.479.0882
- Darlington County Satellite, Hartsville – 843.383.0240
- Durant Children’s Center, Hartsville – 843.332.9299
- R.O.A.R., Darlington – 843.395.2748
- Marion County Satellite Center, Marion – 843.423.6568
- Dillon County Satellite Center, Dillon – 843.774.0898
- Williamsburg County Satellite Center, Kingstree – 843.354.6481

**Email/web contact form:** <https://peedeecoalition.org/contact/>.

**Mission:** The Pee Dee Coalition is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to the reduction of rape, family violence, and child abuse and to the needs of its victims.

**Geographic area covered:** Florence, Lake City, Chesterfield, Bennettsville, Hartsville, Marion, Dillon, Kingstree

### **Services Provided:**

Emergency Safe Shelter

- Undisclosed Location for abused women and their children
- Accommodations for up to 25 women and children on a temporary basis
- Comprehensive services

New Beginnings Transitional Shelter

- Long term (up to 18 months) shelter form homeless, formerly abused women and their children
- Accommodations for up to 12 women and children
- Case management, counseling, information and referral services to help women secure skills and resources needed to be self-sufficient

#### Durant Children's Center

- In the event of child abuse, there are Durant Children's Center various on-site services provided by the Department of Social Services, Law Enforcement, Solicitor's Office, Medical and Mental Health Professionals, and Victim Advocates. The center provides the following services:
  - 24-hour crisis intervention
  - Medical examinations, diagnosis, and treatment
  - Forensic interview
  - Individual and group counseling
  - Legal assistance
  - Community education and training

The Alternatives to Violence Program (ATV) is dedicated to stopping domestic violence by changing the behavior that causes it. The program teaches alternatives to anger, rape, fear, isolation, and desperation that are part of the abusive relationship. The goal is to enable abusers to identify alternate ways of dealing with emotions without the use of violence. Participants may voluntarily take part in the program, however, most are referred by the judicial system.

- The Pee Dee Coalition Offers Several Atv Services Including:
  - Assessment
  - 26-week group sessions
  - Criminal justice/legal coordination
  - Case tracking
  - Information and referral
  - Community education and training.

#### Community Victim Services

- The Community Victim Assistance Program consists of community-based victim services to victims of domestic and sexual assault. In addition to the primary crisis center and the 24-hour crisis line, the Coalition provides services at satellite centers in Lake City, Kingstree, Marion, Darlington, Hartsville, Dillon, Bennettsville, and Chesterfield. The Community Victim Assistance Program is also responsible for the recruitment and training of volunteers, providing community education, and training to promote awareness on the issues.
- Services offered as a part of the Community Victim Assistance Program include the following:
  - 24-hour crisis intervention
  - Walk-in service
  - Crisis counseling
  - Emergency shelter for victims of family violence
  - Medical and legal advocacy
  - Assistance finding legal or medical help and alternative housing
  - Support groups
  - Court accompaniment
  - Information and referral
  - Assistance with filing for Crime Victim's Compensation
  - County-based satellite centers

- Community education and awareness
- Training for professionals
- Prevention programs