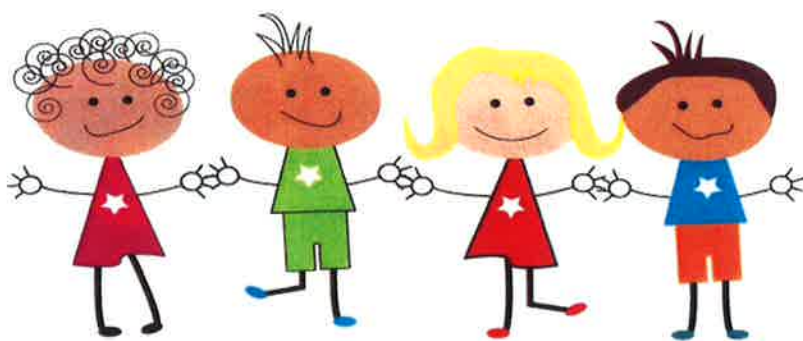


## C.H.A.T

Eligible clients are child victims who do not have access to services due to non-availability of services, lack of resources, lack of mental health insurance, and non-eligibility of services for other programs or services.

All children and young people deserve to feel loved, cared for, respected and safe. The CHAT program aims to serve all children/youth under the age of 18. Whether the problem stems from feeling unsafe at home, bullying online, or issues at school, we are here to help.

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## AAFVSA Domestic Violence Services

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**Shelter** The Alliance Shelter provides a safe, confidential refuge for people who are fleeing a violent situation. In this caring environment, case managers help folks evaluate their options, access services and make plans for the future.

**Counseling** Therapy services are available to any victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Peer support groups are also available through our program.

**Case Management** Case management services are available to domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse survivors who are having difficulty navigating the systems that are often involved in family violence such as clothing/food referrals, housing assistance, legal referrals, court advocacy, restraining order assistance, etc.

**C.H.A.T Program** The Alliance provides assistance to children and youth under the age of 18 for problems like but not limited to: physical abuse, neglect, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, bullying, etc.

**Prevention Education/Training** The Alliance is committed to ending violence in our community. In order to meet that goal, our Education Department is dedicated to educating the community and providing necessary training. The Education Department is currently involved in a media literacy and youth leadership development program committed to supporting young people in our community to be the change they want to see in the world.

**Other** The Alliance is constantly changing and expanding our services. From free self-defense to themed events, we always have something in the works. Give us a call to find out what we are up to!

**Remember two things:** First, abuse is never okay; Second, you are not alone. If you or someone you know has experienced Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Child Abuse, please consider calling the Alliance.

## ALLIANCE

AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY ONE STEP AT A TIME



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## What is C.H.A.T?

C.H.A.T stands for Child Abuse Treatment.

Child abuse, per requirements to qualify for services for this program, is considered any of the following:

- Physical Abuse
- Neglect
- Psychological Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Domestic Violence Witnessing
- Parental Substance Use
- Child Abduction by a family member or a non-family member
- Cyber Bullying
- Witnessing crime/violence in the school or community
- Bullying per California Education Code 48900®
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## Types Of Abuse

### Emotional and Verbal Abuse

- Name-calling, put-downs, blaming, isolation from friends and family, threats to kill or harm, intimidation, etc.

### Physical Abuse

- Pinching, restraining, pulling or yanking hair/arms/legs, twisting arms/wrists; pushing, shoving, tackling, blocking from leaving, choking, strangling, stabbing, slashing, burning, shooting, etc.

### Sexual Abuse

- Rape, sexual assault, molestation, forced sexual acts or behavior, forced prostitution, etc.
- Forcing partner to behave or dress in a sexually provocative manner.
- Continuing in any sexual activities *without consent*.

There are other types of abuse, such as: religious, psychological, mental, etc.



## What is Sexual Assault?

Any sexual activity employed *without consent*. Sexual assault is *not* about sex, but power and control over another human being.

Sexual assault does not discriminate. Men, women, trans folk, children, etc. of all ages and sexual orientations have been victims of sexual assault. An assault can occur between family members, friends, dating partners, strangers, a married couple, etc.

At the Alliance, we serve all people.

## C.H.A.T Services ?

- **Individual Psychotherapy** for child and adolescent victims of abuse
- **Family Involvement** and Support as an adjunct treatment.
- **Crisis Counseling.**
- **Personal Advocacy** support with crime-related medical exams; referrals for legal consultation when indicated.
- **Group support.**
- **Assist Filing Crime Compensation Claim/Linkage to Victim Witness Program.**
- **Criminal Justice/Support/Advocacy** at any stage of the criminal justice process with court involvement.

