

## About Us

Tri-County S.P.E.A.K.S. (TCS) is a non-profit advocacy program. The organization originally established as People Against Rape (PAR) in 1974, until rebranding of name in 2021. TCS is established to assist adult survivors of sexual assault in the tri-county area. TCS provides crisis intervention and supportive services in Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties. The services offered by TCS include:

- 24-Hour Crisis Line, providing support to survivors in times of crisis.
- Hospital Response, providing support for survivors during medical treatment.
- Resources and Referrals, helping to connect survivors with other service providers.
- Court Accompaniment, providing support during civil and criminal legal hearings.
- Public Awareness & Education, to prevent sexual violence before it starts.

## Contact Us

Call \*63 to reach our confidential hotline & learn more about services



24/7 Hotline  
843-745-0144



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# PREA Program

Serving adult (18+) survivors of sexual assault & their loved ones in the Charleston, Dorchester & Berkeley counties.

## What is PREA?

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal program that began in 2003 that aims to eliminate rape in correctional institutions and ensure the safety and support of all survivors of sexual assault within our prison system including local, state, and federal facilities. PREA applies to those who were assaulted as children and adults whether the assault happened prior to or during incarceration.

**6% of men who are incarcerated have been sexually assaulted**  
(U.S. Dept of Justice)

**Over 10% of people who are incarcerated in a state prison have been raped.**  
(Human Rights Watch)

## How can TCS help?

TCS is able to help survivors who are incarcerated in many ways.

These include:

- Personal advocacy & safety
- Monthly visits in person to work on coping with life inside of a facility
- Letters each month to communicate with every survivor & assess needs for the next visit
- Activities and reading materials based on individuals needs
- Legal assistance
- Pen Pal Program & much more.

We believe you.  
You are not alone.

## Considerations

**No one deserves to be raped.**

TCS's services are confidential. If you have been sexually assaulted, you have options.

No matter where sexual assault happens, there are serious emotional & physical consequences. For people who are incarcerated, symptoms can be exacerbated by:

- A lack or absence of privacy
- A lack of control over the environment
- A lack of access to immediate medical care
- Often by the continuing presence in the prison of the perpetrator

When released from prison, a survivor's untreated trauma can often lead to a high risk for developing chronic, long-term problems.

**Reach out to TCS for support.**