

NEW DIRECTIONS

Bi-monthly Newsletter

January & February 2017

CHANGE
your thoughts & you
CHANGE
your world.
-Norman Vincent Peace



812-662-8223

812-662-8822 Crisis Line
New Directions

1-800-799-SAFE

National Domestic
Violence Hotline

1-800-273-TALK

National Suicide
Prevention Hotline

Upcoming Events

New Volunteer Recruitment Efforts – Let's start 2017 off right with additional New Volunteers. Encourage your friends and family to join the 2017 New Directions Volunteer Group.

February

14—Valentine's Day

23—Volunteer Meeting 5:30pm

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

March

4 - Volunteer Training 9:00am-12:00pm

Donuts, Coffee, & Juice will be served

30—Volunteer Meeting 5:30pm

****Important Notice****

Volunteer Meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm.

****Gracias****

Thank you, or Gracias, to all the community programs that attended the "Spanish for Social Providers" Training that was presented by the Latino Coalition. It was a very productive, fun, and informative training. We are looking

**Like us on
Facebook.**

**Check out our Website
www.mynewdirections.org**

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Did you know?

January is Stalking Awareness Month

What is stalking? Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. The most common stalker tactics reported include: approaching or showing up in places when the victim didn't want them there; making unwanted telephone calls; leaving unwanted messages (text or voice); and watching or following from a distance.

- Stalking is a crime in all 50 states.
- 7.5 million people are stalked in one year in the United States.
- A stalker can be someone you know well or not at all.
- Over 85% know their stalker.
- Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time.
- Intimate partner stalkers frequently approach their targets, and their behaviors escalate quickly.
- 78% of stalkers use more than one means of stalking.
- 76% of intimate partner femicide victims have been stalked by their intimate partner.
- 67% had been physically abused by their intimate partner.
- Both male and female can be stalked or be the stalker.

Volunteers Needed

We are working hard to grow our volunteer base. This will be VERY important as we continue to grow our services.

No Experience Needed.

Training starts soon.

Statistics

New Directions served 87 clients from October to December 2016, 59 of them were new. Staff answered 109 client related calls and had 43 face to face interactions with clients.

2016 Numbers from ...

Prosecutor: 61 cases

Domestic Battery Misdemeanor— 15

Domestic Battery Felony—23

Strangulation—20

DB Moderate Injury—1

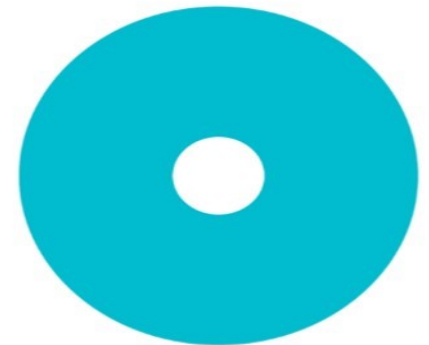
DB Serious Injury—1

Greensburg City Police-

Calls—405 Arrests—35

Decatur County Sheriff

Calls—291 Arrests—11



NO MORE

What is the difference between a healthy and an unhealthy relationship?



February is Valentine's Day. Some of you may celebrate this day with your partner, some may feel this "holiday" is too commercialized, some may not have that special someone to celebrate with, and some just choose not to celebrate for whatever the reason. Whatever your preference is fine. The staff at New Directions can't think of a better time to do a "**HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP CHECK-UP**" than right now. We, at New Directions, are exposed to the ugly parts of some relationships, and we seek to educate everyone on what makes a relationship healthy and safe for all involved.

February is also **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**. Now is a great time to have those healthy relationship talks with any teen in your life. Some great **resources** for teens are www.mynewdirections.org ; <https://thatsnotcool.com/> ; <http://www.stand4respect.org/> ; loveisnotabuse.com ; loveisrespect.org ; TEXT "loveis" to 77054 ; Call Love is Respect Hotline 1-866-331-9474 (by teens, for teens).

If you want to discuss your relationship or if you need tips on talking with your teen, please call New Directions at 812-662-8223.

Donations Needed

Gas Cards

Gift Cards

Non-perishable Food

Time Donations See Volunteers Needed

