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Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2021

Pensacola, Fla. (October 1, 2021) – According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), domestic violence impacts more than 10 million people each year. That number is on track to increase which is why we need the community's help to prevent and report domestic violence.

Facts about domestic violence:

- Studies show that children who experience childhood domestic violence are at increased risk for a broad range of long-term challenges.
- Ninety-four to 99% of domestic violence survivors have also experienced economic abuse.
- Domestic violence happens to adults, children and the elderly.

Helpful resources are available. Mental health experts can provide counseling for trauma as well as safe exit plans for victims. The following resources are available:

- Lakeview Center Victim Services 24-hour helpline 850.433.7273 (safety plan experts)
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800.799.7233
- Abuse Reporting Hotline 800.962.2873
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800.656.4673
- FavorHouse Northwest Florida Outreach 850.434.1177 (safety plan experts, counseling, prevention, and economic justice programs)
- FavorHouse Crisis Line 850.434.6600. (24-hour line and shelter services)

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About Lakeview Center, Inc. Behavioral Health

The Mission of Lakeview Behavioral Health is to help people throughout life's journey. We specialize in providing effective, research-based services for children and adults with mental illnesses, drug and alcohol dependencies, and intellectual disabilities. Our services range from inpatient and residential treatment to outpatient counseling, psychiatry, case management, day treatment, and round-the-clock support for those with serious mental illnesses. Additionally, Lakeview Behavioral Health provides specialized trauma services, medication-assisted treatment for opiate dependency, and medically supervised drug and alcohol detoxification. In all, Lakeview Behavioral Health offers more than 60 programs and services for people in the northwest Florida area. To learn more, go online to eLakeviewCenter.org.

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