



*Connecting families & communities through safety & hope*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Monday, March 25, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT: SUSAN ROBERTSON  
(936) 639-1681 OR  
[srobertsonwset@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:srobertsonwset@suddenlinkmail.com)

## **Nacogdoches S.A.V.E. Coalition and the Family Crisis Center Partner to Commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

April has been declared Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States. The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness of sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. This year's theme is "Step Up for Change!"

The Nacogdoches S.A.V.E. Coalition, along with the Family Crisis Center of East Texas, is holding public activities throughout April to call attention to this important cause. "Prevention in the Park" kick-off event at Pecan Park in Nacogdoches is on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Families can partake in free food and drinks, carnival games, face painting and a balloon release honoring the 228 victims the Family Crisis Center served in 2012. Denim Day is scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2013. Community members are encouraged to wear denim and the "Why Denim?" buttons which will be available on the SFASU campus and at [www.FamilyCrisisCenterOfEastTexas.com](http://www.FamilyCrisisCenterOfEastTexas.com).

An informational booth will be set up on Monday, April 15, 2013, until Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the SFASU Student Center from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. There, students will pass out handbills of events, buttons, and brochures to SFASU students to get them involved in SAAM. The "Take Back the Night" awareness walk at Pecan Park in Nacogdoches on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. will wrap up the months events. There will be a program followed by a walk to rally against sexual violence.

The S.A.V.E. Coalition of Nacogdoches County continues to advance its mission of committing to investigate the root causes of sexual violence within their community. The S.A.V.E. Coalition seeks to provide training and/or education to its team members and the community in addition to facilitating communication forums around the topic of sexual violence prevention.

The Family Crisis Center of East Texas continues to advance its mission of enhancing the safety of women, children and men by providing crisis intervention and advocacy services to reduce and prevent the occurrence of family violence and sexual assault through education and community awareness. The agency provides numerous services and last year alone provided 1,154 residential and non-residential clients with over 75,000 essential services.

For more information regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities occurring in the area, or to find out how you can assist the agency, contact Susan Robertson at (936) 639-1681 or [srobertsonwset@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:srobertsonwset@suddenlinkmail.com).

###

P.O. Box 510 • Lufkin, TX 75902 • Office: 936-639-1681 • Fax: 936-633-6280

