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**The Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas Recognizes
Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Angelina College and Stephen F. Austin
State University**

Throughout the month of April, the Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas will raise public awareness and education about sexual assault by holding public activities and events at Angelina College and Stephen F. Austin State University, as well as supporting events the schools are conducting for their students. This year's theme is "**WALK WITH ME – YOUR VOICE HAS POWER**" to prevent sexual assaults at Angelina College and Stephen F. Austin State University.

Angelina College, along with the Family Crisis Center of East Texas will be giving Angelina College students the opportunity to receive important information on sexual assaults with "**H₂O and Know**". This event will be held on **Thursday, April 4th** from **10:30am to 11:30am** in front of the Angelina College Student Center. Students will receive free bottled water with sexual assault statistics and facts on the label along with Family Crisis Center Hotline and the National Sexual Assault Hotline phone numbers.

A screening of the award-winning documentary "**The Hunting Ground**" will take place in Hudgins Hall on the Angelina College Campus starting at **6:00pm on Monday, April 8th**. This film brings to light the story of sexual assault survivors on college campuses. There will be a panel discussion lead by The Family Crisis Center with audience members afterwards.

The Angelina College Police Department along with staff from the Family Crisis Center of East Texas will provide education and information on campus safety and resources available to students at the Angelina College "**Lunch and Learn**" event on **Tuesday, April 9th** from **10:50am to 11:25am** in the Community Services Building room 104.

Angelina College along with the Family Crisis Center of East Texas will help students learn how they can be lifesavers for someone they know at the "**Be a Lifesaver!**" event on **Wednesday, April 10th** from **10:30am to 11:30am** in front of the Angelina College Student Center. Students will be able to talk to representatives from the Family Crisis Center, Student Life, and the Region 5 Prevention Center. Students will also receive a roll of Life Savers candy with important information on them.

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The Family Crisis Center along with Angelina College Student Life will present the **“Escalation Workshop”** in Hudgins Hall. The workshop will take place on **Monday, April 15th at 6:00pm**. The workshop consists of a short film depicting the relationship of a young college couple from its sweet beginning to its violent end. A group discussion on dating violence and bystander intervention will follow.

The Family Crisis Center will be at the **Angelina College Campus Picnic on Thursday, April 18th starting at 10:30am** in front of the Student Center. Angelina College will provide free food and drinks for all students and the Family Crisis Center will provide a fun way to educate students on the importance of consent with their interactive consent guide. Angelina College will also host their annual Health Fair that day.

The Family Crisis Center will once again be presenting **“Walk a Mile in Their Shoes”** on **Thursday, April 25th starting at 5:30pm** in the Stephen F. Austin State University Student Center Courtyard. “Walk a Mile” has traditionally been a men’s march to show support of female sexual assault survivors, but this year both men and women are being encouraged to participate. There will be a guest speaker, and many of the university’s fraternities will be participating also.

Denim Day is **Wednesday, April 24th**, as part of the nation-wide, annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign. Wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a visual symbol of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault. Millions of supporters around the country and globally are expected to participate by wearing jeans on **Denim Day** this year.

The Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas is leading the path to end sexual assault and domestic violence in our community. Through education and community awareness, such occurrences can be reduced or prevented by providing emergency crisis and advocacy services. The Family Crisis Center benefits from the support of both the Angelina and Nacogdoches County S.A.V.E. (Sexual Assault Violence Education) Coalitions through partnering with them on endeavors to educate the community.

For more information regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities occurring at Angelina College or Stephen F. Austin State University, or to find out how you can assist the agency, contact Stuart Burson at 936-639-1681 or email sburson@fccet.com.

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