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**Together We Will Move to Action to Create Change:  
Commemorating Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Nacogdoches County**

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community. The goal of SAAM 2015 is to get everyone involved in creating a safer community. The campaign helps the entire community learn how to take action to prevent sexual assault. The Family Crisis Center of East Texas in partnership with the Nacogdoches County S.A.V.E. Coalition will raise public awareness about Sexual Assault by holding public activities and events in the area. This year's theme is "I Will Move to Action to Create Change," which encourages community members to take a stand against sexual assault.

The Family Crisis Center and the Nacogdoches County S.A.V.E. Coalition will kick off the month by holding a Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event in partnership with Stephen F. Austin State University Theta Chi Fraternity Inc. on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Join us in the event that gives the opportunity for men to raise awareness in the community by walking a mile in women's high heels to better understand and appreciate women's experiences. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Baker Pattillo Student Center and the walk will conclude at the SFA Recreation Center Parking Lot.

This year, the Family Crisis Center and the Nacogdoches County S.A.V.E. Coalition in partnership with Health Science Dept. of Stephen F. Austin State University is holding "Take Back the Night" on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at SFA Spirit Rock Ag Pond, located along the fence line of Homer Bryce Stadium starting at 6:00 p.m. The event will include a march, candlelight vigil, and guest speakers, Stephanie Stevens, Assistant County Attorney for the Nacogdoches County Attorney's Office and keynote speaker Kate Koestner, sexual assault survivor, author, and featured on the cover of TIME Magazine, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and a HBO documentary.

In addition, the Family Crisis Center and the Nacogdoches County S.A.V.E. Coalition, in partnership with CrossFit Nac, will be holding "AMRAP for Awareness". Come get your CrossFit on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and support Sexual Assault Awareness Month by participating in a free AMRAP (As Many Reps As Possible) workout instructed by CrossFit Nac located at 2717 NW Stallings Dr. in Nacogdoches. Free food and drinks will be provided.

You can also show your support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month by purchasing the official, "I Will" t-shirt at [www.fcet.com](http://www.fcet.com). The shirts are \$5 and can be purchased starting April 1st.

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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 the 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 1,214 residential and non-residential clients with over 109,000 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, visit our website, [www.fcet.com](http://www.fcet.com), or contact Susan Robertson at the Family Crisis Center of East Texas at (936) 639-1681 or [srobertsonwset@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:srobertsonwset@suddenlinkmail.com).

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