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Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2022

Pensacola, Fla. (March 31, 2022) – Sexual assault remains the most underreported crime in the U.S. according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC). During April we observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month as an opportunity to promote awareness and support for survivors, family members and friends.

The NSVRC reported that during 2017, only 40% of rapes and sexual assaults were reported to police, and only about 25% were reported in 2018. It's an uncomfortable topic, but one we must engage in with our community to change behaviors and improve such ominous statistics.

The Lakeview Center Victim Services team serves Gulf Coast communities providing crisis Intervention, Information and referral, advocacy and accompaniment, trauma recovery counseling, and support groups. The Certified Sexual Violence Program provides services for Northwest Florida. Office locations are spread across the area:

- 1. Lakeview Center Main Campus, 1201 W. Lakeview Ave., Bldg. H, Pensacola, FL 32501
- 2. Avalon Center, 6024 Spikes Way, Milton, FL 32583
- 3. Century Clinic, 6021 Industrial Blvd., Century, FL 32535 (telehealth)

A 24-hour helpline also is available even on weekends and holidays at 850.433.7273. Visit eLakeviewCenter.org/BehavioralHealth/SpecialtyServices/victim-services to learn more. For treatment, call, 850.469.3800. Join with your neighbors to spread the word about these vital 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.