



## City of Fairburn Work Session

### Agenda

April 24, 2023

6:00 PM

### *The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery*

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Linda J. Davis  
The Honorable Alex Heath  
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

Mr. Tony Phillips  
Mr. Rory Starkey  
Ms. Brenda B. James

The Honorable Pat Pallend  
The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood  
The Honorable James Whitmore

City Administrator  
City Attorney  
City Clerk

- I. Meeting Called to Order: The Honorable Mayor Avery
- II. Roll Call: City Clerk
- III. Agenda Items:
  - 1. Sexual Assault Awareness Month - Fulton County District Attorney's Office (**City Administrator's Office**)
- IV. Adjournment:

When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for for the following Issues:  
**(1) Personnel (2) Real Estate or (3) Litigation**



## CITY OF FAIRBURN WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Sexual Assault Awareness Month - Fulton County District Attorney's Office

**ITEM TYPE:** Presentation

**SUBMITTED:** 04/19/2023      **WORK SESSION:** N/A      **COUNCIL MEETING:** 04/24/2023

**DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator's Office

**BUDGET IMPACT:** N/A

**PUBLIC HEARING:** No

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### **PURPOSE:**

Presentation to Mayor & Council to raise awareness about sexual assault and how to prevent it.

### **HISTORY:**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). SAAM is a campaign to educate and engage the public in addressing this widespread issue. The theme for this year is Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity. This April's campaign calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect. Drawing Connections recognizes that it will take ending all forms of oppression to end sexual harassment, assault, and abuse.

### **FACTS AND ISSUES:**

Sexual violence happens in every community and affects people of all genders and ages. Sexual violence is any type of unwanted sexual contact. This includes words and actions of a sexual nature against a person's will and without their consent. A person may use force, threats, manipulation, or coercion to commit sexual violence. There is a social context that surrounds sexual violence. Social norms that condone violence, use power over others, traditional constructs of masculinity, the subjugation of women, and silence about violence and abuse contribute to the occurrence of sexual violence. Oppression in all of its forms is among the root causes of sexual violence.

Sexual violence is preventable through collaborations of community members at multiple levels of society—in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, faith settings, workplaces, and other settings. We all play a role in preventing sexual violence and establishing norms of respect, safety, equality, and helping others.

### **FUNDING SOURCE:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Sexaul Assault Powerpoint Fulton



# *SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (SAAM)*

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# ABOUT YOLANDA MACK

DEKALB COUNTY NATIVE AND DEKALB PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GRADUATE (AVONDALE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE)

PARENT OF TWO TEENAGERS (BOY AND GIRL), SO THIS IS  
PERSONAL

CO-CHAIR OF NCNW "BLACK PEARLS" PROGRAM

MEMBER OF JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DEKALB

GRADUATE OF LEADERSHIP DEKALB

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## *WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?*



THIS IS AN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TO  
**RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS** ABOUT  
SEXUAL ASSAULT AND **EDUCATE**  
**COMMUNITIES** AND INDIVIDUALS  
ON HOW TO **PREVENT SEXUAL**  
**VIOLENCE.**

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## *What is the legal definition of sexual abuse?*

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT?

SEXUAL ASSAULT HAPPENS WHEN **SOMEONE TOUCHES ANOTHER PERSON IN A SEXUAL MANNER WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT** OR WHEN SOMEONE MAKES ANOTHER PERSON TAKE PART IN A SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH THEM WITHOUT THAT PERSON'S CONSENT. IT INCLUDES UNWANTED KISSING AND SEXUAL TOUCHING.

## Parameters of Sexual Assault

IT IS A CRIME FOR SOMEONE WITH SUPERVISORY OR DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OVER ANOTHER TO HAVE SEXUAL CONTACT WITH THEM.

SEXUAL ASSAULT CAN OCCUR BETWEEN ANY GENDER.

THE LAW PROHIBITS ANY UNCONSENTED TO SEXUAL ACTIVITY, WITH OR WITHOUT FORCE.

# IN 2018 IT IS ESTIMATED THAT **734,630** PEOPLE WERE RAPED (INCLUDING ATTEMPTED OR THREATENED)

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- 1 in 5 women experience completed or attempted rape.
- 24.8% of men experience some sexual violence
- 1 in 3 female victims experience sexual assault between the ages of 11 and 17
- 1 in 4 male victims experience sexual assault between the ages of 11 and 17.
- Approximately 50% of the sexual assaults are by intimate partners or acquaintance.
- Estimated lifetime cost of rape is \$122, 461 per victim

# WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?



## SEXUAL ABUSE:

- Bruises or bleeding near sensitive or genital areas of the body
- Torn, stained, or bloody underclothing
- Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases
- Becoming upset when bathed, changed or examined
- Change in behavior
- Self report of sexual abuse
- Outcry to a trusted person
- Grooming

# Strangers vs. Family Members



## STRANGERS:

- Always be aware of your surroundings
  - If possible travel in pairs if its late or getting dark
  - Avoid talking to strangers or panhandlers
  - Stay in a well lit area
  - Trust your gut
  - Ask for help
  - Don't open the door for anyone who isn't a family member or friend
  - Don't be afraid to ask for help
  - Call 911
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# WHAT CAN WE DO?



- If you see something, say something
    - Tell a parent
    - Tell a teacher
    - Tell a trusted adult
    - Tell someone in law enforcement
  - Don't be afraid to use your voice
  - Don't be afraid no one will believe you
  - Trust your gut
  - Ask for help
  - Don't be afraid to ask for help
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# *Resources*

- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673
- Rape Crisis Centers Across Georgia:  
<http://www.gnesa.org/page/rape-crisis-centers-georgia>
- DeKalb Resource- Day Center: <https://dayleague.org/>
  - 24 hour Hotline: 404-377-1428
- Grady Rape Crisis Center: (404) 616-4861
- Resource for Male Survivors: <https://1in6.org/>
- Resource for Department of Defense community members who are survivors of sexual assault:  
<https://www.safehelpline.org>
- Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network:
  - <https://www.rainn.org/>
  - 1.800.656.HOPE (4673)



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