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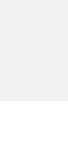
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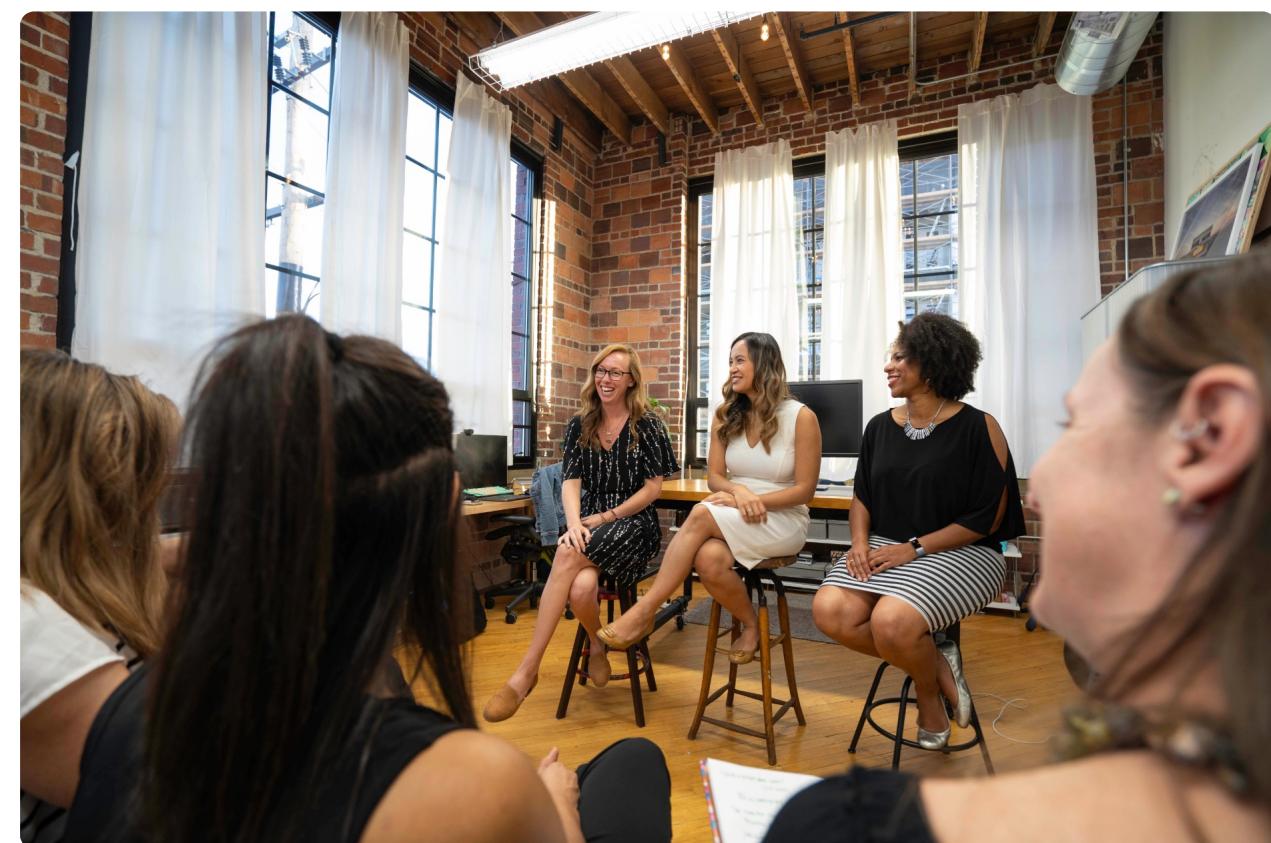
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## More about our programs

**COUNSELING PROGRAMS****RAPE RECOVERY & PREVENTION****LITERACY PROGRAM****BREAST CANCER SUPPORT****LGBTQ RESOURCES**

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## More about our programs

### COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Our highly trained staff are dedicated to providing sensitive and supportive help in individual, couples, and group therapy sessions. Because we are committed to serving all women, fees for counseling services are offered on a sliding scale.

#### Individual Therapy

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#### Group Therapy

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#### Sexual Violence Counseling Program

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### RAPE RECOVERY & PREVENTION

The Rape Recovery Team (RRT) provides rape recovery and prevention services. The RRT responds quickly and compassionately to survivors of sexual violence whether or not they have chosen to report the crime to police. Services are available to survivors of all genders in Duval, Nassau, and Baker Counties. Our approach to support is empowerment-based, providing access to information and resources so that survivors can make the choice they feel is best for them. Communications with RRT advocates are confidential.

- 24-hour hotline answered by an advocate who can offer crisis intervention, information, and referrals
- 24-hour response to survivors who would like a forensic examination
- Information to assist survivors in understanding their rights and options
- Advocacy and accompaniment for medical appointments and criminal justice proceedings
- Information and referral for community resources

#### Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE)

Exams are available within 120 hours (five days) from the time of assault. The exam process includes a head-to-toe medical check, including injury documentation and collection of physical evidence. If the patient reports to law enforcement, the evidence is provided to the appropriate law enforcement agency for processing. If the patient chooses not to report, the evidence is stored by law enforcement for a period of up to two years.

The SAFE Program team consists of a Medical Director, Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners and trained Advocates. Examiners are trained in forensic evidence collection, sensitivity and expert witness testimony. The Medical Director is a licensed MD and provides supervision for program protocols and staff. The SAFE Program is located at 5300 Emerson St. Jacksonville, Florida 32207.

### LITERACY PROGRAM

Expanded Horizons is an educational program designed to meet the needs of women through trained volunteer tutors, paid instructors, and ancillary support services. The program includes transportation assistance, children's services, and life skills small groups. Participants have access through cross referrals to the comprehensive, wrap around services of the Women's Center.

Individualized Instruction is offered in the morning, afternoon, and evening based on the availability of tutors and the needs of enrolled students.

### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

We provide a variety of information and resources to women affected by breast cancer including free educational materials, mastectomy bras, wigs and prostheses at no charge. Additionally, Bosom Buddies provides information and referrals to uninsured or under-insured women needing breast health care in the Jacksonville area.

#### Breast Cancer Support Group: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays of every month, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Bosom Buddies hosts a free weekly breast cancer support group meeting on Monday evenings at the Women's Center of Jacksonville. The support group focuses on "caring and sharing" and "survivorship education," providing the opportunity for breast cancer survivors to share their personal cancer journey experiences and learn new ways to increase their quality of life. The group consists of women of all ages in all stages of their cancer journey: newly diagnosed women, women in treatment, women who are now cancer-free, and occasionally caregivers. Bobbi de Córdova-Hanks, a 29 year breast cancer survivor, facilitates this group.

#### Community Presentations

Bosom Buddies provides presentations on breast health and breast cancer free of charge for both individuals and community organizations.

### LGBTQ RESOURCES

The Women's Center of Jacksonville is a resource for all members of the Northeast Florida community seeking help. Our information and referrals programs help provide answers to people of all genders in need of assistance.

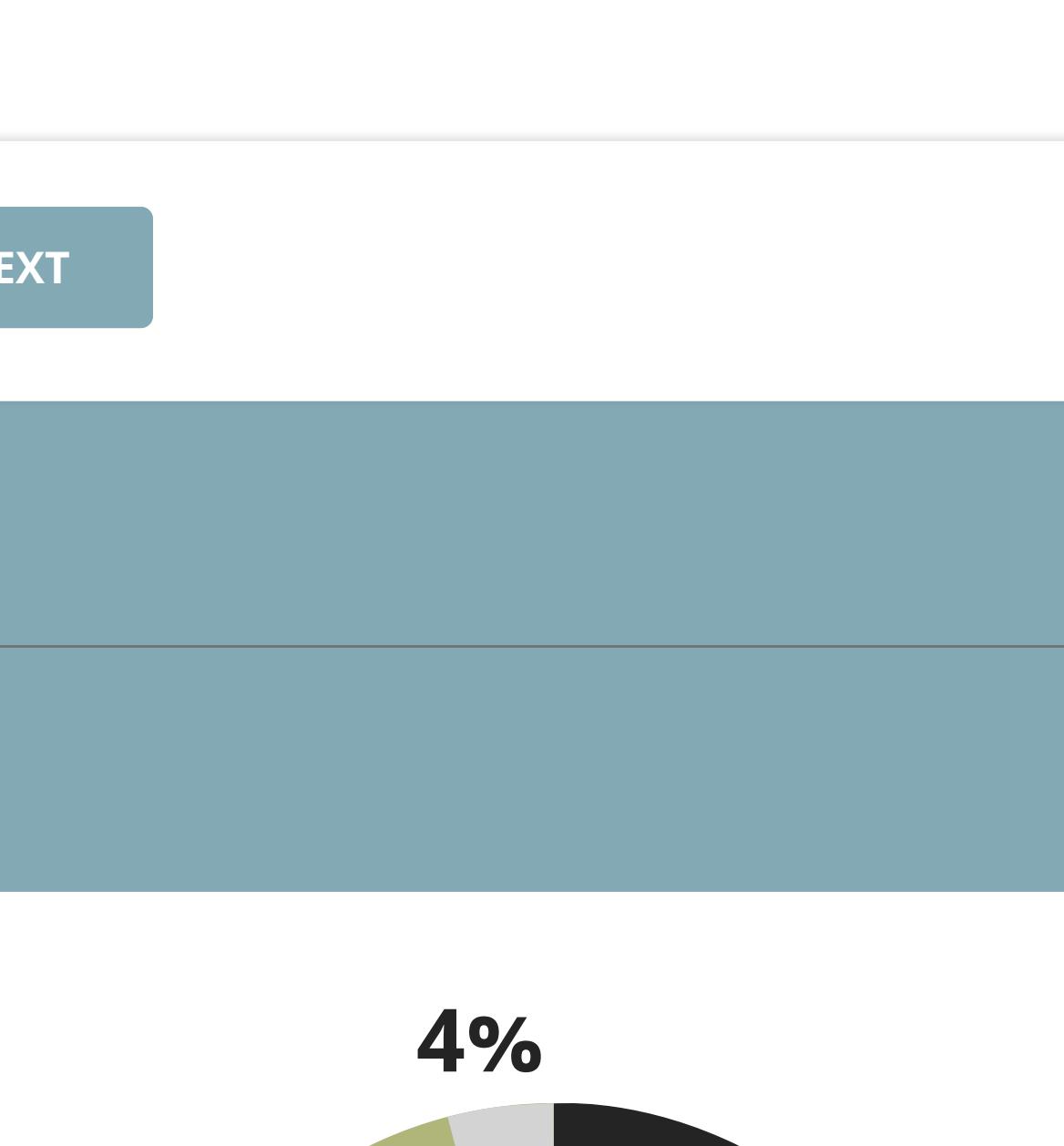
## Let's learn about women's health, issues, etc.

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### The first Women's Day Celebration in the United States was in New York City in 1909

However, Congress did not establish National Women's History Week until 1981 to be commemorated annually the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month.

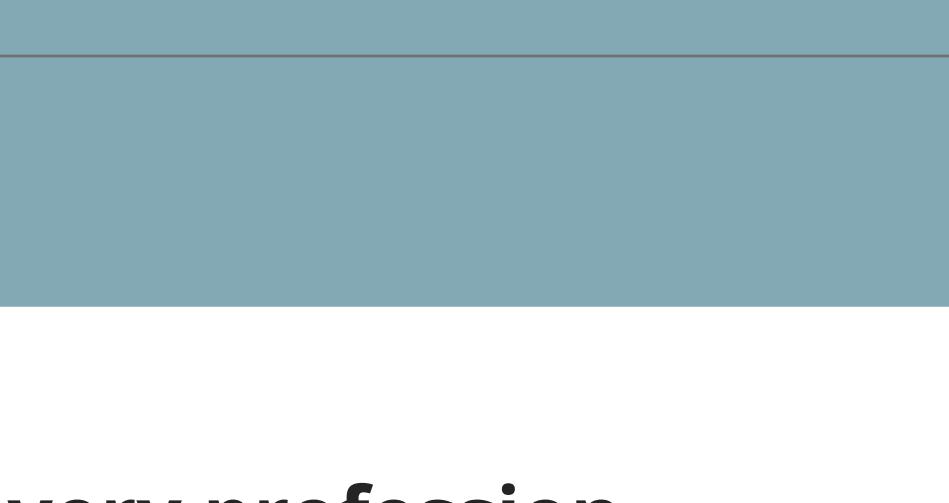


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### The Women's Center of Jacksonville's Rape Recovery Team served 4,080 people from 2015-2016

- Calls to hotline
- Advocacy and exams
- Presentations



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### The pay gap exists in nearly every profession

Fields with the smallest pay gaps are food workers, writers, counselors, pharmacists and social workers. The largest gaps occur among financial services sales agents, financial managers and financial advisers.

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of the **highest-paying** jobs are dominated by men

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