



Rape Assistance and Awareness Program  
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**Rape Crisis Hotlines**  
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(TTY Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm)

## **Fact Sheet**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the **Rape Assistance and Awareness Program (RAAP—pronounced “rap”)** is to eliminate sexual violence by providing services that assist victims of sexual assault and programs that educate the public about preventing sexual violence.

**Vision Statement:** A world where all people are free from sexual violence.

### **Summary of RAAP**

Founded in 1983 in response to an absence of services for rape victims, the Rape Assistance and Awareness Program (RAAP) is metro-Denver’s only rape crisis center. In addition to providing a comprehensive range of quality victim services, RAAP is a leader in educating the public about preventing sexual violence.

### **Program Overview**

- 24-hour Rape Crisis Hotlines: English, Spanish, hearing impaired
- Victim Advocacy (English, Spanish): Secures medical treatment, legal support, job placement, housing and other services depending on client needs
- Counseling for rape and incest survivors: English, monolingual Spanish, teens, men—three offices serve metro-Denver counseling clients (central, southeast, north)
- Education—Abuse Prevention Training: Full range of curricula for metro-Denver school children (preschool through college aged), administrators and parents
- Education—Personal Safety Skills for Women & Girls: Hands-on self-defense instruction for women and girls aged 9 and older
- Community Canvass: Raises awareness and money by going door-to-door in metro-Denver neighborhoods.

**Since 1983** RAAP has served *over 423,000 individuals*.

### **In 2002**

- Responded to *3,172 rape crisis hotline* calls
- Advocated for *257 victims* of sexual violence
- Counseled *361 clients*
- Instructed *16,732 students, teachers and parents* about sexual abuse prevention
- Instructed *956 girls, teens and women* about personal safety skills
- Presented to *90,950 individuals* through Community Canvass

### **Statistics**

- 78% of rapes against women are committed by an acquaintance of the victim. (“Rape in America,” National Victim Center, 1992)
- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be a victim of sexual abuse by the age of 18. (National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect)
- 62% of rape victims are under the age of 18. (“Rape in America,” National Victim Center, 1992)
- 1 in 4 teen females is a victim of dating violence.
- Less than 16% of rapes are reported. (“Rape in America,” National Victim Center, 1992)

### **What To Do If You Have Been Raped**

- Ensure your personal safety.
- Seek medical attention.
- Call the police and/or a rape crisis hotline.
- Do not bathe or otherwise disturb evidence.
- Stay calm and write down the details of the assault.
- If you suspect you have been drugged, go IMMEDIATELY to a hospital emergency room and request appropriate tests.

### **Media**

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