



Safe Passage

No one deserves to be abused.

Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates *April 2023*



April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). It gives our agency an opportunity to educate and empower our community to help support our mission to end intimate partner violence. This year, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) announced that this year's theme for SAAM will be:

Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity.

This theme aligns perfectly with Safe Passage's mission. We believe that in order to be an advocate of a survivor of abuse, we must all be advocates for all who face oppression and discrimination.

We are proud to serve Survivors and proud of our community for supporting our mission and the work we do!

Spotlight: Child Abuse Prevention Month

Safe Passage recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month. Did you know that we provide our free and confidential [domestic violence](#) and [sexual assault](#) survivor services to children as well?

Aside from direct services, our prevention educators also help schools comply with [Erin's Law](#) by teaching PK-12 students about body safety and



how to tell a safe adult about abuse.

We also offer professional trainings that help individuals recognize and report child abuse when they see it. We have trained childcare providers, educators, and medical professionals, among others.

Want to schedule a professional training? Contact Nia, Director of Prevention:

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[Learn More](#)

Sexual Assault Awareness Month



DRAWING CONNECTIONS
PREVENTION DEMANDS EQUITY

The Anti Sexual Violence Movement through the eyes of Black survivors

Abuse knows no boundaries. It affects everyone and anyone — but it especially affects those in marginalized groups. Black and brown communities, as well as the LGBTQIA+ community are more likely to experience sexual violence.

To continue this movement to end

*See how Safe Passage
contributes to the
movement:*

sexual violence, it's important to know its history, across all demographics. The fight to end sexual violence has lasted decades.

In 1866, a group of African American women spoke out and testified before Congress in response to a white mob gang-raping of multiple Black women during the Memphis riots. These women were among the first known groups of women who broke the silence and spoke out against sexual assault.

In 1944, Rosa Parks served as a sexual assault investigator for NAACP and dedicated her time to making sure that Black women who were assaulted by white men got the justice they deserved. During this time, she was able to help survivor Recy Taylor, who spoke out against the white mob who had gang-raped her and tried to silence her with blackmail. With Parks's help, Taylor was able to give her story nationwide coverage.

To hear more about the Anti-Violence Movement, check out our Director of Prevention and Communication Services, Nia Norris's, piece on WNIJ Public Radio:

[Listen Here](#)



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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

April 17th, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Egyptian Theatre

WALK-A-MILE

April 22nd, 9-12
NIU Convocation Center

DENIM DAY

April 26th
TBD

JAM FOR S.A.A.M.

April 26th, 5:00pm
Tapa La Luna

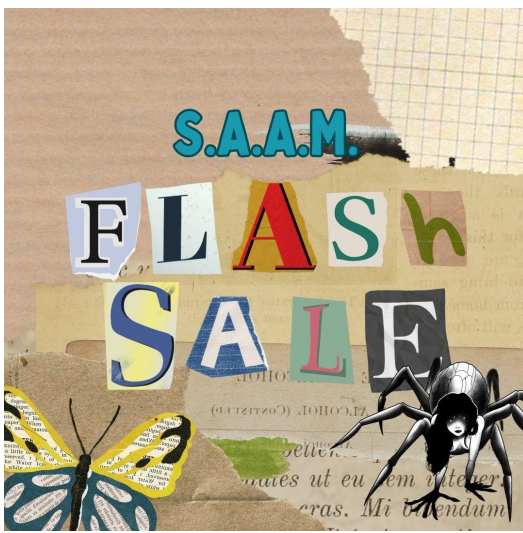
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or
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We're partnering up with
Sycamore's Spider Tattooz 2 for
Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

Their artists have cultivated several
designs, like Medusa and lotus
flower designs, to honor survivors of
sexual abuse. To see the designs,
click on the button down below.

40% of the profits from the S.A.A.M
designs will go to Safe Passage.

*Available every Wed-Sat throughout
the month of April,
from 11am-9pm
Appointment only*

[S.A.A.M. Designs](#)

Walk-A-Mile

Interested in signing up as a student
team or as an individual student?

You're in luck! This year Safe
Passage is offering both student
team and individual student
discounts, as well as our regular
team discounts.

[Register Now](#)



To heal our community and break the stigma of speaking out against
sexual violence, we must have survivor and victim focused conversations.

Safe Passage is hosting a series of events throughout the month of April
to show solidarity towards survivors and victims of sexual violence.

We've got some of our regular annual events, such as Take Back the
Night and Walk-A-Mile, as well as some newly coordinated events, such
as Denim Day and Jam for S.A.A.M..

For more information on each event, make sure to check our Events
Calendar down below!

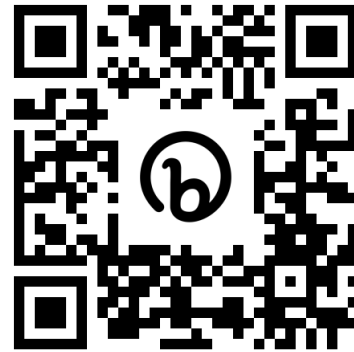
[Events Calendar](#)

SAVE THE DATE

GiveDeKalbCounty is right around the corner!

This year, GiveDeKalbCounty will be celebrating its 10th year of giving back to local nonprofits within our community.

We hope you choose Safe Passage as your choice of donation this year!



Staff Highlight



Shayna

Prevention Specialist & PAIP Facilitator

"Hi there! My name is Shayna. I am a Prevention Specialist and PAIP Facilitator here at Safe Passage."

I graduated from Augustana College in 2019, where I earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a minor in Psychology. I relocated to DeKalb during the summer of 2022 and quickly joined the Safe Passage team!

I previously worked at a law firm as a legal assistant. In college, I interned with a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis center similar to Safe Passage where I was a hotline advocate. My heart quickly found its way back to working with and for survivors once learning about Safe Passage.

I enjoy talking with students and community members as a Prevention Specialist. It is an honor to hear their stories, introduce folks to our services if they are seeking help from abuse, and having ongoing conversations about healthy relationships, consent, and more.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends and my partner. I also love crafting (anything pastel or floral to be specific!), walks, cooking, going to coffee shops and vintage stores, and cuddling with my orange cat Freddy."

Thank you, Shayna, for your commitment to Safe Passage!

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