The mission of the Middlesex County Center for Empowerment is to support and empower survivors and significant others affected by sexual violence, and to help eliminate all forms of sexual violence through community awareness and education.

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”
-Lao Tzu

“It always seems impossible until it is done.”
-Nelson Mandela

“Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.”
-Maya Angelou

“With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.”
-Eleanor Roosevelt

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Serving Survivors and Loved Ones in Middlesex County
24-Hour Hotline and Advocacy
Free Confidential Services
1-877-665-7273

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Empowerment is... 
Allowing myself to heal in my own time and on my own terms.

Schedule a free counseling appointment with one of our clinicians if you:

- Need assistance working through your thoughts and feelings,
- Are experiencing uncomfortable symptoms,
- Want to find ways to cope, or
- Are affected by your loved one’s experience or wish to better understand and support them.

...accepting that things may never be the same, but they can be better than they are now.

Join one of our support groups if you:

- Wish to heal with the support of others who have been there
- Want to know others who share your story
- Want to know you are not alone.

...taking the first step to speak to someone and ask for help when I’m feeling alone.

Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates are available 24/7 at 1-877-665-7273.

Call our hotline if you:

- Need to speak to someone immediately,
- Are concerned for a loved one,
- Want to learn about your options
- Are looking for a resource or referral,
- Are interested in learning more about our services.

...understanding my options, including my right to make decisions involving my life and my body.

Request the presence of an advocate if you:

- Need unconditional emotional support at the forensic exam, police department, prosecutor’s office, or in court, or
- Want to know your rights as a victim.

Email empowerment@co.middlesex.nj.us to learn more about services.

...stopping sexual violence before it starts.

- Arrange a presentation on sexual violence or a related topic for your school, agency, or community.
- Learn how rigid gender expectations and harmful media messages can contribute to sexual violence through media literacy programming.
- Join the Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition of Middlesex County.

Email svpc@co.middlesex.nj.us to learn more about our prevention initiatives.

...believing I can make a difference.

Email advocate@co.middlesex.nj.us to learn how you can support survivors as a volunteer Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate.

We support all survivors in our community.

CALL OUR 24-HOUR HOTLINE 1–877–665–7273 FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE SERVICES
We serve survivors of all types of sexual violence regardless of when the violence occurred or if it was reported to police