

Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

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Our mission is to serve as a catalyst for moving all women forward.

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Meet a Commissioner: Dr. Ann Williams



After spending 30 years as a public school educator, Dr. Williams felt called by God in 1994 to start a new career. Her current endeavors include providing transitional housing and employment for female ex-offenders and their dependent children through the L.A.P. program (Life After Prison).

She also runs a nonprofit consulting firm called Simply for the Asking. Dr. Williams recently received the Community Helping Hands award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. The Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women urges you to strive for a healthier and safer Jacksonville by standing up for the victims of this often-hidden crime.

Be a VOICE for those who are afraid to speak.

Be a VOICE for survivors!

THERE IS HELP, but you have to make the first move.

Call 911 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

to be connected to a local center today.

It's confidential, it's free, and it's safe.

Interested in attending our next public meeting?

When: Monday, October 28, 2013, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Where: City Hall, 117 West Duval Street