



# Nancy J. Cotterman Center

Broward County's only certified Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center

# DENIM DAY

**WEAR JEANS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT** **Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

Denim Day is a day-long observance dedicated to raising awareness about sexual violence.

Come see Nancy J. Cotterman Center's powerful exhibit on sexual assault and child abuse at the Broward County Governmental Center lobby, 115 S. Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

## Denim Day History

In 1997, an 18-year-old in Italy was picked up by her driving instructor to begin a driving lesson. Soon after, she was raped on the side of the road by the instructor. She pressed charges and won her case.

The instructor appealed, and in 1999, the Italian High court overturned the conviction declaring that since the victim wore very tight jeans, the instructor could not have removed them himself, therefore the victim must have willingly participated. Women of the Italian legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans. As news of the decision spread, so did the protest worldwide.

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