



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Domestic Violence System Advocate Program: Trained system advocates assist victims of domestic violence by providing encouragement and information about how to access legal services, obtain protective orders, navigate the court system, and access social services. System advocates help victims develop safety plans, and provide information about area resources, including legal and immigration services. In addition, the advocates may assist victims in filing for protective orders and accompany them to hearings.

Domestic Violence Resource Room: The Center's resource room is a safe, confidential space where an individual may go to learn more about domestic violence and area resources. It has multilingual information about shelters, protective orders, stalking, sexual violence, dating violence, elder abuse, emotional abuse, legal services, and other information having to do with domestic violence and family abuse. A computer and telephone are available to those who need to make plans and gather information without threat of being tracked or monitored.

The Women's Center's Web Site: Updated regularly, it includes information in English and Spanish on a variety of issues related to domestic violence (power and control, dynamics, safety planning, etc.) and a listing of area resources.

Training Program: In addition to general training (our Core Curriculum) about domestic violence, the Center provides training (our Modules) to professionals in order to help them better recognize victims of domestic violence and enhance their response. The professional groups include medical personnel, shelter staff, faith-based professionals, therapists, court personnel, school social workers and guidance counselors, and others who work with children.

Attorney Network: The Center maintains a listing of local attorneys who have agreed to provide free initial 20 minute phone consultations. In addition, the Center also has a current listing of local and state legal agencies and organizations to assist with immigration, multicultural, and other legal issues.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month: The Center participates with a number of area agencies to conduct a public awareness campaign during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October).

Educational Programs: A variety of programs are available throughout the year. They are listed on line (www.thewomenscenter.org) or in our program calendar.

Counseling Services: These services are available through the clinical department at the Center. Group, individual, and family counseling are offered to serve the needs of clients experiencing domestic violence and related issues, and are available on a sliding scale if needed.