



Programs & Services

Hotline 412-687-8005

A call to the Hotline is often the first step a victim takes towards a violence free home. The Hotline is answered 24-Hours a day by highly trained Hotline Advocates, who discuss with callers their feelings, legal options, counseling issues, safety plans and any other domestic-violence related issues the caller may have.

Legal Advocacy

Legal Advocates provide information, resources, counseling and support to victims of abuse as well as accompaniment throughout the complex and often overwhelming legal system. Legal Advocates also work with the many components of the justice system to improve policies and procedures and train police officers on domestic violence issues.

Shelter

Shelter is provided to women and child victims of domestic violence who are in immediate danger. In shelter, women are offered individual counseling and support groups, legal, medical and housing advocacy, employment assistance and children's services. WC&S houses up to 36 women and children at any time.

Children's Program

Children, too, suffer the effects of domestic violence. At Women's Center & Shelter, children receive counseling, learn alternatives to violent behavior and explore their feelings in age-appropriate support groups on-site as part of the Children's Counseling Center. Children in shelter also receive on-site medical care and dental screening. Additionally, the Center offers child care free of charge, places children in feeder schools, provides clothing and school supplies and numerous other services.

Medical Advocacy

Medical Advocates provide counseling and support to victims of domestic violence, early intervention in domestic violence-related situations, and training and support to medical professionals. By training medical professionals on the importance of screening each patient for domestic violence, Medical Advocates work toward creating greater awareness and support for victims of domestic abuse who are seen by the medical community.

Empowerment Center

Many victims may not need shelter, but benefit from other services offered at Women's Center & Shelter such as counseling, legal, medical and financial advocacy, and children's services. Victims can receive group support and children's services through the Empowerment Center.

Education

Our Education Department offers prevention programs to schools, community education and outreach to increase awareness and understanding of domestic violence. Additionally, the Education Department provides professional training for child welfare professionals, clergy, healthcare personnel, therapists, human service providers and community groups to teach identification and intervention with adult and child victims.

The Men's Group

WC&S offers The Men's Group for men who need help with their violence or abuse. Each group meets for 24 sessions and focuses on stopping violence. It encourages men to change their attitudes and beliefs that perpetuate domestic violence, realize how they create many of their own conflicts, take responsibility for their actions, understand the impact of their behavior on themselves and others, and give up control tactics and their sense of entitlement to use them.

Civil Law Project

The Civil Law Project's (CLP) goal is to fill existing gaps in free legal services available for domestic violence victims and to offer other specialized domestic violence legal expertise.



30% to 60% of perpetrators of partner abuse also abuse children in the household... Witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.

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