# The Women's Center



UPDATES FOR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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#### Our Mission



To provide **safety**, **shelter** and **support** to empower all impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse and trafficking.



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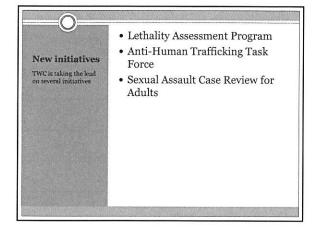
#### Programs and Services

- Emergency shelter
- Transitional living
- 24-Hour Hotline
- Individual and group counseling
- Employment Readiness
- Life Skills
- Legal Advocacy
- Community education and violence prevention
- Child abuse prevention
- Rape Crisis Response
- AODA & mental health support
- Free onsite respite childcare

All programs and services are offered at no cost.

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Women's CENTER	2018 Numbers	
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	Nomen's Center provided direct services unduplicated adults and children.	
which includ	ee of our reach totals more than 18,000, es prevention programming in schools, r 24-Hour Hotline, referral calls and	
cor	nmunity education trainings.	
Women's CENTER	2018 Numbers	
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Shelter – provi     24 Hour Hotlin	ided 9,598 nights of safety & 28,794 meals ne – responded to 8,855 calls	
Legal Advocacy     DV Counseling	y – assisted 149 people with TROs 5 – provided individual counseling and support adults	
SA Counseling	<ul> <li>provided individual counseling and support</li> </ul>	
groups to 160 a	adults gramming – provided DV and SA counseling to	
127 children ar • Parenting Edu	nd their parents cation – provided individual counseling and	
• Employment a	adults .nd Life Skills – provided individual counseling	
and workshops	s to 199 adults	
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Women's CENTER	2019 so far	
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- Our shelter nights of care increase each year by 2-5%
- We have seen a 35% increase in the number of adult sexual assault and abuse clients using services
- In 2018 we turned away 463 heads of household who needed shelter because we were at capacity or we lacked a lower bunk
- $\circ\,$  In 2019 we surpassed that number already as of August 31st.
- We have also seen a 67% increase in the number of hours our Family Advocate spends with clients teaching them parenting skills



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#### Lethality Assessment Program

- TWC has been piloting the LAP with Waukesha Sheriff's Dept., City of Delafield Police, Victim Witness
- Since inception in February of 2018 through August of 2019, 198 assessments have been completed.
- · Of the 198 completed the following is true:
  - 58% were found to be high lethality
  - 50% of domestic violence victims spoke to a trained advocate from The Women's Center to discuss safety planning and other resources
  - 25% of those victims engaged in services at The Women's Center, including shelter services
- o We are currently trying to expand the LAP to all municipalities in Waukesha County



### Anti-Human Trafficking

- In June of 2018 TWC hosted an Anti-Trafficking Summit
- · Since that time we have accomplished:
  - The Task Force created structure and four work groups to focus on Prevent, Treatment and Support, Law Enforcement, and Courts
     The Task Force created a mission statement

  - The Prevention group has undertaken several public awareness campaigns

- campaigns

  Treatment and Support has distributed a screening tool for child victims, working on a screening tool for adults, working on a resource guide

  Law Enforcement is working to coordinate a regional Federal, state and local law enforcement group.

  Courts has become part of the CJCC

  Lad Lake and HHS has received a grant to expand training in Waukesha County

  TWC has applied to be a referral source from the National Human Trafficking Hotline operated by Polaris

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#### Case Review for Adult SA

- Formed an ad-hoc committee from the CCR membership to bring a recommendation back to the full CCR
- · SANE programs, law enforcement, District Attorney's office, Victim Witness, TWC
- So far we have mapped out each entities response to sexual assault to see where they overlap and where there are gaps
- · We also talked about the limits of confidentiality for each
- Next we will write an actual procedure for case review

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#### DV Homicide Report

- End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin compiles a report for all DV homicides across the state
- The 2018 report has not been released yet, but the preliminary numbers indicate 3 Waukesha County residents lost their lives to domestic violence
- The report also outlines other important issues such as the connection between gun violence and dv homicide

## Referrals

- Please call the shelter (262-542-3828 or 888-542-3828) if you are working with someone who needs
- If you are working with someone who doesn't need shelter, please call 262.547.4600
- · If you have sent a request for records please be patient
- Our process requires us to get a client to sign TWC's release before we can respond at all

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