



The Women's Center


**UPDATES FOR
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**






Our Mission

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




Safety.
Shelter.
Support!



Programs and Services


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency shelter • Transitional living • 24-Hour Hotline • Individual and group counseling • Employment Readiness • Life Skills • Legal Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community education and violence prevention • Child abuse prevention • Rape Crisis Response • AODA & mental health support • Free onsite respite childcare
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All programs and services are offered at no cost.


 **2018 Numbers**

In 2018, The Women's Center provided direct services to 1,160 unduplicated adults and children.

The true scope of our reach totals more than 18,000, which includes prevention programming in schools, calls to our 24-Hour Hotline, referral calls and community education trainings.

 **2018 Numbers**

- Shelter – provided 9,598 nights of safety & 28,794 meals
- 24 Hour Hotline – responded to 8,855 calls
- Legal Advocacy – assisted 149 people with TROs
- DV Counseling – provided individual counseling and support groups to 367 adults
- SA Counseling – provided individual counseling and support groups to 160 adults
- Children's Programming – provided DV and SA counseling to 127 children and their parents
- Parenting Education – provided individual counseling and groups to 102 adults
- Employment and Life Skills – provided individual counseling and workshops to 199 adults

 **2019 so far**

- 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
 - 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

New initiatives
TWC is taking the lead on several initiatives

- Lethality Assessment Program
- Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
- Sexual Assault Case Review for Adults

THE Women's CENTER **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
 - We are currently trying to expand the LAP to all municipalities in Waukesha County

THE Women's CENTER **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
 - 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



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 entity
- Next we will write an actual procedure for case review



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 shelter
- 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

