

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.



2019 Numbers



- Shelter – provided 8,522 nights of safety & 25,566 healthy meals
- 24 Hour Hotline – responded to 7,170 calls
- Legal Advocacy – assisted 149 people with TROs
- DV programming – provided individual advocacy and support groups to 650 adults and children
- SA programming – provided individual advocacy and support groups to 163 adults and children
- Parenting Education – provided individual advocacy to 61 adults
- Employment and Life Skills – provided individual advocacy and workshops to 235 adults and youth
- In 2019, The Women's Center provided direct services to 1,106 unduplicated adults and children.

2020 so far



- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic we have discontinued onsite support groups but we did create podcasts so clients could get the help they need.
- TWC also provided a project called Storytime where the Youth Advocates read books for the whole family and supplied study questions after the family viewed the book.
- Advocates are back onsite now but we are spacing out client appointments to help with social distancing. TWC also provides masks and disposable gloves for staff and clients.



New initiatives

TWC is taking the lead on several initiatives

- Lethality Assessment Program is being expanded to another 9 agencies.
- Waukesha County has been approved for creating Domestic Violence High Risk Team, which will include a Homicide Review Team.
- Currently working on developing an MOU to outline how we work with CPS.

DV Homicide Report



- End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin compiles a report for all DV homicides across the state.
- The 2019 report indicates that 72 people lost their lives due to domestic violence. That's a 53% increase from 2018.
- The report also outlines other important issues such as the connection between gun violence and dv homicide. According to the data 55% of domestic violence homicides were committed with a firearm. And 26% of perpetrators were legally prohibited from owning a firearm.
- The report also indicates that 56% were killed after ending the relationship.
- 43% were not the intimate partner of the perpetrator.
- There were 2 Waukesha County residents who lost their lives to DV Homicide in 2019.



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 262.542.3828 to request an appointment.
- 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.



Questions?