

LEADING
THE
STRUGGLE

to END

INTIMATE
PARTNER
VIOLENCE

WOMEN
AGAINST
~~ABUSE~~

OUR MISSION

The mission of Women Against Abuse is to provide quality, compassionate and nonjudgmental services in a manner that fosters self-respect and independence in persons experiencing intimate partner violence, and to lead the struggle to end domestic violence through advocacy and community education.

We serve approximately 10,000 people a year, making a tangible impact on the community by empowering those who have experienced violent relationships to heal and embrace futures of hope and safety.



WE ARE COMMITTED TO BEING...

INCLUSIVE

Intimate partner violence affects everyone, which is why Women Against Abuse serves survivors in Philadelphia of all races, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, ages and life experiences.

Learn more about our commitment to serving all survivors of intimate partner violence on our website: www.womenagainstabuse.org/equalaccess.

EMPOWERING

Because intimate partner violence often limits a person's ability to make decisions, our programs are rooted in the empowerment model and prioritize client choice.

TRAUMA-INFORMED

We recognize the significant impact of trauma, and are committed to being trauma-informed to promote healing.



WHAT IS DOMESTIC OR INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE?

Domestic or intimate partner violence is a pattern of abusive and coercive behaviors that adults or teens use against their intimate partners for the purpose of gaining power and control. It can take many forms including verbal, physical, sexual, psychological and financial abuse.

Intimate partner violence is extremely prevalent and can be lethal. It also affects people of all cultures, religions, ages, gender identities, sexual orientations, educational backgrounds and income levels.

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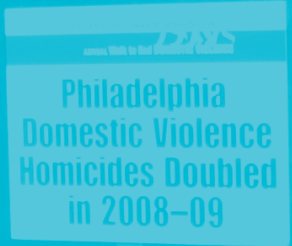
1 IN 3 WOMEN

1 IN 4 MEN

NEARLY HALF OF
LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS



will experience domestic violence in
their lifetime.



CLIENT STORY

“I WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD WHEN MY MOM SAID WE ARE GOING TO THE SHELTER... IT WAS THE SAFEST I FELT IN ALL MY LIFE. AND, I WAS EVEN MORE HAPPY MY MOM WAS SAFE AND SHE WAS HAPPY...I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU AND I AM SURE YOU MADE THIS DIFFERENCE IN LOTS OF LIVES...THAT WAS 30 YEARS AGO AND IT STILL IS ONE OF MY BEST MEMORIES.”



NEED HELP?

CALL 1 866 723 3014

**PHILADELPHIA DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE HOTLINE**

A free, confidential and 24-hour citywide resource that provides safety planning, crisis intervention and in-take to Women Against Abuse's residential services.

*This is the best place
to start your journey
to safety!*

WHAT WE DO

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Because safe housing is essential for survivors of intimate partner violence, Women Against Abuse provides:

- Two 100-bed confidential **Emergency Safe Havens**
- Sojourner House, a **Transitional Housing** program for survivors with children
- Community-based case management paired with permanent affordable housing options through the **Safe at Home** program

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
www.womenagainstabuse.org/services

LEGAL SERVICES

Women Against Abuse operates one of the nation's first Legal Centers with a team of experienced attorneys and dedicated staff who provide free representation, court advocacy and telephone counseling for survivors of intimate partner violence.

Attorneys represent clients seeking:

- protection from abuse orders
- sexual violence and intimidation orders
- child custody and support

Specialized assistance is available for:

- survivors who are immigrants and refugees
- survivors who prefer support in languages other than English
- survivors whose former partner is a defendant in a criminal case, is on parole/probation or is in Diversion Court

COMMUNITY EDUCATION & PREVENTION

Wish your child's school understood the dynamics of teen dating violence? Need help writing a domestic violence policy for your workplace? Would your staff or coworkers benefit from more knowledge about intimate partner violence? We can help!

Women Against Abuse engages the public to increase awareness of intimate partner violence, challenge prevalent stigma and train the community to effectively intervene in the cycle of abuse.

TO REQUEST A TRAINING OR WORKSHOP, VISIT
www.womenagainstabuse.org



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

We advocate for legislation, funding and systemic change to benefit survivors of intimate partner violence.

One of the key ways we do this is through **SHARED SAFETY**, Philadelphia's coordinated community response to domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking and reproductive coercion. Women Against Abuse pioneered Shared Safety to bring together the City's service providers and government systems to create safety and prevent relationship violence.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED, VISIT
www.sharesafetyphila.org



GET INVOLVED



ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY

- Sign a pledge against violence through our iPledge® Campaign
- Bring your friends to Dish It Up, our annual food competition and fundraiser

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS, VISIT
www.womenagainstabuse.org
OR CALL 267 295 5900



ADVOCATE

- Spread the word
- Contact your elected officials

TO HELP US ADVOCATE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON BEHALF
OF SURVIVORS, VISIT OUR TAKE ACTION CENTER AT
www.womenagainstabuse.org/take-action



GIVE

- Make a donation
- Become a Monthly Donor
- Join the 1976 Legacy Society by making a planned gift
- Women Against Abuse is:
United Way Agency #195
CFC #86086 SECA #4103-0063

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www.womenagainstabuse.org/donate
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 267 295 5900

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We do not discriminate on the basis of gender. For more info, contact our VP of Human Resources at 215 386 1280.