

# the greatest harm women face comes from someone they know intimately



## 1 in 3 women has been a victim of domestic violence

...and domestic violence doesn't discriminate between racial, ethnic, socio-economic or religious groups.

## 8.8 million children witness violence in their homes each year

...and 50% of men who assault their wives also frequently abuse their children.

## 40 percent of teenage girls know someone who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend

...and women between the ages of 16 and 24 are the most vulnerable to domestic violence.

## 3 women are murdered each day in the United States by an intimate partner

...and access to emergency shelter and safe and affordable housing is critical to the short-term safety planning and long-term economic needs of domestic violence victims and their families.

## break the cycle

The long-term intergenerational effects of domestic violence impact women, their children, and our communities. If you or someone you know needs help, call our hotline at 877.718.1868.

## make a difference

Domestic violence services such as those offered by the YWCA Evanston/North Shore often make the difference between life and death. All of our domestic violence services are provided free of charge. These resources are critical.

**Make a financial contribution:** Contact our Development Director at 847.864.8445, ext. 21 for information on making a tax-deductible contribution or gift of securities.

**Volunteer:** Volunteers interesting in direct service receive 40 hours of mandatory domestic violence services training, available twice each year. And if you have a skill like carpentry, painting; plumbing, electrical services and redecorating, we'd love your assistance. To explore how you or your organization might be able to help, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 847.864.8445, ext. 15.

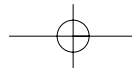
**Donate supplies:** Women and children usually arrive at the Shelter with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing. Call our Volunteer Coordinator at 847.864.8445, ext. 15 to find out what supplies are needed now.

**Help us educate others:** Speakers are available to make presentations to community groups on domestic violence issues. Contact our Program Director at 847.864.8445, ext. 12 for information.

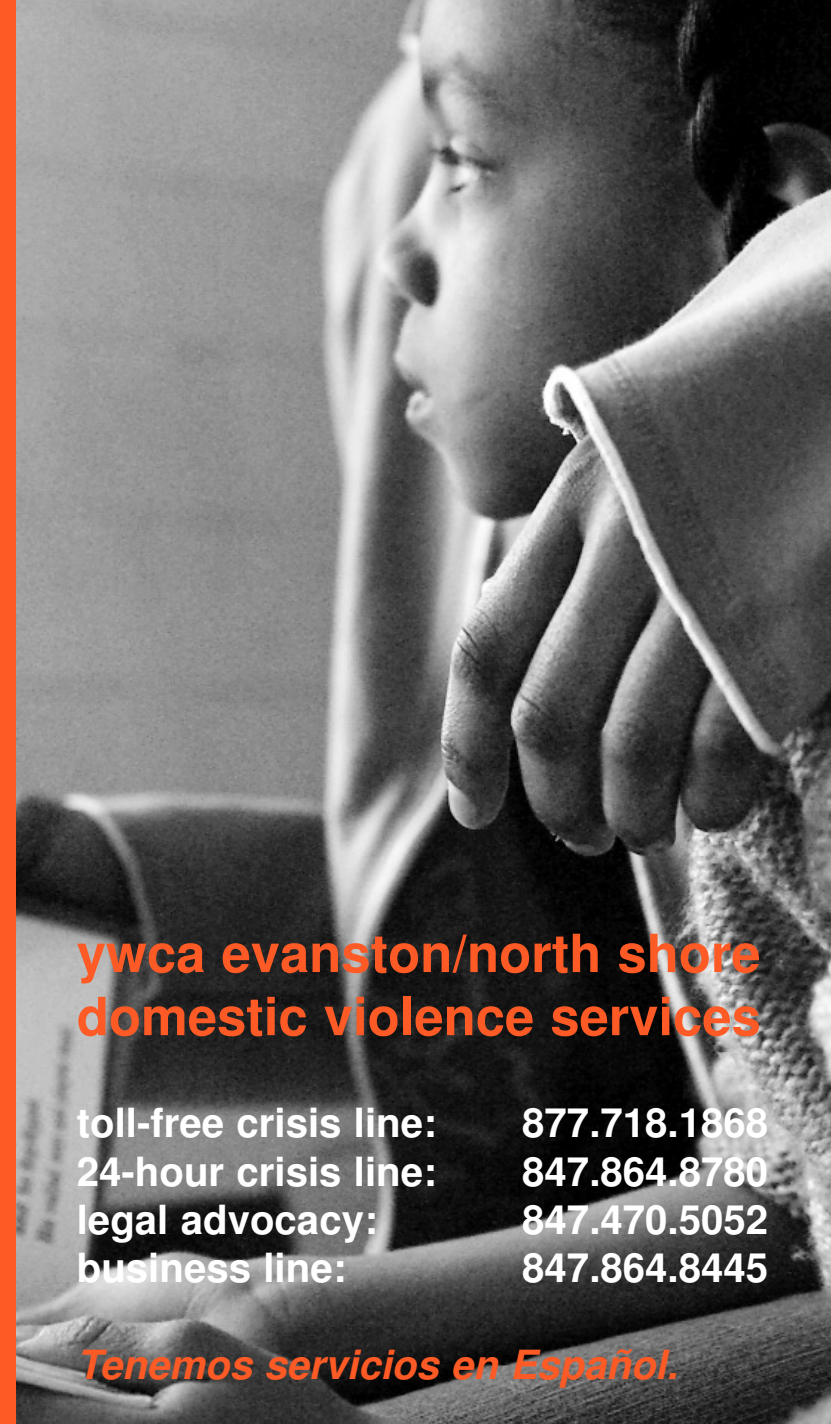
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# domestic violence services



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toll-free crisis line: 877.718.1868  
24-hour crisis line: 847.864.8780  
legal advocacy: 847.470.5052  
business line: 847.864.8445

Tenemos servicios en Español.

The YWCA Evanston/North Shore is the only comprehensive domestic violence program serving the northeastern metropolitan Chicago area. We have worked with women and children who are experiencing domestic violence for over 20 years.

## crisis intervention

The 24/7 crisis hotline offers domestic violence victims immediate intervention, emotional support and referrals. It also serves as the entry point to the domestic violence shelter for those needing emergency housing. The crisis line is operated by both staff and trained volunteers.

## residential services

### Emergency Shelter

Women and their children, including boys up to the age of 12, may access our emergency domestic violence shelter, Mary Lou's Place, and stay for up to 90 days.

When a woman arrives at the shelter, she is provided with a safe and private room for her family. Residents are given clothing, bed linens and personal supplies.

During their stay, women's advocates and children's counselors provide services on a daily basis. These include individual and group counseling for both adults and children, parent/child workshops, and specialized programs such as health education, job readiness, and financial literacy. In addition, counselors assist women in finding and securing employment and stable housing in the community. This vital combination of emotional and practical support enables residents to access the resources and find within themselves the ability to achieve self-sufficiency.

## Transitional Housing

Our Transitional Housing Program provides apartments for women who have completed their shelter stay. Located in areas with close proximity to transportation, hospitals and public schools, the program is open to both individual women and women with children. Case managers help women in our Transitional Housing Program focus on becoming financially independent, managing as a single parent, maintaining steady, progressive employment, retaining stable housing and developing a plan for the future for themselves and their children.

## community services

### Counseling and Support

We provide ongoing domestic violence services for community members who are living in abusive relationships but who may not be ready to leave their homes. Through individual and group counseling, women come to understand their options and develop safety plans for themselves and their children. Our bilingual staff offers domestic violence counseling and support services to Spanish-speaking women as well. To access these services, call 847.864.8445, ext. 19. *Para servicios en Español marque las siguientes extensiones (19 y 29).*

### Legal Advocacy

Our Legal Advocacy Program is housed at the Skokie Courthouse. Two full-time advocates assist victims in requesting orders of protection as part of a larger safety plan. Beyond that, they provide legal information, emotional support, and access to other resources while helping victims navigate through the legal system. To access this program, call our advocates at 847.470.5052.

## prevention and outreach

### Violence Prevention Program

Committed to stopping the cycle of violence through early intervention, we operate a violence prevention curriculum in local elementary schools, structured violence prevention programming for middle school youth, and additional prevention groups at community organizations serving youth populations. Utilizing a structured curriculum and group process, our Violence Prevention Coordinator focuses on building conflict resolution skills, managing anger, making healthy choices, and understanding gender roles and relationships. For more information, call our Program Director at 847.864.8445, ext. 12.

### Outreach and Education

The YWCA Evanston/North Shore makes a concerted effort to raise awareness and educate the community about domestic violence issues. Through this work we reach out to educational institutions, faith-based groups, health care agencies, businesses, and civic organizations to speak about the complexities of the issue, offer resources that can help, and advocate for solutions to end the violence. Presentations are specifically tailored to each audience, and concrete actions are offered to enable individuals to get involved and make a difference. Call our Program Director at 847.864.8445, ext. 12 for information or to schedule a speaker for your group.

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