

ywca resolve family abuse program

overview

The YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program's (RFAP) mission is to eliminate domestic violence by encouraging social and institutional change through leadership, education, empowerment and community collaboration. RFAP is one of 14 domestic violence programs licensed by the West Virginia Family Protection Services Board. We provide services in Kanawha, Clay and Boone counties for victims of domestic violence and their children, in addition to offering an educational program for batterers.

we provide

- **Short-term safe housing** for women and children at Hope House, which is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and can accommodate 15 adults and their children.
- **24-hour crisis hotline** with both toll-free and local numbers, answered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, by trained domestic violence advocates.
- **Case management and advocacy assistance.**
- **Counseling & support groups** for shelter residents, non-residents, children and elder abuse victims.
- **Safe location** for monitored parent-child visitations and/or exchanges at our Monitored Visitation and Exchange Center.
- **Parenting Program** to improve parenting skills, help parents cope with disrupted family life, and facilitate family communication.
- **Children's Program** that emphasizes moving beyond violence as a way to resolve problems.
- **Emergency Services** to victims as needed for safety, transportation, and financial and physical needs.



2008-2009 program highlights

Served **2,560** individuals (unduplicated)

Provided **3,524** shelter nights and **6,438** meals to **142** victims and their children

Provided **2,480** hours of free counseling to **202** victims and their children

Provided court and legal advocacy to **884** victims

Served **347** adults and children at our Monitored Visitation and Exchange Center

Provided over **80** educational presentations to more than **3,882** students, teachers, community organizations, and service providers

Helped **142** men through our Batterers Intervention/Prevention Programs (BIPP)

- **Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program**, which is presented at middle and high schools throughout Kanawha, Boone and Clay counties.
- **Outreach services** in both Clay and Boone counties, including safety planning, court advocacy, and transportation to the shelter when necessary.
- **32-week Batterers Intervention/Prevention Program (BIPP)** for batterers in Kanawha, Boone and Clay counties, which helps perpetrators identify abusive behaviors, recognize the effects of violence on others, accept responsibility for personal behavior, and develop healthier relationship skills.
- **Community Education** at health & wellness fairs.
- **Court Advocacy** to domestic violence victims for civil proceedings, assistance with filing protection orders, and referrals to Legal Aid or *pro bono* representation.