

Children's Center

A place where healing begins

Domestic Violence

Contrary to what many believe, domestic violence is not caused by an anger control problem, substance abuse, mental illness, the actions of the victim, or stress. Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior chosen by an offender to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often with the threat or use of violence. Domestic violence is a crime.

Domestic violence poses significant risks for children. Nearly half of domestic violence offenders also abuse their children. Children face dual threats: the threat of witnessing traumatic events and the threat of direct injury.

Read more about intimate partner violence, myths and facts, and services in Oregon by accessing <http://www.ocadsv.com/>

The website for the Oregon Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV) can be reached by calling 503-230-1951.

SAFETY ALERT: COMPUTER USE CAN BE MONITORED AND MANY PHONES KEEP A RECORD OF OUTGOING CALLS. IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT YOUR INTERNET OR PHONE USAGE MIGHT BE MONITORED, PLEASE USE A SAFER COMPUTER OR MAKE CALLS FROM A FRIEND'S PHONE, PHONE BOOTH, ETC.

Additional Local Resources:

Clackamas Women's Services: 503-654-2288
www.cwsor.org/

Bradley Angle House: 503-281-2442
<http://www.bradleyangle.org/index.shtm>

Raphael House of Portland: 503-222-6222
<http://raphaelhouse.com/>

YWCA Women's Center: 503-294-7400

Portland Women's Crisis Line: 503-235-5333

Domestic Violence Resource Center: 503-640-1171

FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, CALL: 1-888-235-5333, THE STATE-WIDE CRISIS NUMBER.

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For additional information contact Family Support at the Children's Center, 503-655-7725.