

Domestic Violence is an abuse
of power used to control another person
through fear and intimidation.

Domestic Abuse includes:

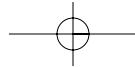
Physical and Sexual Assault
Psychological and Mental Abuse
Economic Coercion
Threats, Isolation & Verbal Abuse

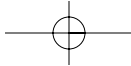


*“Medical advocates are available
to help.”*

a woman's place

*Woman of all ages, races,
cultures, ethnicity, income and
education levels are battered by
husbands, boyfriends, lovers and partners.*





24 Hour Hotline
Counseling and Advocacy
Children's Program
Legal Assistance & Court Accompaniment
Crisis Counseling and Safety Planning
Medical Advocacy
School Prevention Education Programs
Community Education & Domestic Violence Training
Emergency Shelter for Battered Women & Children
Emergency Food, Clothing and Transportation
Thrift Store



P.O. Box 299 Doylestown PA 18901
 Business Office 215 343 9241
 Fax 215 343 3411
24 hour hotline 1 800 220 8116

Bristol Office 215 781 9134
 Legal Advocacy-Domestic Abuse 215 348 0415

Full Circle Thrift Store
 Towne Center Shopping Center
 New Britain, PA 18901
 215 340 0120

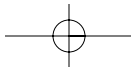
email awpbucks@voicenet.com
www.awomansplace.org

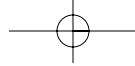


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 OF BUCKS COUNTY

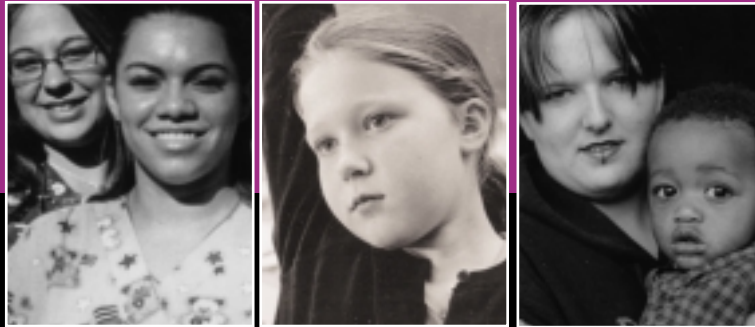
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*Registration does not imply endorsement PA Commission of Charitable Organizations



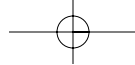


DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE



A WOMAN'S PLACE

FOUNDED IN 1976



A Woman's Place provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence in Bucks County, Pa. Our programs are structured to provide support and safety to women and children in an effort to help break the dangerous cycle of domestic abuse. Our services are free and confidential to victims and survivors of domestic violence. In creating a safe environment, **A Woman's Place** offers programs geared towards empowering battered women and their children.

HotLine

A Woman's Place 24-hour free and confidential hotline is available to anyone in the community who has questions about domestic violence. The hotline provides confidential counseling, information and referrals to callers. Our staff and volunteers answer over 4000 calls relating to domestic abuse annually.

Empowerment Counseling

Our counseling staff offers the support, advocacy and information necessary to help empower victims of domestic violence. Individual counseling and support groups are available in shelter and other confidential locations in the county.

Children's Program

Our caring child advocates offer both individual and group counseling to young witnesses of domestic violence. They provide structured activities to children residing in shelter and to children whose mothers seek services through our programs. In a frame work of safety and support, children are encouraged to work through their feelings and explore non-violent approaches to conflict. Advocates offer parenting support and encourage non-violent forms of discipline.

Shelter

Our shelter provides up to 30 days of emergency housing for up to seven women and their children. While providing physical safety, women are offered empowerment counseling and other supportive services such as legal advocacy, court accompaniment and housing assistance.

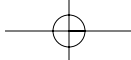


"Our Hotline is available 24/7."



"Our Children's Program works to rebuild trust and confidence in child witnesses."

An unwavering commitment to improve the quality of life, one day at a time.



1 in 3 women will suffer in an abusive relationship



"Medical advocates offer on-site empowerment counseling and referral information."



"Our Prevention Education Program reaches over 11,000 students annually throughout Bucks County, PA."

Medical Advocacy

A Woman's Place has partnered with the Bucks County Health Improvement Project, the Bucks County Department of Health and the Bucks County Medical Society in developing the Bucks County Medical Advocacy Project. **A Woman's Place** medical advocates provide critical support and medical advocacy to victims of domestic violence, at the seven county hospitals and ten health care clinics. They offer 24/7 emergency room coverage and on-site safety planning, empowerment counseling and referral information. In addition, medical advocates train health care professionals on the dynamics of domestic violence, appropriate screening methods, documentation and referral.

Legal Advocacy

This program provides support and advocacy through the legal system. Legal advocates assist victims in filing Protection From Abuse orders and are available to accompany women to court proceedings.

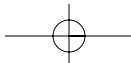
First Response

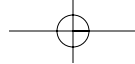
As part of the Legal Advocacy Program, First Response staff and volunteers are on-call to police departments to provide crisis counseling, support, safety planning and information immediately following a domestic incident. The First Response team conducts ongoing training to Bucks County police departments.

Civil Legal Assistance

A Woman's Place provides free legal representation to victims of domestic violence in civil legal matters.

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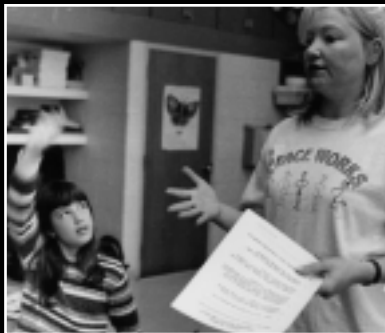




Education in schools helps to reduce abuse in future generations



"Our Outreach Program focuses on the needs of abused women with a special emphasis on ethnic minorities."



"There are 5.3 million victims of domestic violence each year in the USA."

Community Education

A core ingredient to delivering our message of safety within the home is through public education. Our volunteer-based Speakers Bureau provides information at community and health fairs. They present educational programs to professionals, religious and service organizations. **A Woman's Place** staff is certified to provide domestic violence education for Act 48 credits through Bucks County Community College.

Volunteer Education

Volunteers are key to the agencies success. They receive up to 55 hours of direct service training in order to support vital areas of the organization. These include hotline coverage, support group facilitation, court accompaniment and shelter support. Volunteers serve on board committees, participate in fund raising events and provide office help on a regular basis.

Prevention Education Program

A Woman's Place school-based prevention education staff present programs at elementary, middle and high school levels throughout Bucks County. Peace Works, a five-week program at the 4th grade level focuses on friendship building, boundary setting, support systems and bullying behaviors. Dating violence prevention at the middle and high school levels educates students about teen dating violence and healthy dating relationships. The curriculum includes discussion on power and control issues, the cycle of violence, recognizing problematic relationships and establishing personal boundaries.

Youth Volunteer Program

Supervised by the prevention education staff, Bucks County teenagers receive special training to prepare them to interact with children in shelter. While modeling appropriate behavior, teens assist with special projects and provide mothers the opportunity for personal time.

