

YMCA Oklahoma City Crisis Services

What are Crisis Services?

The YMCA provides a wide array of services to help women and children escape and recover from domestic violence and sexual assault. From emergency and immediate help, to education, counseling and long term planning, Crisis Services at the YWCA help women and children victims survive and thrive.

Passageway Emergency Shelter

The Inez Kinney Gaylord Passageway Emergency Shelter is the only certified domestic violence shelter in Oklahoma County. Passageway is the only option for women in Central Oklahoma needing to escape violence in their homes. The shelter provides safe, confidential emergency housing to more than 1,200 women and children every year. Passageway offers a safe place for women and their children to heal from trauma.

YES Transitional Housing

In addition to emergency housing at Passageway Shelter, the YMCA also provides seen apartments for transitional housing called "YES!". At YES, residents may stay for up to two years while working toward self-sufficiency. All residents are required to work or attend school while in the program. YES gives women and their families the support they need to rebuild their lives.

Counseling and Groups

The YWCA provides victims of domestic violence/sexual assault and their children with a wide array of education, counseling, support and referral services. These services are offered to clients at Passageway Shelter and YES Transitional Housing, as well as to clients in the community and their children. Through counseling, support groups and education, survivors of all ages learn to regain control of their lives in the aftermath of trauma.

DVVAP (Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program)

The YWCA DVVAP program is a partnership between the YWCA and the City of Oklahoma City to assist domestic violence and sexual assault victims through on-site assistance at the Oklahoma City Police Department aiding victims in filing Victim Protection Orders (VPOs) and safety planning.

Batterer's Education

Batterer's Education is a structured 52-week program that emphasizes accountability, teaches techniques to recognize signs of abusive behavior, and gives tools to use as alternatives to violence.

Sexual Assault Support Services

Education, counseling, referrals and other services are provided to sexual assault and rape victims, and the community, through the YWCA's Sexual Assault Support Services. Hundreds of sexual assault survivors receive help through these services every year.

SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Program

The YWCA SANE program is a collaboration between the YWCA, Metro Area Law Enforcement, Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office, and three Medical Centers: Midwest Regional, Integris Southwest and Integris Baptist. While YWCA Hospital Advocates provide emotional support for victims, specially-trained Volunteer Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners perform forensic examinations following sexual assault or rape. SANE's are specially trained to properly collect, preserve and document evidence of sexual assault, all without re-traumatizing the victim during the extensive exams.

Prevention Education/Outreach

The YWCA works to break the cycle of violence by providing thousands of young people and adults in Central Oklahoma with education and resources on domestic violence and sexual assault. Education and outreach is provided to schools, churches, businesses and community organizations, with the goal of changing attitudes towards domestic violence and sexual assault. Volunteers are also recruited through these efforts.

YWCA Oklahoma City Quick Facts

A few things you should know about the YWCA:

- Founded in Central Oklahoma in 1907.
- Only shelter for battered women and children in Oklahoma County.
- Provides shelter, housing, counseling, education, child care and other services to women and children healing from domestic violence and sexual assault.
- More than 1,200 women and children receive help through the shelter yearly.
- Over 20,000 people in Central Oklahoma get help agency-wide annually.
- Operates 2 domestic violence hotlines, 2 sexual assault hotlines, and the state-wide Safe Line.

24-Hour Family Violence hotline:

917-YWCA (9922)

24-Hour Rape Crisis Hotline:

943-RAPE (7273)

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