

A G E N D A (INCLUDES VIRTUAL MEET AND GREET)
WALLA WALLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021

Pursuant to the Governor's proclamation dated March 23, 2020 the Commissioner Meeting will be held via phone and internet. Following is the website to attend and listen to the meeting and the phone number to call to take part in the meeting. Any questions please email us wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Call in 1-408-418-9388 access code: 146 784 0290

Meeting link: <https://wwco.webex.com/wwco/j.php?MTID=m6ef6c0710e4eb57be4e10ce0cc827a38>

The agenda will include only necessary action items until further notice.

10:00 A.M. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Tompkins

- a) Roll call and establish a quorum
- b) Declarations re: conflict of interest
- c) Pledge of Allegiance
- d) Miscellaneous business to come before the Board
- e) Virtual Meet and Greet time with County Commissioners (**30 minutes**)

There is no formal agenda for the virtual meet and greet. This is time for constituents to meet their commissioners virtually and ask questions or share their concerns.

- f) Presentation by Tim Meliah, Director of Catholic Charities on Walla Walla Valley Homeless Approach (**10:30 a.m.**)
- g) Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

- A D J O U R N -

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Please note that the agenda is tentative only. The Board may add, delete, or postpone items and may take action on an item not on the agenda.



WALLA WALLA VALLEY HOMELESS APPROACH

County Commission Meeting

June 22, 2021

PRESENTERS

**CRAIG VOLWILER &
JORDAN GREEN**

WALLA WALLA ALLIANCE FOR
THE HOMELESS

LIZ GUERRA

BLUE MOUNTAIN ACTION
COUNCIL

**TIM MELIAH & AMANDA
FOWLER**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, WALLA
WALLA

SAM JACKLE

HOMELESS COORDINATOR, WW
DEPT. OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

**ANNE-MARIE ZELL
SCHWERIN**

DIRECTOR, YWCA

JASON WICKLUND

CHRISTIAN AID CENTER

BECKY BETTS

MANAGER, POPULATION HEALTH
SEWA, PROVIDENCE MEDICAL
GROUP

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

SHELTER PROVIDERS

- ✓ CHRISTIAN AID CENTER
- ✓ SLEEP CENTER
- ✓ YWCA
- ✓ THE LOFT

SUPPORT AGENCIES

- ✓ WW COUNTY DEPT. OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
- ✓ PROVIDENCE POPULATION HEALTH
- ✓ BLUE MOUNTAIN ACTION COUNCIL
- ✓ COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE

While not highlighted in this presentation, there are other housing providers/transitional housing within the valley:

- STAR Project
- Joe's Place
- VA Hospital

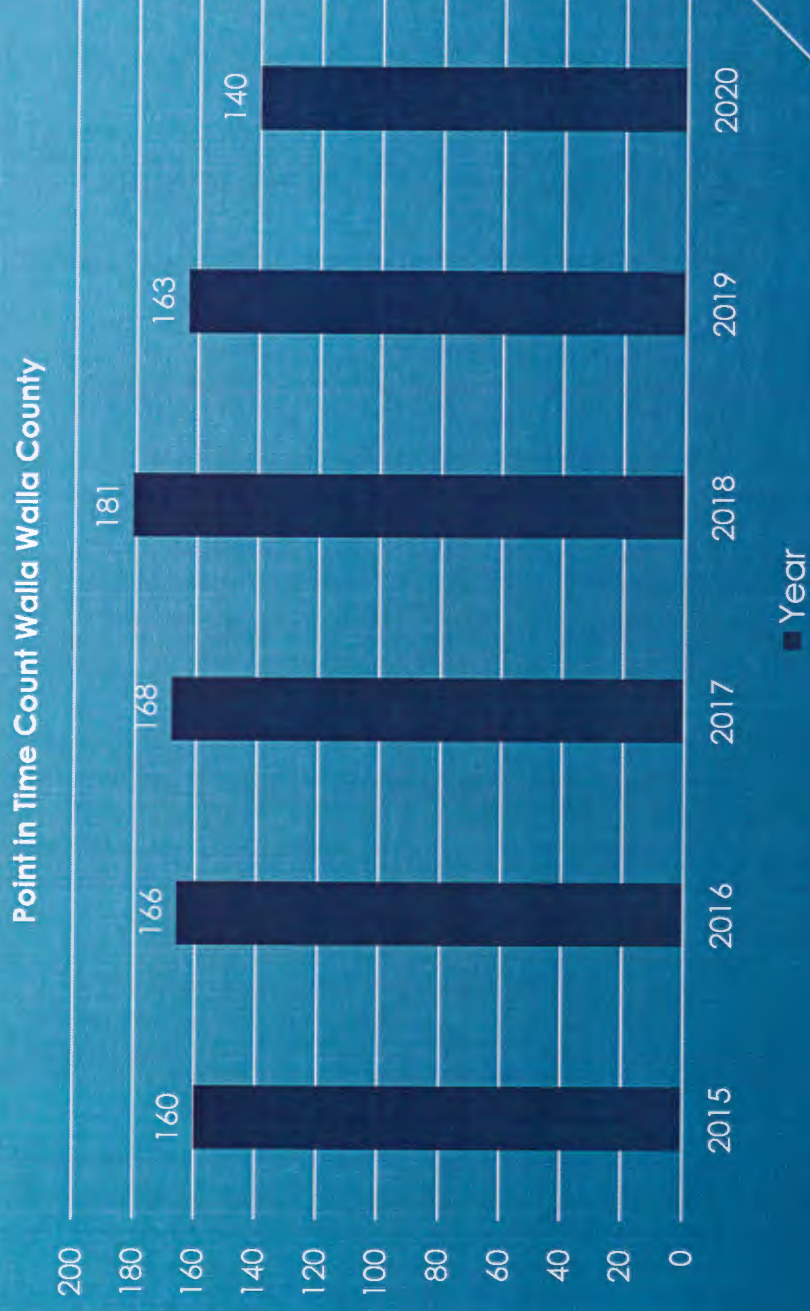
- Walla Walla Housing Authority
- St. Michaels
- Doughty Home for Veteran Women
- Blue Mountain Heart-to-Heart
- Hope Street



- ▶ YWCA founded 1917 by Mary Shipman Penrose to serve provide safe, respectable housing for young women moving to town for work.
- ▶ Christian Aid Center founded in 1946 as a non-denominational ministry to serve those who suffer from chronic poverty, homelessness, hunger, chemical dependency, and mental illness. In 1947, the location moved to 10 N. 4th Street where rooms in the vacant State Hotel were leased providing meals for 25 men and lodging for 17.
- ▶ Blue Mountain Action Council was established 1966.
- ▶ Catholic Charities was established in Walla Walla 1944.

HOMELESSNESS NOT NEW TO WALLA WALLA

DATA POINTS



*2021 Point-in-Time Count has not been finalized and was only a sheltered count

WALLA WALLA ALLIANCE FOR THE HOMELESS

- Founded 2015 with mission to provide homeless people in Walla Walla with a safe shelter, basic necessities, and the resources needed to transition to stable housing and self-reliance.
- Sleep Center is largest project
 - 38 Conestoga Huts provide low barrier shelter to single adults and couples, some with dogs.
 - 40 to 50 people find shelter here each night
 - 221 unique individuals in 2020, over 14,000 nights of care provided
 - 80% to 90% are locals
- Exit Homelessness program operates at the Sleep Center
 - Peer Support Specialists work to aid transitions
 - 48 people were moved to housing or back with relatives in 2020
- MOST: Mobile Outreach Services Team is newest endeavor
 - Collaboration with BMAC and Population Health
 - Take services to those in need



CHRISTIAN AID CENTER

Low Barrier Shelter & Meals

The Christian Aid Center is a low-barrier shelter for men, women and children. At the public dining room, meals are served twice a day to anyone in the community who is hungry. All services are provided without discriminating on the basis of race, color, gender, age, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, faith, and/or sexual orientation.

Recovery Programs

The ultimate goal at CAC is to help individuals leave homelessness permanently. With that goal in mind, when someone arrives at the shelter, he/she is offered a clean and safe place to stay in a caring environment. While at the Center, the staff guides the guests in creating an action plan for addressing his/her current situation. After the first 30 days, those who desire to make a lasting life-change can choose to enter recovery programs that address the root causes of homelessness. Those programs can last up to 18 months.

Other Facts

Here are some interesting facts about CAC:

- Largest provider of shelter services to people experiencing homelessness, hunger and need
- On average, 130 meals are served daily
- Almost 300 volunteers help each month
- CAC has been serving those in need for 75 years
- A wellness clinic and a barbershop staffed by volunteers, are also on campus

Funding

CAC does not receive ongoing government funding, instead, it is funded entirely by the generous donations of individuals, organizations and foundations who support their work.



YWCA

From 1917 to 1977, the YWCA provided safe, respectable rooms for young women pursuing work and education. In 1977, the YWCA closed its residence for lack of demand and reopened in 1984 as a shelter, serving women and young children escaping domestic violence. The shelter on the second floor of our main building at 213 S. First has **13 rooms**, each with an adult bed and space for cribs and youth beds. Households have their own sleeping spaces and share kitchen, living room, and restroom spaces.



In addition to safe shelter, clients may access all YWCA supportive services including crisis response, medical and legal advocacy, court accompaniment, support groups, advocacy based counseling, information/referrals, protection orders, immigration support, life skills classes and more. All services and **free and confidential**.

YWCA shelter and supportive services are **funded** by Federal and State grants specifically for Domestic Violence and the support of our generous community.

In 1998, the YWCA opened the Family Shelter on the corner of Birch and Colville street to serve women with large families escaping domestic violence. This shelter is more like apartment living, though living room and kitchen space are shared. This building has **7 bedrooms with a total of 13 beds** plus room for cribs and youth beds, four bathrooms, two kitchens, and two living rooms. This shelter is the best option for families with older male children because of its floor plan and restrooms.





THE LOFT

The LOFT provides temporary residence for unaccompanied youth ages 12-17.

While at the LOFT youth receive:

- 24/7 supervision and adult mentorship
- Individualized case management
- Access to food, hygiene supplies, clothing and other personal needs.
- Access to services and support to assist with family reconciliation, housing, employment, and more.

Services are youth-centered, trauma-informed, and strength-based.



SUPPORT AGENCIES



WW COUNTY DEPT. OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

- The County manages local, State, and Federal funding related to homeless/housing efforts
- Strategizing use of funds requires **collaboration, communication, and cross-community problem solving**



What is **Housing First**?

- An approach to quickly connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to housing without preconditions and barriers to entry (such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements). Supportive services are offered to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness as opposed to addressing predetermined treatment goals prior to permanent housing entry.
- Studies such as HUD's *The Applicability of Housing First Models to Homeless Persons with Serious Mental Illness* have shown that Housing First permanent supportive housing models result in long-term housing stability, improved physical and behavioral health outcomes, and reduced use of crisis services such as emergency departments, hospitals, and jails.



WW COUNTY DEPT. OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

- **FUNCTIONAL ZERO:** a milestone that indicates a community has measurable ended homelessness for a population (i.e. youth and young adults, veterans, chronic homeless, etc.) – and that they are sustaining that end.

#of people experiencing homelessness  Average monthly YYA housing placements  **Functional Zero**

There are criteria and benchmarks from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness for achieving and maintaining an end to homelessness via functional zero. These strategies includes maintaining an active by-name list of those experiencing homelessness, immediately sheltering those that are unsheltered, and moving those that are sheltered into permanent housing solutions in a timely manner.

BMAC:

Homeless Services

- **Coordinated Entry Process**
 - Explores all options that would divert a person from homelessness
 - Prioritizes and connects people without homes to shelter and housing
- **Homeless Navigation**
 - Unaccompanied Youth and Young Adults and Homeless individuals with high barriers
 - Assist with housing search, voucher applications, and addressing barriers
 - Provides services on the MOST
- **Rapid Re Housing**
 - Moves households from homelessness to rentals, can provide initial costs and/or ongoing rent assistance and case management
 - Programs for families with minor children, veterans, young adults, etc.
- **Homeless prevention**
 - Assists with past due rent to maintain current housing
 - Funding from Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG), Emergency Service Grants-Covid (ESG-C), and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).
 - Treasury Rent Assistance Program (TRAP) and the former Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) have become the main source of prevention dollars currently due to the pandemic.

Lincoln Terrace

- Permanent housing for Homeless Families
- 12 units

Pro bono Lawyer Referral

- Education on Landlord Tenant Law
- Provides assistance with unlawful detainers

Community Development Block Grants (Covid related)

- Walla Walla City and Walla Walla County
- Mortgage assistance for low-income homeowners

Services also provided in neighboring counties of Columbia and Garfield

BMAC:

Homeless Services



Comprehensive HEALTHCARE



- The Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS) program secures permanent housing for individuals who are discharging from inpatient psychiatric and chemical dependency facilities. Individuals served by HARPS are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The HARPS program provides financial assistance and case management services to obtain and maintain stable housing. Serves an average of 60 individuals a month.
- Our Permanent Supportive Housing program offers 20 scattered-site units in the Walla Walla county providing case management services to those who are homeless and diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental health diagnosis.
- Our new LEAD program (Low Enforcement Assisted Diversion) works with HARPS and other housing programs to assist LEAD participants in obtaining housing.

PROVIDENCE POPULATION HEALTH

PROVIDENCE'S MISSION AND VISION REFLECT OUR
BELIEF THAT HEALTH IS A HUMAN RIGHT. FOR OUR
COMMUNITY TO THRIVE, WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE
PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE
POPULATIONS WE SERVE.

Communication | Quality | Justice | Excellence | Integrity

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO WORK WITH SHELTER PROVIDERS?

HOMELESSNESS IS A COMPLICATING FACTOR IN HEALTHCARE!

- ▶ Health problems can precede and causally contribute to homelessness
- ▶ Homelessness complicates disease management, exorbitant downstream costs
- ▶ Our homeless population in the Walla Walla service area have the highest rates of all chronic conditions
- ▶ Highest rates for mental health and substance use metrics (behavioral health)
- ▶ Extremely low rate of an identified primary care provider
- ▶ Highest rates of Emergency Department, Avoidable Emergency Department, and Inpatient utilization rates
- ▶ Higher rates of lacking social support
- ▶ 14% SSOGI (Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity)
- ▶ 26% Disabled (as noted in employment status or payer plan, SSDI)
- ▶ Medicaid population in our service area
 - ▶ 51% have a behavioral health conditions
 - ▶ 40% have at least two chronic health conditions

▶ Source: PSJH Population Health Analytics (2020)

A.E.D. = AVOIDABLE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT USE

SHELTER CONVERSION TO 24/7 OPERATIONS END OF MARCH





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THINGS YOU MADE HAPPEN IN 2020

11 YWCA doors opened to **497** domestic violence and **94** sexual assault survivors for help and healing.

1,473 calls to the 24-hour crisis line received information, assistance, and referrals.

284 women and **203** children sheltered safely at the YWCA, away from violence and abuse.

Support groups helped **28** survivors feel heard, seen, and not alone.

LiNC classes gave **22** women "Living in New Circumstances" the tools to plan and dream about new futures.

8,265 secure bednights for women and children leaving domestic abuse.

366 individuals sought help from Advocates at the Domestic Violence Protection Order Clinic.

221 survivors had an Advocate by their side while attending court.

Because no one deserves rape, **17** prison clients had someone to talk to about a traumatic event.

YWCA Volunteers gave **695.25** hours of work with an estimated value of **\$17,680.43**.

63 preschoolers and toddlers prepared for school (and life) at My Friends' House.

Adventure Club welcomed **22** children for after-school fun and friendship-building.

207 local 5th-graders discussed important topics like healthy friendships with college student Mariposa leaders (in person, and later online).

Cocoa & Conversation with **476** middle and high school students explored how to create and recognize healthy relationships.

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2020

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2021, ISSUE 1



2020: You were a lifeline

ONE OF COVID's surprises has been more time to read, and good books were a comfort and a source of continued lessons in 2020.

You might remember the 1992 movie based on E.M. Forster's *Howards End* starring Emma Thompson as Margaret Schlegel. The big lesson from the book, delivered by Margaret, a woman led by both her heart and her mind is this: "Only connect." Forster encourages us, like Margaret herself, to try to connect, look for what we share, even when it may be difficult, and seek unity and balance. Connect.

And even though we could not and still cannot gather, we found ways to connect. We had to. Without connection, especially in times of crisis, survival is not assured. Life is not good. Mental health is challenged, and hearts hurt.

The YWCA survived in 2020 because of connection. When we had to lay off 25 staff during the

stay-at-home order, I didn't know how to do that. Calls to trusted advisors were a lifeline. And you called us, asking what was needed, how could you help, how much money did we need to raise, was everyone OK.

Some of my best memories of 2020 are waving to people from the front steps as they dropped off gifts.

Once I was stopped at the grocery store by a family I had never met. They noticed my YWCA T-shirt and told me they were praying for the YWCA and everyone there.

Connection is the perfect descriptor for 2020, and I will remember this year as the year of Connection more than the year of COVID. Connection is what made it work, and connection is what will continue to make things work in 2021.

Onward,

Anne Main ♥

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Crisis Line
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Dayton: 509-382-9922

2020 FINANCIALS*

REVENUE

Your gifts.....	523,345
United Way	3,897
Grants & contracts ...	732,190
Program fees.....	311,203
Investment income used	33,364
TOTAL	\$1,603,999

EXPENSES

Women's residence & family shelter ...	215,788
My Friends' House ...	396,248
Domestic violence support.....	432,690
Sexual assault support	253,026
Adventure Club.....	58,941
Marketing & development.....	71,929
Community outreach	35,169
Administration & support services...	127,627
TOTAL	\$1,591,418

Net: \$12,581

*Unaudited



MAKING IT WORK

20 THINGS WE LOVED IN 2020

1 Healthy residents. Though the shelter stayed full to capacity after a brief lull early in the pandemic, not one resident was infected with COVID-19!

2 Community generosity. The Alternative Gift Fair, founded by the Sustainable Living Center and later joined by Blue Mountain Community Foundation, raised \$2.1 million for local nonprofits, which was matched at 100% by the ALL IN Washington fund — all in a year that upended many fundraising plans (including ours).

3 MacKenzie Scott's surprises. Not only were we thrilled by our \$1 million donation, we also love that our local community college, YWCA USA, and 59 other YWCAs nationwide received transformational gifts.

4 Great food. Several donors supported local restaurants as well as YWCA residents and staff members by purchasing and delivering meals.

5 Joyful holidays. The response to our appeal for donors to adopt shelter families was a huge success. And, in fact, a mom who spent Christmas in the shelter said it was one of the best she'd ever had.

6 Family. "I had time to reflect on my priorities. With my dad being ill, I really realized how important these people are to my well-being. They are my shining light through everything." — Holly Delibertis, Finance Manager

7 New LINC options. 2020 taught us to use online platforms, so survivors who otherwise couldn't attend have the option of attending "Living in New Circumstances" classes from home.

8 Helping hands. We had to cut way back on volunteers this year, but a faithful crew of delivery drivers kept Advocates in the shelter, working with clients, instead of driving to St. Mary's every day to pick up meals.

9 The dogs! Dog-lovers who worked from home got more time with their pets, and 14 furry friends provided emotional support to their humans living in the shelter.

10 A little help from our friends. When virus-killing cleaner was impossible to find, Karen from the YMCA kept our spray bottles topped up and loaned us her giant sanitizing mister until ours arrived.

11 The M F Drive-In. When we couldn't meet safely in person, the drive-in gave our whole community a safe space to hold graduations, church services, and even a baseball-themed YWCA fundraiser.

12 Grateful parents. "Having My Friends' House as a support for our family during scary times has provided enormous emotional relief to me. I'm very grateful MFH was able to accommodate COVID restrictions and stay open while fostering an environment of safety, learning, and joy." — A parent, My Friends' House

13 Time to breathe. "2020 brought everything around me to a halt and gave me the opportunity to rethink what was really important in my life — faith, time, family, well-being, safety, growth, love, and true friendship." — Celia Guardado, Community Relationships and Outreach Coordinator

14 Home, sweet home. Despite the pandemic, 41 survivors and their families moved out of the shelter and into permanent housing.

15 Job success. While living in the shelter, Trisha completed 40 applications and, during a time of record unemployment, started a new career with benefits, professional training, and a good salary.

16 Mariposa leaders. Not every school felt able to offer anything beyond the regular curriculum, but for those who did, our leaders held Zoom-style meetings right in students' homes. The others worked on plans for in-person meetings to happen in 2021.

17 More awareness of racial injustice. The senseless death of George Floyd focused attention on systemic racism in a way nothing else has, involving people all over the world in protest and pushing titles like *White Fragility* and *How to Be an Anti-Racist* to the tops of bestseller lists. It shouldn't have taken a tragedy to get the world's attention, and YWCA pledges to keep working until justice ... just is.

18 Cake. A domestic violence shelter might not seem like the cheeriest place to spend your birthday, but at the YWCA, it means a visit from Cake, Hope, & Love. These volunteer bakers make sure everyone gets a cake on their special day, no matter what age, even during a pandemic.

19 Time at home. "I loved that coming home meant spending more time with my family and pets." — Jessica Swanson, LINC Assistant

20 Too much to list. You were so generous that we'd need several more pages to count all the blessings of 2020. We are deeply grateful.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE LiNC IS HERE TO HELP

LiNC is a forward-looking course. Old beliefs are questioned and self-talk is adjusted. As a result, your life can change. You will create a purpose, a goal, or an intention. LiNC women feel ready to begin the journey toward a distinctive and exceptional new life.

COVER PHOTO: After her education was derailed by horrific childhood abuse and a 15-year abusive marriage, Ronnikka never thought she'd earn a high school diploma. After finding safety at the YWCA shelter and finding her voice in LiNC class, Ronnikka has her diploma from Walla Walla Community College. She plans to create a book telling her life story. "The most important thing I learned," she says, "is that I matter. Ronnikka matters."

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LiNC
Living In New Circumstances



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STARTING A NEW PHASE OF LIFE REQUIRES PLANNING AND A COMMITMENT TO ACTION.

LiNC helps women who have survived domestic violence open up personal matters that have been either long ignored or misunderstood.

The 4-week LiNC course offers self-exploration exercises and life-changing information.

If you are a domestic violence survivor or know someone who is, email LiNC@ywcaww.org or call 509.525.2570 to find out when the next class series will begin.



"I have a career plan so my children have a bright future. But I couldn't have done any of this without the YWCA, without the LiNC class, without my advocates, and all the support of the community."

TOPICS COVERED

- ▶ Knowing yourself
- ▶ Change
- ▶ Self-esteem
- ▶ Boundaries and resilience
- ▶ Emotional Intelligence
- ▶ Self-talk
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Money
- ▶ Time and stress management
- ▶ Goal-setting and decision-making

LiNC 2.0

LiNC 2.0 is for LiNC alums only. LiNC 2.0 is designed to help graduates:

- ▶ Further skills learned in LiNC 1.0.
- ▶ Build knowledge and develop skills in specific areas.
- ▶ Continue connections with social networks built in LiNC 1.0.
- ▶ Become leaders in their own lives.

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual assault is any involuntary sexual act in which a person is threatened, coerced, or forced to engage against their will, or any sexual touching of a person who has not consented.

SEXUAL ASSAULT TRUTHS

There are many **myths** out there about sexual assault. Here's the **truth**.

1. Sexual assault is a **crime**.
2. It is **always** the perpetrator's fault.
3. It is **not** the victim's fault.
4. Sexual assault is most often committed by **someone the victim knows**.
5. Sexual assault is more about **power and control** than sexual gratification.
6. The most common victim of rape is a 16- to 24-year-old woman. But a **person of any age** can be the victim of rape.

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a pattern of controlling behaviors carried out by one person in an intimate relationship to maintain power and control over their partner.



YWCA provides domestic violence and sexual assault services regardless of race, color, gender or gender expression, religion, age, ability, marital status, sexual orientation or national origin.

WARNING SIGNS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Physical and sexual violence are part of a larger system of abuse, which firmly establish a pattern of intimidation and control in a relationship. These power techniques are all forms of domestic violence:

- **Intimidation:** Making you afraid by using looks, gestures or actions. Smashing things. Abusing pets. Displaying weapons.
- **Coercion and threats:** Making or carrying out threats to do something to hurt you. Threatening to leave you, to commit suicide, to report you to welfare. Making you drop charges.
- **Emotional abuse:** Putting you down. Making you feel bad about yourself. Calling you names. Making you think you're crazy. Playing mind games. Humiliating you. Making you feel guilty.
- **Isolation:** Controlling what you do, who you see and talk to, what you read and where you go. Limiting your outside involvement. Using jealousy to justify actions.
- **Using children:** Making you feel guilty about the children. Using the children to relay messages. Using visitation to harass you. Threatening to take the children away.
- **Minimizing, denying, blaming:** Saying your concerns about the relationship are unimportant or not real. Saying the abuse didn't happen. Shifting responsibility for abusive behavior.
- **Stereotyping*:** Expecting you to fulfill a narrowly defined gender role. Insisting they make all the decisions that they perceive as assigned to or with their role.
- **Economic abuse:** Preventing you from getting or keeping a job. Making you ask for money. Giving you an allowance. Taking your money. Not letting you know about or have access to the bank account.
- **Sexual abuse:** Making you do sexual things against your will. Physically attacking the sexual parts of your body. Treating you like a sex object.

**YWCA provides services for survivors of all genders. Men and people who identify as transgender can experience both domestic violence and sexual assault.*

YOU ARE NOT ALONE WE'RE HERE TO HELP

YWCA Advocates can:

- Give you support and answer your questions.
- Meet with you to talk in a safe place.
- Assist you with temporary shelter.
- Assist you in safety planning.
- Provide legal and medical advocacy.
- Help with referrals to community resources.
- Provide counseling and support groups.
- Provide bilingual and bicultural services.

Our crisis line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All services are free and completely confidential. We can help.

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