

Family Support & Parenting Education

Children Coping with Parental Separation

The 6-hour certified separation/divorce seminar fulfills the Delaware State Law requiring parenting education for parents/caregivers petitioning Family Court for Separation, Divorce, Custody and/or Visitation Issues.

Sparrow Run Family Resource Center

Community-based center offering a variety of services for families including food programs, counseling services, educational and recreational opportunities and information and referral to other helpful services.

Parenting Education Classes

FREE Parenting Classes are offered at convenient locations throughout the state and on-line. These interactive classes present information in a supportive environment and are designed to make parents/caregivers more successful, effective and confident.

Three curriculums are offered, each focusing on a different stage of development.

Parenting Birth to Three

For families with infants and toddlers, birth to 3 years of age

Children Come Without Instructions

For families raising children ages 4 through 12

Teens Come Without Instructions

For families raising adolescents ages 12 and older

Domestic Violence Services

24-Hour Hotline

762-6110

Domestic Violence Sheltering

Two crisis shelters, specific for meeting the needs of domestic violence victims, are operated from confidential locations.

Male victims, with or without children, are provided crisis shelter at a separate confidential location.

Victims and their children benefit from physical safety as well as a variety of additional services.

Seeking Protection From Abuse

Guidance for victims of domestic violence through the Family Court system while seeking protection from their abusive partners.

On and Off-Site Monitored Visitation

Supervised exchange for off-site visitation, or monitored on-site visitation for children from homes where there has been domestic violence or child abuse.

Community Health Advocates

Advocates guide individuals impacted by domestic violence through the health, social and community services systems to foster health and well-being.

Offender Intervention Services

State certified structured counseling interventions for both men and women who have committed acts of intimate partner abuse. Participation can be either voluntary or court mandated.

Victim Therapy

Individual therapy and support groups are offered for individuals who have experienced violence or abuse from an intimate partner.

Services for Youth & Adolescents

Runaway and Homeless Youth Counseling
Programming to improve family functioning and reduce out-of-home placements. Sheltering for runaway youth age 12 and under the age of 18.

24 Hr. Runaway Hotline

762-6373

Anger Management for Youth

Individual and group sessions are available for youth who are having difficulty managing their anger at home, in school, or other settings.

Emergency Shelter for Neglected, Abused and Dependent Children

The Governor Terry Children's Center is the only temporary shelter for children and youth in the state. The mission is to reduce the possibility, incidence, or reoccurrence of child abuse or neglect by providing an emergency home, food, clothing and age-appropriate counseling to children ages nine through seventeen years. The children are in the care of the State of Delaware, Division of Family Services.

Treatment Services for Children/Youth who witness domestic violence in the family

Helping Children Heal provides treatment services for children age 4 to 17 who have been exposed to intimate partner abuse in their homes. Treatment focuses on safety planning, working through feelings related to violence, and developing skills to break the intergenerational cycle of violence.

Kids Place

Educational and recreational activities and programs for children and youth residing in the community of Sparrow Run.

Specialized Foster Care

Provides foster family placement for youth, ages 8 to 18 who have experienced recent or past abuse and/or neglect at the hands of parents, guardians, or caregivers.

CHILD, Inc., non-profit agency located in Delaware, has been serving children and families in the community since 1963. Originally incorporated as the Boys Home, in 1973 the agency became CHILD, Inc. as the organization expanded its focus from serving neglected, dependent, and abused boys in a group home setting to providing services for the entire family. As CHILD, Inc. endeavored to treat the entire family, the agency quickly learned that in many of these families there was a high incidence of domestic violence. Since services for victims of domestic violence were non-existent during the mid-seventies, CHILD, Inc. began to develop programming for these families. Annually, CHILD, Inc. serves thousands of clients statewide.

Today, the mission of CHILD, Inc. is to be the leading advocate for Delaware's children. We provide creative prevention and treatment programs that meet the changing needs of families. We serve dependent, neglected and abused children and their parents. We provide programs for those involved in domestic violence situations, especially children. By protecting the victims and treating those responsible for acts of domestic violence we help children heal.



Get Involved

Domestic Violence Advocacy Volunteer

Volunteer advocates receive initial and ongoing training to provide direct service to victims of intimate partner violence. Volunteer advocates accompany Protection from Abuse (PFA) petitioners to court, provide supportive counseling in person and by phone, educate victims about the cycle of domestic violence and link victims with resources in the community. Volunteer advocates are supervised by staff with extensive experience, education and training in victim services.

This position requires training, empathy, and high ethical standards. We ask for a commitment of at least one year to the program. Volunteers must be able to work at least two 4-hour shifts per month. Daytime availability is required and volunteer placements are available in all three Delaware counties.

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (302) 257-2417.

NOTE: *Because of the nature of our services, most volunteers are required to undergo a criminal background check.*

Annual 5K Walk/Run Against Domestic Violence

Volunteer, participate, or become a sponsor of the 5K held each spring. Contact Anne Undorf at (302) 762-8989.

Ways to Give

Financial

Contributions may be made through www.childinc.com, over the phone or via mail. Please make checks payable to CHILD, Inc. Contributions may be made in honor or memory of a loved one.

Organize a Collection Drive

Throughout the year various programs within CHILD, Inc. accepts donations of NEW items. For the entire wish list, please visit www.childinc.com

Helping families

find a new

way of life ...



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The Cycle of Abuse



Tension Builds...

You sense your partner's increasing anger. The tension becomes unbearable. You are walking on eggshells in order to avoid an argument or violent outburst/explosion. You begin to feel angry, hurt, conflicted and anxious.

You Are Hurt...

The tension explodes into abuse. Your partner has made a CHOICE to be violent. You are in a state of shock. You may chalk it up as a one time incident, or minimize your injuries.

You Make Up...

Your partner seems genuinely sorry; promises that it won't happen again. Your partner gives you love and praise, and says that they can't live without you. You love your partner. You feel responsible. You may feel maybe it really was your fault. You decide to make up. You feel better now ...

It Starts All Over Again...

Effects on Children

- Children may be physically injured during fights between parents. The tension becomes unbearable, you are walking on eggshells in order to avoid an argument or violent outburst/explosion. They may be struck by an object that is thrown, or injured by a weapon.
- Older children may be injured while trying to intervene.
- Even if they do not witness the violence, children are almost always aware that it is happening.
- Even infants are affected.
- Children from violent homes often learn violence as a way of solving problems.
- Children who witness violence will be at a higher risk of continuing the intergenerational cycle of violence.
- Children from violent homes may be at a higher risk of drug and alcohol abuse, as well as juvenile delinquency.
- Children from violent homes experience a wide range of emotional symptoms including fear, depression, guilt and anxiety. They may also suffer from stress-related physical ailments.

**By doing something now,
you can help your children heal.**

Services Available To All Victims of Domestic Violence

24 Hour
Domestic Violence Hotline
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- Information
- Referrals
- Safe House
- Confidential Crisis Counseling
- Support Services
- Safety Planning
- Services for Children
- Social Service Advocacy
- Legal Assistance
- Transitional Services



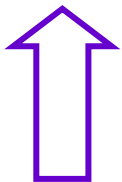
Are You In An Abusive Relationship?

Everything may have seemed okay in the beginning. You have had your ups and downs. But now you've become afraid because of the yelling, the threats, the fights. It's called "Domestic Violence", and it is a crime.

Usually victims blame themselves. They hope it will get better soon, maybe if their partner gets a new job or quits drinking. The truth is, things won't get better until you take charge of your life again.

Warning Signs of Domestic Violence

- Prevention of your personal freedom
- Extreme jealousy and control
- Sudden outbursts of anger
- Destruction of personal property
- Intimidation or manipulation
- Criticism of you and your abilities
- Control of your finances
- Humiliation or embarrassment in front of other people
- Threats to hurt you, your children, family, friends or pets
- Forced sex
- Physical violence: hitting, punching, slapping, shoving, kicking, choking, etc.



If you're experiencing any of the above, you can choose to change your life.

If you feel that you may have a problem with abuse, call our 24 hour hotline:

762-6110

No matter your gender identity or what time you call, there will be a supportive and trained counselor on the line to help you sort out your problems, identify your options, and help you with your feelings of hopelessness and fear.

Temporary shelter is available for individuals seeking safety from an abusive partner. Criminal prosecution and/or civil remedies are available for you. You can discuss these and other safety options by calling our hotline.

In addition to calling CHILD, Inc.'s hotline, you may call the police and ask for help in getting to a safe place.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Everyone has the right to be safe.

Take the ***FIRST STEP***

Call 762-6110

and remember ...

**You are not alone!
It is not your fault!**

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Is Your Partner Abusive?



It Is Not Your Fault

Call and speak with a supportive, trained counselor and identify your options.

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Runaway and Homeless Youth Program

Mission

Engages with at-risk youth
ages 12 and under the age of 17
and their families to prevent them
from runaway away
or becoming homeless.

Goal

To improve family functioning and
reduce out-of-home placements

Vision

A future in which all our nation's
youth, individuals and families—
no matter what challenges they may
face—can live health, productive,
and violence-free lives.



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RHY Services

24- Hour Bilingual Runaway Hotline (302) 762-6373

The hotline serves as a vital link between runaways, their families and CHILD Inc.'s counseling services.

Temporary Emergency Shelter

Housing for appropriate, voluntary youth who are homeless, on run away status or those threatening to run away.

Crisis intervention and Individual and Family Counseling for sheltered and non-sheltered youth who are homeless or on runaway status or who have threatened to runaway; with family involvement encouraged.

Aftercare Services provides additional services and referrals for youth and their families after the program is completed.

Outreach Initiatives

Include school and community presentations on runaway, homelessness and life skills.

Youth

Parents kicked you out?

Couch Surfing?

Lonely? Confused? Scared?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Call Us For HELP!

(302) 762-6373

Or

Text (302) 290-5900

**Concerned parents
receive referral information and
advice during crisis situations**

Anger Management for Youth

Anger Management for Youth (AMY) is designed for youth struggling with anger who need to build conflict resolution skills. AMY provides structured support to help develop healthier coping mechanism and improve youth outcomes. Our evidence-based curriculum focuses on the "ABCD" method.

An 8-week anger management course is available for youth ages 10 to 17

For more information call
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