



# **Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc.**

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## **Counseling Services**

DAP provides immediate crisis intervention, safety planning, and referral on our hotline operated 24/7. Staff offers short and long-term supportive/educational counseling, as well as therapeutic counseling designed to address the emotional barriers that make it difficult to leave an abusive relationship. DAP counselors also facilitate support groups that provide clients with the opportunity to process their experiences with others confronting domestic abuse.

## **Housing Services**

DAP provides emergency shelter to adults and their dependent children at imminent risk of physical abuse. In addition to safe housing, residents receive a range of supportive services, including relocation assistance, to help victims relocate out of abusive situations. DAP's transitional housing program offers longer term HUD-subsidized housing and intensive case management which support individuals and families as they strive to become self-sufficient and live free from abuse.

## **Legal Services**

DAP provides advocacy and support in filing for temporary Protection From Abuse (PFA) orders and provides free legal representation for clients in custody matters and at final PFA hearings. DAP offers accompaniment and advocacy for victims involved in criminal proceedings against their abusers. Members of law enforcement, employed by DAP, train local law enforcement officers on best practices and protocols for handling domestic abuse cases.

## **Medical Advocacy**

DAP's Medical Advocate is on call 24 hours a day to provide options and crisis counseling to victims of abuse at Delaware County hospitals. DAP's Medical Advocate also trains local health care professionals from all disciplines, including physicians, nurses, first responders and allied health professionals to screen patients and recognize the signs of abuse.

## **Welfare Advocacy**

DAP's Welfare Advocate provides options, information, and advocacy to victims of domestic abuse within the welfare system and educates welfare personnel about domestic abuse.

## **Prevention Education and Community Outreach**

Specialized educational programs are provided to community organizations, schools, and religious groups to increase public awareness about domestic abuse. Literature on domestic abuse is distributed at presentations, health fairs, and other community events.

## **Volunteer Program**

DAP depends on the support of volunteers. Our volunteers receive extensive training in several specific areas of service and are provided with meaningful ways to help abused persons and raise awareness about domestic abuse.

## **Consulting Services**

DAP provides consulting services and presentations to local employers regarding violence in the workplace and guidelines for protecting employees.

## **911 Cell Phone Program**

DAP provides cell phones capable of dialing 911 at no cost to DAP clients, through the Verizon Hopeline program. To donate a phone contact the Verizon dealer in your area, or visit [NortheastHopeline@NE.verizonwireless.com](mailto:NortheastHopeline@NE.verizonwireless.com)