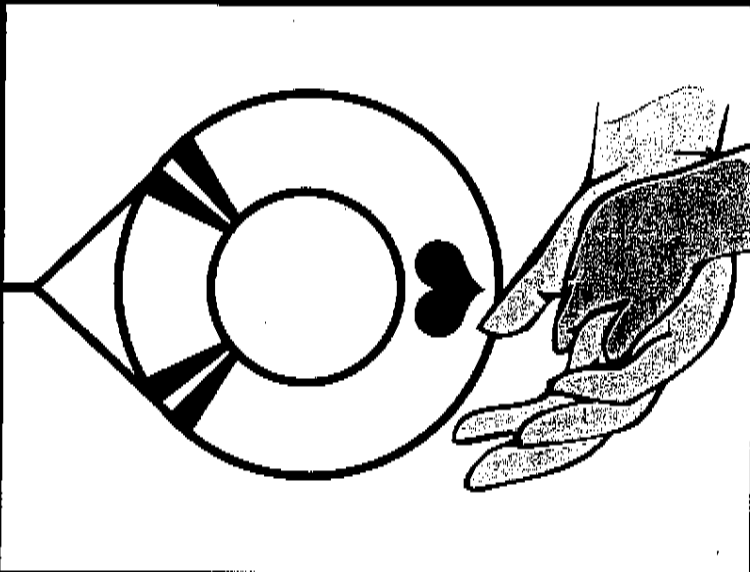


Family Violence Doesn't Have To Be A Way Of Life



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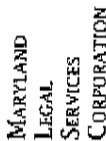
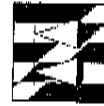


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Call today for information or assistance.
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Facts About Domestic Violence

- A woman is battered every 15 seconds in the United States.
- Physical abuse is the leading cause of injury to women.
- Many battered women stay in violent homes because they are trapped. They have nowhere else to go and very few resources.
- A battering incident is rarely an isolated occurrence and usually progresses in severity with time.
- Family violence affects individuals from all walks of life, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, or socioeconomic background.
- Domestic violence is a **CRIME**. Victims do not provoke or deserve violent behavior.



Are You Being Abused?

If you can answer "yes" to any of the following, you may be in an abusive relationship. Please call us for more information.

Does your partner:

- Call you names?
- Shove or push you?
- Get angry or jealous when you spend time with friends and family?
- Criticize everything you do?
- Threaten you?
- Hit you?
- Behave cruelly towards you and then tell you, "you can't take a joke"?
- Tell you you're crazy?
- Blame you for his violent or cruel behavior?
- Prevent you from sleeping, eating, or performing other important tasks?
- Hit the wall or kick the door during an argument?
- Perform unwanted sexual acts on you?
- Seem to have split personalities – nice one minute, in a rage the next?
- Threaten to hurt you or the children if you ever leave him?
- Hurt or threaten your pets?

We Can Help!

24-hour Hotline

Emergency counseling and referrals. Confidential and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Crisis Intervention

Advocates are available to meet victims in the hospital or at the police station.

Counseling and Support

Individual counseling sessions and support groups.

Shelter

Safe, comfortable accommodations with high security and 24-hour support.

Education and Training

Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau provides community education and professional training to local groups and organizations.

Information and Referrals

Assistance in seeking aid from appropriate agencies.

Transitional Program

Transitional assistance for victims of domestic violence.

Legal Program

Assistance through legal proceedings and court appearances, information and referrals, grant programs for direct legal representation in final protective order hearings and divorce and custody cases.

Abuser Intervention Program

Counseling services and groups designed for individuals who display abusive behavior within the family.

Law Enforcement Program

Provides training, technical assistance and information to law enforcement agencies. Coordinator serves as a liaison between MSCFV and law enforcement departments.

Bi-lingual Outreach Services

Outreach and assistance for Spanish-speaking and immigrant victims.

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