What is domestic violence

Domestic violence is a pattern of intentional abusive behavior used to gain power and control over a family member, current or former intimate partner or dating partner.

Types of Abuse

- **Physical**—hitting, slapping, punching, kicking, strangling, restraining.
- **Psychological**—threats, intimidation, name-calling, isolation, harassment, pet/animal abuse, using technologies to track or stalk the victim.
- **Sexual**—rape, pressured or forced sexual acts, reproductive coercion, forced prostitution.
- **Financial**—control of finances and other resources, withholding of basic needs, creating unauthorized debt, forced eviction.

Resources

Allegheny County

Allegheny Co. Housing Authority …………….412-355-8940
Allegheny Valley Association of Churches ….724-226-0606
Center for Victims………………………….412-392-8582
Childline…………………………………….....1-800-932-0313
Crisis Center North……………………….412-364-6728
District Attorneys Office……………………412-350-4400
Neighborhood Legal Services…………….412-255-6700
Night Court…………………………………412-350-3240
Parental Stress Center (Sup. Visitation)……412-381-4800
PFA Office …………………………………….412-350-4441
Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR)…..1-866-363-7273
Womansplace……………………………..412-678-4616
Women’s Center & Shelter ………………..412-687-8005
The Men’s Group …………………………412-687-8017 Ext. 340

Westmoreland County

Blackburn Center…………………………1-888-832-2272
Catholic Charities (Anger Management)….1-866-409-6455
Childline …………………………………...1-800-932-0313
Children’s Bureau…………………………724-830-3300
PFA Office …………………………………724-853-2207
Department of Public Welfare ……………724-832-5200
Laurel Legal Services……………………1-800-253-9558
Victim Witness……………………………..724-830-3272
Westmoreland Co. Housing Authority……724-832-7258
Westmoreland Courthouse…………………724-830-3000

Other Numbers

Area Agency on Aging . …………………….1-800-344-4319
HAVIN - Armstrong Co. …………………1-800-841-8881
VOICE - Butler Co. ………………………1-800-400-8551
National Domestic Violence Hotline………1-800-799-7233

Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence.
A Mission of HOPE...

HOPE is an organization of social change whose mission is the safe elimination of domestic violence through intervention, prevention, and collaboration. As such, HOPE provides free and confidential services to survivors of domestic violence, their families and significant others.

In addition to its comprehensive array of intervention services, HOPE also provides primary prevention activities and community awareness and education events in the communities of the Alle-Kiski Valley in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Incorporated in 1979, and recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, HOPE touches the lives of nearly 20,000 individuals each year—over 4,000 of them—direct victims of domestic violence.

Working to eliminate domestic violence since 1979.

Give HOPE

- Be VIOLENCE-FREE in your home and community.
- Support survivors you know; provide information and “be there”.
- Become an advocate against domestic violence.
- Volunteer at HOPE to remain active, trained, and involved.
- Donate—become a regular donor.

Statistics and Facts

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 10 men will report being victims of domestic violence.
- 3 people each day are victims of murder by an intimate partner.
- Everyone 11 seconds someone is a victim of domestic violence.
- 50% of domestic violence batterers also abuse their children.
- Exposure to domestic violence is the strongest risk factor for repeat behavior and increases a child’s likelihood of delinquency by 59%.
- 85% of incarcerated adults have been victims of or witnessed abuse during their lifetime.
- 4 of 5 episodes of elder abuse remain unreported.
- Domestic violence injuries account for medical costs of $5—$10 billion each year.
- 70% of pregnant teens are beaten by their boyfriends.

Our Services...

- 24-hour Crisis Hotline—1-888-299-HOPE (4673)
- Emergency Shelter and Supportive Services
- SAF-T (Sheltering Animals and Families Together) Program
- Transitional Housing
- Domestic Violence Education Support Groups
- Legal Advocacy in Allegheny and Westmoreland Courts
- Medical Advocacy and Early Outreach
- Information and Referral Services
- Primary Prevention Programs in Schools
- Community Awareness and Education Programs for Community and Civic Groups
- Volunteer Training and Service Opportunities

...Provide

SAFETY— respecting an individual’s right to be physically, emotionally, and socially safe.

CONFIDENTIALITY— offering the protection of each identity to create healing and supportive services.

AUTONOMY—realizing and supporting personal choices of each survivor by offering options and information.

ACTIVE LISTENING— hearing each unique story and responding without judgment.

RESPECT— delivering services that are culturally competent, consistent, and relevant to all survivors.

ADVOCACY— working for social change that will educate and empower and create justice.

Short-term help—

Long-term Hope...

HOPE Values

Empowerment
Social Justice
Safety
Social Change
Respect
Integrity