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Connecting to a domestic violence program is the single greatest factor in reducing domestic violence injury, re-assault and homicide. WC&S developed the RUSafe App to help users identify if they are in a potentially dangerous relationship and connect them to a domestic violence hotline in their area.

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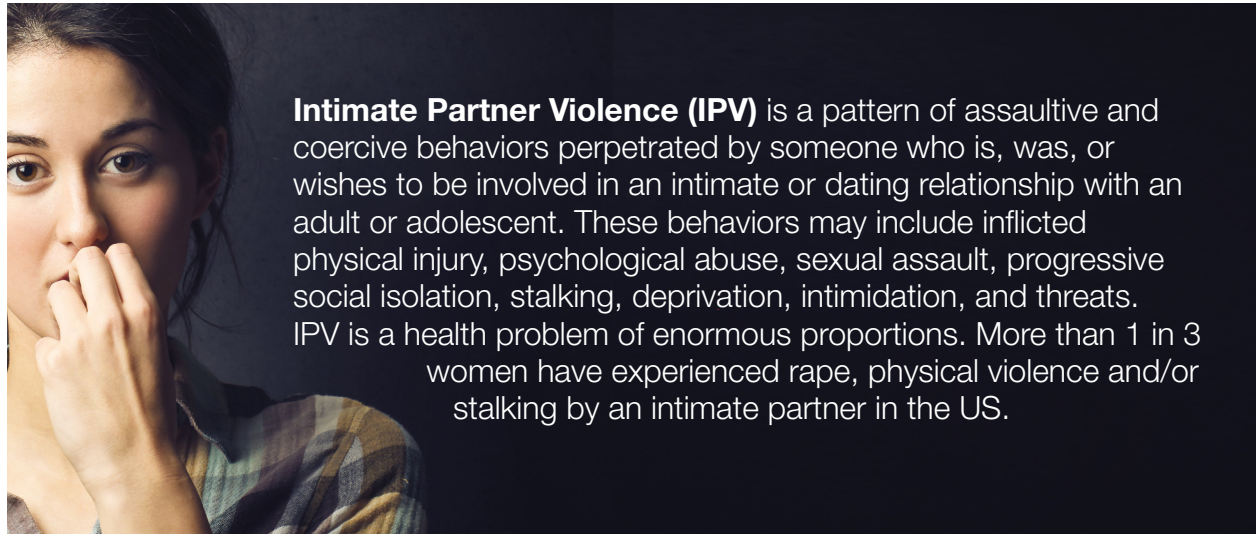
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Saving lives, one person at a time.



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Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors perpetrated by someone who is, was, or wishes to be involved in an intimate or dating relationship with an adult or adolescent. These behaviors may include inflicted physical injury, psychological abuse, sexual assault, progressive social isolation, stalking, deprivation, intimidation, and threats. IPV is a health problem of enormous proportions. More than 1 in 3 women have experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in the US.

It is estimated that between 20 and 30% of women and 7.5% of men in the United States have been physically and/or sexually abused by an intimate partner at some point in their adult lives.

The mission of Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (WC&S) is to advance the safety and wellbeing of victims of intimate partner violence and prevent and respond to intimate partner violence through social change.

One woman and one child at a time, you are helping to save lives. With your support, Women's Center & Shelter has been providing hope to victims of intimate partner violence.

“ Without WC&S and the support group, I would still be in the cycle of abuse. I have seen so many women, including myself, transform and regain confidence due to the support of WC&S. ”

“ You feel like you have someone on your side and someone in your corner. ”

Today, Women's Center & Shelter provides high quality, confidential and free programs offered in an environment where cultural competency, justice, autonomy, restoration and safety are priorities.

Current programs include:

- 24-Hour Emergency Shelter
- 24-Hour Hotline
- Children's Program
- Empowerment Center (Support Groups)
- Legal Advocacy
- Medical Advocacy
- Civil Law Project
- Education
- Men's Group

Each year, WC&S serves nearly 7,000 individuals through our programs and services.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

24-Hour Hotline: An integral program of WC&S since 1974, Hotline is staffed 24-Hours a day, seven days a week by highly trained Hotline Advocates.

Emergency Shelter: WC&S' Emergency Shelter is for women (and their children) who are in immediate, lethal danger.

Children's Program: The goal of WC&S' Children's Program is to provide a safe, nurturing, culturally responsive environment where mothers can leave their children in the care of competent, caring and trained Children's Advocates.

Medical Advocacy: WC&S' Medical Advocacy Supervisor provides training for professionals within the healthcare system in an effort to enhance the healthcare system's response to domestic violence.

Legal Advocacy: WC&S' Legal Department provides free and confidential court accompaniment, support, information, and advocacy as victims progress through the legal system.

Civil Law Project: The goal of Civil Law Project is to fill existing gaps in free legal services available for domestic violence victims and to offer specialized domestic violence legal expertise.

Education: WC&S' Education Director provides training to students, clergy, and other professionals in intimate partner violence awareness and prevention.

Empowerment Center: Various support groups are offered at WC&S for residents and non-residents interested in learning about domestic violence and connecting with other women to work toward healing.

Men's Group: The primary service is the group intervention of adult men who abuse (defined as physical, emotional, verbal, sexual and/or economic) their intimate partners. Men's Group requires a paid fee.

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“ At WC&S, I felt safe and at peace. ”