



MISSION, GUIDING PRINCIPLES & SERVICES



MISSION

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



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

WOMEN CENTERED ADVOCACY:

We work on behalf of women and recognize that the roots of intimate partner violence lie in the historic subjugation of women.

EMPOWERMENT APPROACH:

We recognize that when individuals are provided with trust, support, advocacy, resources and information, they are in a better position to determine what is best for them. We support the voluntary choice of women and respect the woman's ability to assess the danger she and her children face.

SANCTUARY MODEL:

WC&S has adopted the Sanctuary Model, a holistic, full-system approach to meeting the physical and emotional needs of victims. Sanctuary is a method of providing service and engaging in activities and interactions that focuses on helping injured children and adults recover from damaging effects of interpersonal drama.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS:

We educate the community and work to change systems in ways that will end intimate partner violence.

FOUNDATION OF SERVICES: J.A.R.S.

We provide high quality, confidential programs offered in an environment where cultural competency, justice, autonomy, restoration and safety are priorities.



SERVICES

We provide the following services to achieve our mission:

- 24-Hour Hotline
- Emergency Shelter
- Legal Advocacy
- Systems Advocacy
- Medical Advocacy
- Empowerment Center
- Civil Law Project (CLP)
- MENS Group (Men Embracing Nonviolence & Safety)
- Refugees, Immigrants, & Limited-English (RIL)
- Immediate Needs Coordination (INC)
- Children's Program
- STANDING FIRM

