

Domestic Violence Exists Here ...

- 3 million children are exposed to domestic violence in their homes each year.
~American Psychology Association
- Half the arrests, at least 3,000 per year in Dane County, involve domestic violence.
~Dane County District Attorney's Office
- Children were present during at least 32% of those reported violent incidents in 2002.
~Wisconsin Department of Justice
- In 2000, four of the seven murders in Dane County were women killed by their domestic partner.
~Dane County District Attorney's Office
- One in three women will be abused in her lifetime.
~Commonwealth Fund Survey, NY, NY, 1998

Domestic violence can affect anyone, regardless of race, age, gender, sexual orientation or income.



Chances are, it's affecting someone you know.

Children of Violent Homes Partners

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) For adults and children.

P.O. Box 1761
Madison, WI 53701
Phone: 251-1237
24-Hour Crisis Line: 251-4445
Toll Free: 1-800-747-4045

24-Hour Crisis Services • Emergency Shelter • Support Groups • Community Education • Legal Advocacy

The Rainbow Project

For children from birth through 7 years old, parents and families.

831 E. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53703
Phone: 255-7356

Individual & Family Counseling • Play Therapy • Community and Professional Education • Parent Education • Consultation & Advocacy • Children and Adult Groups

Family Services

For children ages 8 to 17 years old and their families.

128 E. Olin Ave.
Madison, WI 53713
Phone: 252-1320

Individual Counseling • Family Counseling • Group Therapy for Survivors • Treatment for Batterers

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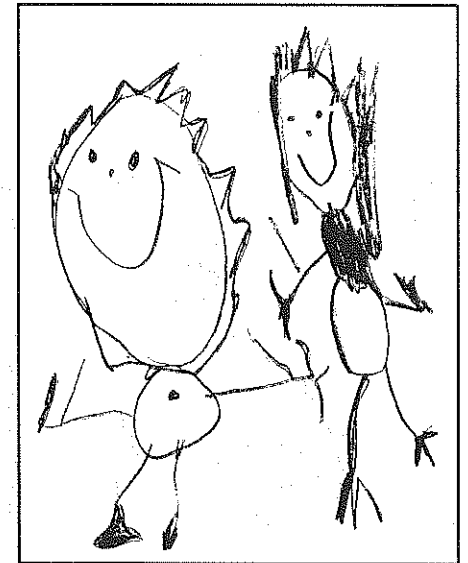
(a division of Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin)
For teenagers and their families.

1955 Atwood Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
Phone: 245-2550
Toll Free: 1-800-798-1126
24-Hour Crisis Line: 251-1126

24-Hour Crisis Services • Emergency Youth Shelter • Street Outreach • Youth Groups • Family Counseling

Children and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Exists in our community,
affects our children,
will be part of our future ...



... unless together
we **BREAK** the cycle of abuse.

Reach Help for Families
by calling **251-4445** or **1-800-747-4045**
Dane County's
24-Hour Crisis & Information Line

Family Violence is Learned at Home

Children are affected NOW . . .

Witnessing violence in the home is often as harmful as a direct victim of the violence. It affects children developmentally, psychologically and emotionally. Children living in homes where domestic abuse occurs are at higher risk of suffering physical abuse themselves.

This diagram (at right) shows a variety of often contradictory tactics used by children to cope with family violence. Different children, even those in the same family, may respond to trauma differently.

. . . And later

For children growing up in violent homes, such violence becomes an acceptable means of solving problems and conflicts. In their adolescent years, these children are at higher risk for drug and alcohol dependency, depression and suicide, running away, truancy, early pregnancy and divorce. Once these children reach adulthood, an estimated:

- 50% of girls will become victims of domestic violence*
- 60% of boys will become batterers*
- 80% of those in prison grew up in violent homes*

Violence will shape their future, and in doing so, will affect ours. With help, however, a better future can be written for these children and for our community.

*Manitowoc County Domestic Violence Center

Breaking the Cycle of Abuse

Early intervention and treatment are key to successfully breaking the cycle of family violence. Children of Violent Homes (CVH) partners work together to provide crisis intervention for victims and a range of short and long-term counseling and treatment alternatives for children and their families. CVH also provides inter-agency coordination of referrals to providers for other forms of support (legal, housing, economic and more).

The CVH partners are committed to supporting children and "addressing" the effects of violence which they are experiencing. These goals can only happen if these children—as innocent bystanders—are identified and receive help.

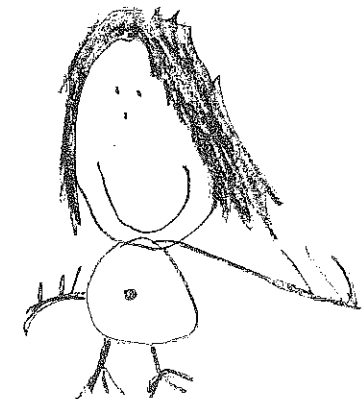


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If you suspect a child is experiencing violence in their home . . .

- DON'T ignore or rationalize the "behavior or situation".
- DON'T say it's not your problem.
- DON'T try to solve the problem yourself.
- DO be aware of the symptoms (described to the left).
- DO show the child you take them seriously.
- DO reassure them they did the right thing in talking to you.
- DO call the Domestic Abuse Hotline:

251-4445 or 1-800-747-4045



**Working together
to ensure a safe and happy future
for all our children.**