Silence Hides The Violence

On average 24% of women and 14% of men are victims of physical or sexual violence, either by a partner or someone close to them.

The most dangerous time for a victim who is in an abusive relationship is the time she/he leaves. Over 70% of murders happen when the relationship is over—the abuser has nothing left to lose.

The Crisis Center is here to serve the community with various services to the victims, their family and the community as a whole.

Together we can stand up and fight this epidemic that plagues so many.



Toll-free hotline available 24/7, 365 days a year for domestic abuse or sexual assault support services

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Serving Andrews, Crane, Ector, Gaines, Loving, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, and Winkler Counties





RESPOND

24 Hour Hotline— The Crisis Center provides a hotline for our community to use that is available 24/7/365. The hotline is staffed with a trained advocate. Therefore when someone calls in need, they will talk to a live person anytime day or night.

Crisis Response Team- Advocates work closely with local law enforcement and medical staff to assist a victim right after the initial crime. There is extensive cross training among the three participating entities so the highest quality care may be offered when a victim is receiving services.

SHELTER

Many victims of domestic or sexual violence are in need of a safe location where they can focus on healing. The Crisis Center provides an emergency shelter for victims and their children called Angel House. Angel House is open and staffed 24/7, 365 days a year to ensure the safety of the residents.

Angel House is accessed through our hotline or local law enforcement. Day or night, the victims and their families can find a safe, home-like environment at our shelter. We can house up to 30 residents in our emergency shelter. The stays vary from 1 night to 90 days, with most leaving within 30 days.

Our Case Managers assess the adults and children upon arrival and work to meet immediate needs. After these are met, they work together to make a safety plan, assess other needs and work on longrange goals. We also offer our PATH (Positive Action Toward Healing) program for those with longer stays at Angel House. The residents have access to nutrition, cooking, parenting, fitness, anger management, life-coaching, art and health classes at the shelter and also can enroll in GED, ESL, job training, employment 101, financial literacy, creditrecovery and home-buyers classes through community partnerships.

EDUCATE

The biggest indicator of whether someone will grow up to be a batterer is if they witness abuse as a child. In an effort to break this cycle, our Community Service Managers work with local colleges and schools to provide prevention education programs. Additionally, training is provided to local law enforcement and medical personnel to ensure that victim's services are provided seamlessly.

The programs provided in the schools include: WHO (We Help Ourselves) – a safety program for students in K-2nd grade; Bullying Prevention offered to 3^{rd} -8th grade students; Healthy Relationships for 5^{th} -8th grade; and Dating Violence 101 and Healthy Relationships offered for 9^{th} -12th grade students.

Programs are available by contacting the Community Services Department at 432-333-2527.

