

Our Mission

YWCA Lancaster is dedicated to eliminating racism,
empowering women and promoting peace,
justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Childcare



Our Childcare centers provide developmentally appropriate care for children from the age of six weeks to twelve years in a safe and stimulating environment.

Empowerment Center

The Empowerment Center provides youth and the community with services and strategies to prevent sexual violence, teen pregnancy, school dropout, gender bias and racism.



Racial Justice Initiatives



The Racial Justice program provides an Anti-bias Curriculum for elementary school children, a Day of Commitment, Study Circles and the annual Racial Justice Institute with national trainers to dismantle racism and bring about positive change in our community.

Residence



The Residence provides safe, affordable housing for low and moderate income women and their children for up to two years during transitional periods in their lives.

Sexual Assault Prevention & Counseling Center (SAPCC)

SAPCC offers supportive counseling to sexual assault/abuse victims, and accompanies them through medical, police, child advocacy and court proceedings.



Adult Services



These encompass basic living skills and personal development opportunities including parenting classes, support groups, advocacy and educational forums on public policy, and volunteer leadership development.

Highlights from our Programs and Services over the past year



Childcare Services –

- **657 children** received **quality, affordable care** while their parents worked.
- **27 teen parents** were able to **continue their high school education** while we took care of their children at our Child Development Center.
- **301 children** received **subsidized funding** to enable childcare for their parents.

Empowerment Center (preventive education & support) –

- **Empowers school age youth** to avoid teen pregnancy, drugs and alcohol, and dropping out of school.
- We gave **preventive education in sexual assault** to **7,650 children and adults**.
- **All 170 school girls** in our **Sisters support group** graduated or progressed to the next grade level.
- **78 adolescent girls** participated in our **Girl Power Program**.

Racial Justice Initiatives –

- **Proactively works to eliminate racism** in our community, businesses and homes through **Study Circles**, our annual 3-day **Racial Justice Institute**, annual **Day of Commitment** and **customized training**.
- **375 students** participated in our **anti-bias program for school children** which breaks down the cycle of racial prejudice and hatred from one generation to the next.
- A record **3,368 runners and walkers** joined us for our **12th Race Against Racism and Humanity Fest** raising almost **\$50,000** for the Association's initiatives to eliminate racism.

Residence –

- Provided **141 women and children** with **safe, affordable and supportive housing** during troubled times in their lives. (They can stay with us for up to two years.)
- **23 women and children** moved on to **independent, permanent housing**.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Counseling Center (SAPCC) –

- **744 survivors of sexual assault and abuse**, and their loved ones received **free counseling and support**. More than half of our clients are children, some as young as 4.
- Our **24-hour sexual assault hotline**, staffed by direct services personnel and trained volunteers, handled **678 calls**.

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