

sexual assault prevention & counseling center

The YWCA Sexual Assault Prevention and Counseling Center (SAPCC) provides counseling and support to all past and present survivors of sexual assault, family members and significant others. The Center is also committed to heightening community awareness about the realities of sexual assault through prevention and education programs. All client services are free and confidential. Staff or trained advocates are available 24 hours a day. The YWCA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, national origin or any other characteristic.

prevention education programs

Education is the best defense against sexual violence. Educational program topics include personal safety for children, healthy relationships, sexual harassment and date rape. Programs are currently provided for:

- ◆ School students (K-12th grade)
- ◆ College students
- ◆ Educators
- ◆ Medical and legal professionals
- ◆ Community and religious groups
- ◆ Social service agencies

For additional information, a complete listing of programs or to schedule a presentation for your group, please call the Sexual Assault Prevention & Counseling Center Education Coordinator at 393-1735, ext. 260.

our mission

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

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counseling & support services

- ◆ Short-term counseling for child and adult victims of sexual violence regardless of age or gender, and their families and significant others
- ◆ Information and referrals, legal and medical advocacy
- ◆ Accompaniment to hospitals, police departments and court proceedings as requested
- ◆ Coordinate child and adult medical services:
 - Children's Colposcopic Medical Program
 - Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program (SAFE) for adults
- ◆ Support groups designed to meet the needs of each survivor
- ◆ Crime Victim's Compensation information
- ◆ Prevention/Education programs and resource materials



volunteer your time

Trained volunteers cover the YWCA Sexual Assault Prevention & Counseling Center's 24-hour hotline, providing information, referrals and supportive counseling. Volunteers are trained to prepare them for their interactions with victims and their families.

Volunteers are required to attend a 40-hour training program which includes information on the physical and emotional issues surrounding sexual assault. Training programs are held several times throughout the year. For more information contact the YWCA Volunteer Coordinator at 393-1735, ext. 231.



according to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape:

- ◆ Sexual assault happens when someone is forced or coerced into sexual contact against his or her will.
- ◆ Sexual assault is a violent crime of power; sex is the weapon.
- ◆ Sexual assault is **never** the victim's fault.
- ◆ As few as 1 in 10 rapes are reported to the authorities.
- ◆ An estimated 70 per cent of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows, an acquaintance, a relative, or a friend.
- ◆ Nearly half of all date rape victims never tell anyone of the attack.
- ◆ Before the age of 18, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be a victim of sexual assault.

If you or someone you know have been sexually assaulted . . .
contact the **YWCA Sexual Assault Prevention & Counseling Center**
for emotional support, accompaniment and medical services

- ◆ For adult victims 16 years of age and older from a SAFE team nurse or
- ◆ For child victims 15 years of age and younger

Call our 24-Hour Hotline at 717-392-7273

◆OR call 911 or your local police