

## Just the Facts

Domestic violence & sexual assault occur in every part of our society:  
rich, poor, young, old, urban,  
rural, formally and informally educated.  
No group or community is immune.

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More than 70% of sexual assault victims know the perpetrator.

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Abuse is not the result of the abuser suddenly "losing control". In fact, the abuser is very much in control before, during, and after the abuse.

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Domestic violence is a crime. Oregon law says the police shall arrest if they have reason to believe an assault or the threat of an assault has occurred.

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Nationally, 450,000 children run away from home each year. As many as 2.8 million children live on the streets. One out of every three teens will be lured into prostitution (sex trafficking) within 48 hours of leaving home.

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The average age of entry into pornography and prostitution is 12 years old.

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According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 3.4 million people are stalked every year.

## Helping survivors rebuild a life free of violence

- 24-hour hotline
- Safe house shelter
- Information and referral services
- Support groups for survivors of domestic violence and adult sexual assault
- Advocacy
- Safety planning
- 911 cell phones
- Community education & outreach



*Mid Valley Women's Crisis Service*

Serving the community since 1973

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# Hope & Safety



*Mid Valley Women's Crisis Service*  
Since 1973

Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence,  
Sexual Assault, Stalking,  
& Human Trafficking



*Serving the community 24 hours a day, every day*

Our programs and services inform survivors of their options and support them in their choices.

The purpose of Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service is to provide a safe environment for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking and to educate the public about the issues surrounding victimization. We work with all survivors without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, primary language, religious beliefs, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identification or gender expression.

## Crisis Line

Our crisis line is available 24 hours a day, every day, serving callers in English, Spanish, and other languages. Every year, thousands of callers seek assistance.

## Shelter

We offer the only safe house emergency shelter in our community, serving 300 to 500 women and children annually. In addition to a safe place to stay, we provide advocacy and referrals to other community resources.

## Advocacy & Support

Survivors of violence can receive crisis advocacy from MVWCS staff over the phone or at our office during business hours. If a survivor needs long-term counseling, we can make referrals to professionals in the community who are experts in survivors' issues. We also offer support groups for women who have been abused (in English and Spanish), and survivors of sexual assault and rape.

## Education & Outreach

Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service leads the work to educate the community about domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. It is our belief that everyone has the right to live free of violence and free of the threat of violence.

In a typical year we talk to more than 3,500 community members about emotional, physical, sexual, and other forms of abuse. We also publish a newsletter and other materials that deal in depth with various aspects of those issues.

Our website, [www.mvwcs.com](http://www.mvwcs.com), receives more than 20,000 contacts each month and provides educational information on domestic violence and sexual assault in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese, large print and audio.

## Professional Leadership

MVWCS staff members train other professionals, especially in human services and the justice system, who work with victims of violence. Our agency experts also educate policymakers and frequently participate in interagency task forces.

## 24-hour Crisis Line

**503-399-7722**

Toll Free

**1-866-399-7722**

## Community Support

The Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service began in 1973 as an all-volunteer rape crisis hotline and has continued to grow because of the support of caring community members. Generous, dedicated volunteers contribute thousands of hours annually to help abused individuals and families. Hundreds of others in the community, both as individuals and within organizations, give money and goods to support our programs.

Important community support also comes to us through the United Way, the City of Salem, DHS, the Oregon Department of Justice, Foundations, and various other sources.

## Make A Difference

Call 503-378-1572 during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) to learn how you can help by volunteering or donating money or goods.

**Your support is vital to our efforts.  
We cannot do this work alone!**