

Gateway Domestic Violence Center Summary of Services Provided in 2010

In 2010, Gateway provided in-person services to **1,044** different people.

Shelter for Battered Women and Their Children: The shelter is staffed 24-hours a day. **69** women and **91** children were sheltered in 2010 for a total of **8,166** guest nights at an average of **51** days per guest.

24-hour Crisis Telephone Line: The crisis line provides crisis intervention and referral services as well as information on shelter services. **3,215** crisis calls were received in 2010.

Referral Services: Resource information is provided on medical, legal, housing, educational and other social services. **1,459** referrals were made to clients in 2010.

Support Groups: Two emotional support groups meet each week (Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings). During the group sessions, women are assisted in addressing: the reality of the situation, dynamics of abuse, communication skills, building self-esteem, options available (jobs, housing, education, day care, etc.), and support systems (family, social service agencies, etc.). Women's Support Group attendance averaged **52** per month in 2010.

Children's Program: 50% of the children we work with have been physically abused by their father/step-father. Through the structured Children's Program, which is offered 2 times a week (Monday and Thursday evenings), children are provided an opportunity to share their fears and concerns. The children are made aware that violence is not the appropriate way to solve problems. **189 children** and **25 teenagers** participated in Gateway support groups in 2010.

School Curriculum Program: This program provides a preventive aspect by educating middle and high school students on the dynamics and dangers of abusive relationships. **161** presentations were made to **3,026** students in 2010. In 2010, Gateway's Domestic Violence Educator provided **60** interventions with Elementary School students, **12** with Middle School students and **5** with High School students. (Interventions are private conversations and referrals for students who express concerns following the presentations.)

Life Enrichment Program: This program provides training, education and case management needed to enhance a woman's chances of making a successful transition from victim to survivor. This training develops skills necessary to have a safe and healthy home for themselves and their children. The training focuses on subjects that provide personal skills in the area of economic independence, making decisions regarding the legal options available, obtaining employment, personal finance, nutrition education, parenting and nurturing, and other issues that strengthen and preserve the family. **116** families participated in this program in 2010.

Legal Advocacy Program: This program includes the following services: inform battered women about their rights and their legal options, court accompaniment, orienting women to the court process, legal representation, and referral to other service providers. This program provided **873** meetings with victims, resulting in **185** Temporary Protective Orders and **241** Second Hearings and other Civil Hearings.

Community Outreach/Education Program: This program provides training for criminal justice and social service agencies, civic organizations, churches, schools, colleges, and other groups in the dynamics of abuse, needs of battered women and their children, as well as the services available at Gateway. In 2010, Gateway staff spoke to **44** groups. **3683** individuals attended these sessions. Another **58** people participated in **6** in-service training sessions.

Volunteers: In 2010, volunteers contributed **3171** hours to shelter work and the children's program.

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Needs List*

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Shelter Needs:

- Hair Dryers
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent
- Trash Bags
- Paper Towels
- Diapers, size 4 & 5
- Dish Washing Liquid
- Inexpensive Pillows
- Cleaning Sprays
- Plastic Mattress Covers (twin)
- Hair Brushes
- Inexpensive Ladies and Girls underwear
- Boys Underwear size 4 - 12
- Ziploc Bags quart/gallon size
- Food storage containers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfecting Wipes
- All Types of Children's Medicines

We also welcome pre-paid gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target and local grocery stores as well as pre-paid gas cards.

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