

Our Mission

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

GOALS of Court Advocacy

- Enhance victim safety
- Increase awareness of
 - domestic violence
 - Increase public awareness of available resources
 - Increase the availability of services
- Educate the public to end domestic violence

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YWCA Crisis Center Current Services:

- **Emergency Shelter** is a safe haven for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and their dependent children.
- **24-Hour Crisis Line** offers crisis intervention, information, referral, and safety planning for callers.
- **Group & Individual Counseling** for victims of traumatic events.
- **Parenting Education & Life Skills**
- **My Sister's Closet** provides clothing and household items for individuals in need
- **Sexual Assault Response Advocates** provide support and information to a victim and family members during the sexual assault examination.
- **Court Advocates** assist with obtaining court orders, and are available to accompany victims to court hearings
- **Supervised Visitation & Safe Exchanges** allows the child(ren) to maintain a relationship with the non-custodial parent in a safe, comfortable and neutral environment.
- **Community Education & Outreach**

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Court Advocacy

The Court Advocacy service of the YWCA Crisis Center was designed to assist victims with filing **Emergency Protective Orders**.

A Court Advocate is on call **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** to assist with filling out the forms, filing the Protective Order with the Court Clerk's Office and attending the Emergency and Final Protective Order Hearings.

The Court Advocate provides **guidance** to individuals who are unfamiliar with the courthouse and its procedures. The Court Advocate **assists victims** by explaining the court process, courtroom etiquette, proper dress and proper courtroom procedures.

The Court Advocate is also available to attend court hearings with the victims. Please contact the **YWCA of Enid at 234-7581** for more information.

We can help!

- Assistance with completion and filing of Emergency Protective Orders
- Support during court hearings
- Referrals to community resources
- Transportation
- Emergency Shelter
- Explanations of courtroom etiquette and courtroom procedure

To Bring Legal Charges Against Assailant:

- Tell the police you wish to press charges.
- See a doctor as soon as possible for treatment & medical documentation of injuries.
- Take photos of injuries when they are most visible.

The condition of the victim's body, clothing and the crime scene contain important evidence

No ONE deserves to be abused. It is NOT your fault. We are here to help.

SAFETY TIPS

- If you decide to leave, practice how to get out safely. What route would you use?
- Keep your purse and car keys ready and put them in a safe place.
- Tell someone about the violence and request they call the police if they hear suspicious noises coming from the house.
- Teach your children how to use the telephone to contact the police and fire department.
- Obtain a protective order.
- If your abuser is no longer living in the residence, re-key or replace your locks.
- Install adequate outside lighting.
- Notify law enforcement if your abuser tries to violate the protective order.
- Change your telephone number to a new UNLISTED number, if possible.
- Make copies of the protective order so you, family members, friends, neighbors and your employer can be aware of the situation.

You have the right to live without fear!