

SAFE SHELTER

"I came to the Safe Shelter on July 2nd. At first I was scared cause I was in a new place. I left my home and my children and my job. I had to get adjusted to it, but I knew what I had to do for me to help me. Everybody here has been wonderful, they have been helping me. They listen to me, that's one thing they do; they all listen to me. They're very supportive with me; they helped me get glasses cause I couldn't see anything cause when I left, I left everything: my driver's license, everything.

They helped me get a new driver's license and they helped me with my resume. Within about a week and half I got a job. I'm grateful, you know, that they are in my life right now, cause I went through a whole lot in my domestic violence relationship. Miss Megan, Ms. Patricia, Ms. Carolyn, everybody, Ms. Shirley. a lot of them.... They listen, they listen to me, they support me. When they see me walking with my head down, someone in here, one of these staff, always makes me smile and my days be alright. They care here; they're a big part of my life. Someday that's like ... I'm at home here, you know that's the way it feels, 'cause you know you got a newborn. Safe Shelter, this is a great place to be at. They help me to do things I need to do to help myself. Just all you have to do is ask for help and they help. It's a blessing to be here."

The Safe Shelter program offers counseling; case management; legal advocacy, job training and outreach services provided by experienced and competent staff, including Case Managers, Outreach Counselors and a Legal Advocate to help victims become independent. If you know of someone needing our help, or if you are in need of help, call us today.



Community Impact of the Safe Shelter

The Safe Shelter runs at capacity almost every day of the year serving more than 228 women and children. The average length of stay for clients in the shelter is 30 nights. Each year the Safe Shelter provides over 2,200 days of shelter care. In addition, each year the Safe Shelter serves over 275 women, children and men through its extensive outreach program.

2009 Outcomes

- 97% of women staying at the shelter said they felt safe from their abuser(s).
- 77% of women felt they had a better understanding of issues related to domestic violence.
- 57% of women utilized case management services.
- 91% of the women served by the shelter stated they would strongly recommend our services to a friend.

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