

Domestic Violence Education for Children, Youth, and Families Sojourner Family Peace Center

The mission of Sojourner Family Peace Center is to transform lives impacted by domestic violence. Our current offerings include legal advocacy in criminal, family and restraining order courts, emergency domestic abuse shelter, a crisis hotline, and supportive and educational programming for victims and their children.

Encourage families to call us directly at 414-933-2722 (24 hour hotline) or 414-276-1911 For victim services for adults and children, call the hotline at 414-933-2722 or send a referral with a signed release by email to Twanna Watson at twannaw@familypeacecenter.org.

For **restraining order (e-filing) assistance and advocacy**, call 414-278-5079. There are advocates answering during business hours. When no one is available, leave a message for a return call. Worker questions can be directed to the supervisor, Christine Langkau, 414-810-1675.

We provide a continuum of developmentally-appropriate services for children/youth and their protective parent both in our shelter and living in the community. Our services integrate an understanding of the individual strengths and needs of each child and family; advocacy; counseling; safety planning; referrals to needed community services; and support/skill-building groups. We do this in a trauma—informed manner, acknowledging the impact of trauma on both the protective parent and the child(ren). We provide family-centered programming in order to strengthen the bond between the protective parent/caretaker and the child/youth, understanding that this is the best way to serve children and youth.

Specifically, the types of Children's Programming we offer are

- Child Witness to Domestic Violence Groups (Concurrent parenting and age-appropriate groups for children),
- pre-school and academic enrichment, and
- support groups.

The programming for **protective parents** includes

- Child Witness to Domestic Violence Groups (Concurrent parenting and age-appropriate groups for children),
- emergency shelter and crisis hotline;
- case management,
- legal advocacy, and
- support groups.