Who We Are...
WomenSafe provides emergency shelter and support services for survivors of domestic violence throughout Northeast Ohio. WomenSafe is a non-profit organization that offers information, counseling, education, referrals and support to victims of domestic violence and federal victims of crime.

What You Can Do To Help...
- Make a donation to WomenSafe at: 12041 Ravenna Road Chardon, OH 44024
  Donations to WomenSafe are tax deductible as provided by law.
- Become a WomenSafe volunteer.
- Invite a WomenSafe representative to speak at your next association meeting or function.
- Publicize the COPEline number and WomenSafe by placing brochures, posters or other educational materials at your church or place of business (WomenSafe to provide).
- Plan a fundraiser for WomenSafe.

Your support of our efforts allows us to offer the following services to those in need free of charge:

Emergency Shelter—WomenSafe staffs and supports a shelter for abused adults and children. The shelter is a safe and comforting environment in which to heal, receive counseling, consider alternatives and develop plans and goals. All basic necessities are provided to residents.

COPEline—a 24-hour hotline for support and crisis management. 1-888-285-5665

Counseling—trained counselors are available to aid adults and children in the exploration of alternatives, as well as to facilitate support groups for victims of domestic violence.

Advocacy—trained professionals are on hand to accompany victims of domestic violence and their children to an attorney, court, or social service agency.

Outreach Services—counseling, art therapy and advocacy services are available for individuals who do not require protective shelter. Additionally, WomenSafe provides specialized educational programs to schools, church and civic groups, corporations, and healthcare institutions.

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What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence refers to a pattern of abusive and violent behaviors that one person uses to exercise power and control over another. Types of abuse include:

**PHYSICAL ABUSE**
- Hitting
- Kicking
- Choking
- Hair pulling
- Biting
- Poking
- Grabbing
- Pushing
- Shoving
- Burning
- Throwing objects

**VERBAL ABUSE**
- Yelling
- Name calling
- Threats to hurt or kill
- Criticizing appearance
- Constant blaming

**SEXUAL ABUSE**
- Constant sexual demands
- Forcing unwanted sexual acts
- Making demeaning sexual remarks

**EMOTIONAL ABUSE**
- Isolation from others
- Ridicule
- Criticism
- Ignoring partner
- Abuse of pets
- Limits conversations
- Demanding an account for time
- Embarrassing in front of others

**FINANCIAL ABUSE**
- Controlling money
- Demanding an account for all expenditures
- Destruction of property
- Taking keys or purse
- Withholding financial information

Children who live with domestic violence often:
- Appear sad, fearful, depressed and/or anxious
- Are aggressively defiant or passively compliant
- Have limited tolerance for frustration and stress
- Become isolated and withdrawn
- Are at risk for drug and alcohol abuse, sexual acting out, running away
- Have poor impulse control
- Feel powerless
- Have low self-esteem
- Assume parental roles