

Women's Resource Center *To End Domestic Violence*

Our mission is to create a society in which domestic violence no longer exists.

We strive to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the diverse community of battered women and their children with programs that promote safety, compassion, connection, advocacy, and prevention.

What We Do

WRCDV provides *Compassionate* services to survivors of domestic violence and their children. We help families improve their *Safety* and form *Connections*, which serve as an essential support system. Our *Advocacy* for survivors of domestic violence works to change the culture that allows abuse to thrive. And advocacy, coupled with our powerful work with children, facilitates *Prevention* and ending domestic violence altogether.

Program Highlights

Safe House

Our Safe House provides secure and confidential temporary housing for women and children. We help women reclaim their personal strengths, work toward their goals for the future and transition into a safe and stable living situation.

24-Hour Hotline

Our hotline advocates are available 24-hours each day to answer questions and provide peer-counseling support, safety planning and referrals.

Support Groups

Women who are currently, or have formerly been, in an abusive relationship come together in our support groups to receive emotional support, resource information and friendship. Groups are co-facilitated by trained volunteer and staff advocates.

Legal Advocacy

Our legal advocates assist women in obtaining Temporary Protective Orders, criminal warrants, child support payments, and temporary custody of their children. Advocates help clients explore legal options on a case-by case basis. We also offer a weekly free legal clinic in partnership with DeKalb Legal Aid.

Child and Family Advocacy

Children are embraced by a community of support to help ensure their needs are met. A core component of our programming for children is peace education. We also offer a violence-prevention summer camp called Camp PEACE.

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Exemplary Programming

WRCDV offers several unique programs:

1. **Making Change.** Our personal financial strategies program helps women who have experienced financial abuse or poverty engage, both emotionally and practically, with their finances. They learn to build the support and resources necessary to provide for themselves mentally, physical, spiritually and financially.
2. **Camp PEACE** (camppeaceatl.org). Camp PEACE brings together children exposed to domestic violence for a month of activities that facilitate Peace Education, Action, Compassion and Empathy. Based on principles of Peace Education and Cognitively-Based Compassion Training, Camp PEACE helps children learn alternatives to violence while promoting tolerance, impartiality, affection, self-compassion and compassion for others.
3. **Nia's Place.** (niasvisitation.org). Nia's Place provides supervised visitation and supervised exchange of children for families affected by domestic violence. Nia's Place provides a place for visits and exchanges to occur that prioritizes the physical and emotional safety of the entire family.
4. **Legal Advocacy.** In partnership with DeKalb County Magistrate Court, our legal advocates helped create Georgia's first Dedicated Domestic Violence Court, which is used by the US Department of Justice as a model for urban jurisdictions throughout the country.