

YWCA YAKIMA 2010

The primary focuses of the YWCA Yakima are: Empowering Women and Girls; Building Self-Sufficient Women; Eliminating Family Violence Embracing Diversity; Eliminating Racism, and; Maximizing Partnerships.

The Family Crisis Program includes, but is not limited to, the following:

24-hour emergency family shelter	Domestic violence counseling
Legal advocacy	Community advocacy/education
72-hour response program	9-1-1 cell phone program
Housing services	Case management

- **5,391 individuals** involved in domestic violence incidents received services through the YWCA in 2010
- **24-Hour Emergency Family Shelter:** The YWCA housed **120 women and 163 children** for a total of 4,307 bed nights.
- **Legal Advocacy:** The YWCA assisted **90 individuals** in obtaining a Protection Order while providing Legal Advocacy to **366 people**.
- **Housing Advocacy:** **77 families** were assisted in finding affordable housing in the Yakima Community.
- **Domestic Violence Counseling:** **297 individuals** received counseling and went to support groups.
- **Children's Advocacy:** Support groups and counseling were provided to **193 children**.
- **After-Care Program:** Advocates provided follow-up counseling and support services to **532 individuals**.
- **72-Hour Response Program:** Through a partnership with Yakima Law Enforcement, the YWCA provided outreach **2,933 victims** of domestic violence.
- **Community Education and Outreach:** The YWCA reached over **1,000 community members** through community educational presentations and booths.
- **Educational Clinics and Victim's Meeting:** In partnership with the Prosecutors Office, the YWCA provided education and counseling to **265 individuals** who were in the process of trying to drop a No Contact Order.
- **Working Women's Wardrobe:** **65 women and teens** benefited from the Working Women's Wardrobe and received up to 5 days of professional clothing for job interviews and new job positions.

Emergency Shelter

In December 2008, the YWCA moved into our newly renovated and expanded Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter. Phase 1 included 15 shelter rooms along with several common areas including living room, kitchens, dining room, children's play room, laundry and library. The new shelter has allowed the YWCA to serve more families by increasing our space from 29 to 45 beds.

Transitional Housing

Phase 2 will transform the former Yakima Convalescent Nursing Home into 16 housing units for survivors of domestic violence. Upon completion, there will be studio, 1-2- and 3-bedroom self-contained apartments – and will be the first affordable housing specific for domestic violence survivors in Yakima County. Phase 2 will offer a fully enclosed courtyard with green space and playground equipment for families to enjoy.

Community Resource Center

Following construction of the transitional housing units work will begin on the Community Resource Center, which will provide classroom space, a computer technology lab, public meeting space and on-going "life skills" classes. Phase 3 will allow the YWCA to expand programming to meet our mission as well as to provide programming to more families in our community.

Construction is currently underway for the Transitional Housing and the YWCA welcomes contributions and donations toward our community project. As the largest provider of Domestic Violence services in Yakima County, the YWCA Yakima is committed to providing a nurturing home and support services for families escaping abuse.