


Annual Report

July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016

*The mission of WOMANSPACE is to **Prevent Abuse, Protect Families,** and **Change Lives** through empowerment and a safety net of supportive services.*



"I finally had someone
on my team fighting for me,
fighting for what was right."

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Message from the President and Executive Director



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As I reflect on the past year I see the many challenges that we face on a regular basis. Somehow, regardless of those ever growing challenges Womanspace continues to stay strong, focused and determined to accomplish the Mission on which we are founded.

So what challenges have emerged? The most dangerous of all of them is the politicizing of domestic violence and sexual assault. When the Administration freezes critical funds in an attempt to move an unpopular agenda forward and the only one who can restore those funds is the Administration itself that is dangerous. We at Womanspace work steadily toward ending domestic and sexual violence but we know that for now it is happening all too frequently. Think about this... If you or someone you love were to be assaulted and you called the Womanspace hotline for support would you want assurance that a trained and caring advocate would be there, 24/7, 365 days a year? Of course you would and we will be and have been for 39 years...but that reality is at risk. With vital funds frozen the state of NJ now funds sexual assault programs in the amount of \$900,000. That is twenty-one programs statewide who share \$900,000. With that money Sexual Assault Programs across the state are charged with operation of a 24 hour hotline, 24/7 coverage for an advocate to accompany a rape victim to the hospital as she/he undergoes a very difficult forensic exam. Each sexual assault program is also expected to provide professional counseling, group and individual for a survivor who is struggling through her/his trauma. Often times the process for the rape victim is less than kind, so maybe an advocate will need to accompany her/him to court, a doctor's office or the prosecutor's office. With those same funds, professional staff need to provide a minimal of 40 hours of training (Womanspace provides an 80-hour training) to volunteer advocates and supervise those same advocates as they work to support a survivor through her/his worst nightmare. Those are the core (bare minimum) services that a Sexual Assault Support Services Program is charged with providing 24/7, 365 days a year. That \$900K divided by twenty-one counties equals \$42,857 annually. That is the amount that the State of NJ offers to provide the myriad of services outlined above.

How do we do that? It is never easy. We fight for fair levels of funding through the NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence. We have staff and volunteers who are second to none in their commitment to survivors, a Board of Directors who willingly agree to utilize agency unrestricted funds to cover any deficit in critical programming and a Development Office that works tirelessly to find funding to keep services of the highest quality and vulnerable survivors the safest they can possibly be.

I describe primarily our Sexual Assault Support Services Program in this message but the same challenges are occurring throughout our domestic violence programming as well. Please support us in our efforts for fair, realistic funding. We will always hold true to our responsibilities to survivors. Unfortunately when political leadership use this critical funding as a pawn in adversarial politics but maintains the same expectation of non-profits agencies across the state, it makes our jobs incredibly difficult. We need our government funders to recognize and prioritize the protection and support of victims and survivors.

Lest there ever be any doubt, it is because of you that we are able to maintain a strong presence for those who need our services. Thank you for consistently prioritizing the needs of survivors of interpersonal violence in Mercer County. And if you ever have the chance to talk about this issue and the unpredictable handling of this critical funding, please join us in voicing your concern for our clients.

We will keep fighting for survivors and we thank you for lending your voice in support of our efforts.

With Gratitude,

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Womanspace, Inc., founded in 1977, is a non-profit corporation providing comprehensive services to individuals and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence.

In response to information gathered by the Mercer County Commission on the Status of Women identifying the need for services for battered women and their children,

Womanspace opened the first publicly supported emergency residential facility in New Jersey in February 1978. From the beginning, our goal was to serve victims beyond the initial crisis. That goal has become a reality as our services continue to grow to assist clients facing complex situations due to the violence in their lives.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Womanspace is to **Prevent Abuse, Protect Families, and Change Lives** through empowerment and a safety net of supportive services.

OUR VISION

Womanspace, Inc. will be recognized as a prominent leader in providing services that address domestic and sexual violence in the county of Mercer and across the state.

Womanspace will value the right of survivors to make life decisions based on a process that allows them to be fully informed of all their options.

Womanspace will maximize resources through collaborative partnerships that enable us to impact the community response to domestic and sexual violence.

Womanspace will commit to cultural competency and inclusive practices.

OUR THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2014 – 2017)

Strategic Initiative I: Strengthen Existing Client Support Services

Create, strengthen and maintain a range of client services to effectively support the process of healing from the trauma of domestic violence/sexual assault and to foster the ability to sustain healthy relationships.

Strategic Initiative II: Increase Access to Services

Increase access to services, including multicultural, multilingual services and services to persons with disabilities.

Strategic Initiative III: Strengthen Organizational Capacity

Strengthen the organization's infrastructure and capacity to support current and future growth.

Strategic Initiative IV: Commitment to Excellence

Ensure quality services through continuous quality assurance and evaluation.

Highlights of Fiscal Year 2016

WOMANSPACE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ACCESSIBILITY: THE FIRST OF ITS KIND... HERE AT WOMANSPACE

Womanspace is excited to announce the completion of our first ever Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Response Team training with Deaf advocates. Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault need to be able to access protective and supportive help immediately when they are in crisis. For those victims who are Deaf or hard of hearing, who feel further isolated, it becomes even more critical that services are immediately available to protect and support them during a crisis and beyond. Womanspace has been working in partnership with the NJ Association for the Deaf, NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, NJ Coalition for Battered Women and NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault and developing a pilot program that will ensure that victims and survivors in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community can easily access critical domestic violence and sexual assault program services. DVVRT and SART volunteers are trained to meet with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault at police stations and hospitals to provide information and support at the time of a reported incident or upon request.

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CSS) CONTINUING TO RAISE THE BAR AND EXCEED STANDARDS

- CSS has new workshops offered to clients, bringing in outside experts to present on:
- Divorce, Disability-How to apply for disability benefits, Financial literacy (2 workshops: one in English and one in Spanish) and Stress Management.

IN-SERVICES OFFERED TO COUNSELORS:

Presentation by Victims of Crime Compensation Office, Self-care, and applying for disability.

Homeless Victims Project up and running, collaborating with Homefront.

Womanspace has been chosen to be one of four NJ Domestic Violence programs to pilot the new researched based risk assessment for Welfare's Family Violence Option. All risk assessors were trained (June 27th) and have begun using the new tool.

Ongoing collaboration with Family Guidance to serve our clients' mental health services.

- Expanded Bilingual Services Team – CSS now has a total of three bilingual counselors.

CHILDCARE HOURS AT CSS have been expanded and a childcare volunteer (DVVRT team member) has been identified to help at Barbara's House. Womanspace tries to make it as stress-free as possible to come in for counseling, as our mission is to help clients. Womanspace staff work diligently to assure there are no obstacles on our end to keep a client from seeking the help they need to heal.

WOMANSPACE'S SAFE HOUSE received a Women's shelter grant to remodel the downstairs lounge, replace 5 air conditioner units and purchase new dressers for clients' rooms.

- Monthly Music Program: Music for All Seasons fosters human interaction and healing, through the art of live musical performance and it has been bringing their performances to Emergency services since 2008.
- The Safe House receives weekly donations from Honeybrook Organic Farm, as well as monthly donations from Amazon Warehouse in Robbinsville -variety of items ranging from food to electronics.
- The Safe House staff created an inventory tool to help track donations in an accurate and timely manner.
- The Safe House was awarded a grant from the City of Trenton ESG that afforded the Safe House with a new kitchen and dining room.
- Created new group called Living Skills, designed to enhance resident's independent living skills through interactions, teaching and demonstrations.

SAFE DATES: Building healthy relationships

The Boys and Girls Club, ISLES, Girl Scout troops, Corner House and Steinert high School participated in our Safe Dates Training. Media Literacy will continue with The Boys & Girls Club to do the programming with boys as the first round was with girls.

WOMANSPACE FACILITATED THE YOUTH SUMMIT

Womanspace assisted facilitating the Youth Summit with Trenton Board of Ed and Trenton Teachers Association for 550 middle school aged students & high school freshman. Topics that were included were; healthy relationships, teen dating violence and how to help a friend.

RECEIVED A GRANT ALONG WITH TCNJ ON SA

Womanspace received a federal grant that TCNJ also received to help train students and staff on issues related to SA.



CHERISH THE CHILDREN recognized the amazing work of our sexual assault response team. Alison Daks, our sexual assault coordinator gladly accepted the 30th Annual Cherish the Children award. Womanspace's Sexual Assault advocates assist victims in their time of need at local police stations and hospitals to offer them support and information about our services. Womanspace is proud to serve Mercer County.

DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING YEAR IN REVIEW. STILL LOOKING GREAT AT 39...

WOMANSPACE'S NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH... Our new website launched in February of 2016 and it has been designed to reflect the needs of our clients, donors and members. It has a contemporary look, user friendly navigation and access to all the information you need quickly and efficiently.

MOVIE SCREENING Azza Cohen, Former student at Princeton University and filmmaker screened her film *Specks of Dust* at TCNJ, sponsored by Womanspace. The film is about human trafficking in India and Cohen did an informative question and answer session after the film.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH... A visit from Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Senator Shirley Turner came to the Womanspace offices to recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sweeney presented a proclamation to both Womanspace and New Jersey Coalition against Sexual Assault for the prevention work we do.

THE BBS EVENT COMMITTEE, HEADED BY THE BOARD CHAIR AND OUR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR completed the most successful BBS event to date this year in honoring Tamron Hall, Co-Host of NBC's TODAY and anchor of MSNBC's NewsNation. The event netted over \$140,000 in revenue and we changed venues at the Westin in Forrestal Village for a great turn out.

THE ANNUAL APPEAL for 2015/16 surpassed yet again any year previous.

WOMANSPACE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR worked on a trial client video with Rider University and is currently working on a more professional Womanspace video that will debut at BBS 2017, thanks to BNO!

Some of our private fundraising outcomes of note include:

- The Merancas Foundation generously supported Womanspace programming for the fourth year in a row with a grant of \$75,000.
- Princeton Area Community Foundation gave a grant of \$40,000 for our General Operating.
- The James Kearney Foundation gave \$30,000 for the Safe House kitchen.
- The Vahlsling Foundation gave \$9,855 for the first time to provide new air conditioning units to Barbara's House, our transitional housing program.
- Mary Owen Borden Memorial Foundation, a consistent supporter gave \$10,000 to support our General Operating.
- Bunbury Foundation through PACF gave us a grant of \$15,000 for our general operating funds at Womanspace. Giving to our general operating supports the agency as a whole instead of one specific project or program. It allows Womanspace to use it in the area of greatest need.
- The City of Trenton ESG gave a \$20,000 grant to the Safe House General Operations. It's integral to receive this money that goes towards the safe house as it needs to operate 365 days a year.
- Verizon Hopeline gave \$20,000 to Womanspace's many programs, such as; counseling, education, training, emergency services and transitional housing to name a few.

COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT 2015: THE CANDLES BURN BRIGHT...

Communities of Light had another fabulous year with new support from Lawrenceville Main Street Association; the Peddie School and Hines Plaza in Princeton. This public awareness campaign lights up the darkness and shines a light of hope to all survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence. This year we had two fabulous honorary Co-Chairs of Communities of Light; Raoul & Carlo Momo, of the Terra Momo Restaurant Group. The Brothers own and operate Mediterra, Eno Terra, Teresa's Cafe, Terra Momo Bread Company and The Learning Kitchen at the YMCA. The Brothers not only served as our co-chairs but they also supported COL by showing their support and lighting up their restaurants outside of Mediterra and Teresa's in Princeton and Eno Terra in Kingston. Womanspace raised over \$26,000 for COL this year which has built up public awareness in Mercer County and allows us to help our clients that are most in need.



AGENCY COLLABORATIONS ARE KEY TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE

In our outreach efforts to be “everywhere,” we continue to pursue opportunities within current partnerships and prospects to forge new and productive working relationships in the community.

- Family Guidance Center- through a grant from Princeton Area Community Foundation to provide therapeutic groups to Womanspace clients who need additional mental health support.
- Latin American Legal and Education Defense Fund (LALEDF)-partnering to assist immigrant families as they negotiate the system toward permanent residency.
- Catholic Charities- A Womanspace bilingual counselor is present weekly at the Family Resource Center office to provide counseling to the Spanish Speaking population in the Trenton area.
- Homefront- Womanspace has an advocate available on site to support individuals who struggle with the cooccurrence of homelessness and domestic violence.
- RISE- A Womanspace bilingual counselor is present weekly at the RISE offices to provide counseling to the bilingual populations in the Hightstown area.
- Isles- provides financial services to our Transitional Housing clients, and Womanspace provides domestic and sexual violence prevention training to Isles staff.
- Municipal Court Advocacy Program –Trained Womanspace volunteers attend Municipal Court in Trenton and Hamilton on a weekly basis to meet with survivors who are in court on domestic violence related issues.
- Legal Services of NJ – Offering assistance on legal matters related to domestic violence and sexual assault.
- HOPE (Homeless Outreach Prevention Emergency Services) – Mercer County agencies evaluating housing needs and monitoring opportunities for funding.
- Girl Scout Troops, Boys & Girls Club of Mercer County, Isles, and Steinert High School- Implemented the entire and/or parts of the curriculum for SAFE DATES- requirements related to healthy relationships.
- Domestic Violence Victim Response Team and Sexual Assault Services Teams – All Municipal police departments, TCNJ, Princeton University, and NJ State Police participate.
- Sexual Assault Team Call-outs: Capital Health Regional, Capital Health Hopewell, Robert Wood Johnson Hamilton, St. Francis Medical Center and Princeton Hospital.
- Rescue Mission – Donations of used clothing and furniture can be directed to the Rescue Mission who then provide Womanspace with vouchers for clients to shop for things as needed. Womanspace provides a weekly group for women residing in the Rescue Mission who are or have experienced domestic or sexual violence.
- HIV Collaborative- Quarterly collaborative meetings with healthcare providers to ensure that education and testing is available to all who need it.
- McBoss (Mercer County Board of Social Services) – McBoss refers clients to Womanspace who have applied for welfare and identify themselves as a victim or survivor of domestic violence. This Family Violence Option (FVO) allows for certain waivers that grant accommodations and support for survivors. A mandatory referral is made to Womanspace and staff provides a safety assessment and a plan for future safety.
- Prosecutor’s Office – Sexual Assault Response Teams including Womanspace volunteers on every sexual assault accompaniment.
- Seer Farms – Partnership that allows for the fostering of pets of our clients who come into shelter or transitional housing.
- NJ CASA (Coalition Against Sexual Assault) – Statewide collaboration to advocate for legislation and funding for sexual assault programs.
- NJCEDV (NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence) Statewide collaboration to advocate for legislation and funding for domestic violence programs.
- Continuum of Care – Countywide meetings to explore affordable housing options.
- Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work Violence Against Women Program – Many years of training and supervising graduate interns as they learn about the issues related to domestic violence and sexual assault and how to effectively intervene in client centered and empowering manner.
- Robert Wood Johnson Medical School – Select third year Medical Students and Medical Residents complete a community rotation with Womanspace, visiting programs, learning about the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- DDHH, NJCEDV, NJCASA and NJAOD- Collaborate on a project that trains domestic violence/sexual assault professionals on the deaf community and trains deaf advocates to respond to deaf survivors.
- DCP&P: Womanspace implemented a “Safe Mother’s Group” in Spanish. The group is available to women with open DCP&P cases and is being held at their offices.
- State of NJ & Sanar Project: A pilot program called The Safe Shelter Collaborative allowing immediate access to shelter beds across the state for Human trafficking victims and survivors.
- City of Trenton and Mid-Jersey Chamber of Commerce in their Summer Youth Program. Womanspace provided a site for a Trenton student to work at for six weeks.
- DFD partnership as one of five pilot projects chosen to improve services and safety for domestic violence survivors.



Womanspace has retired its purple rose Womanspace's BBS Award and has introduced the purple butterfly from Hamilton Jewelers to signify beauty, strength and freedom. Pictured Stephen Sigmund is on the left, son of Barbara Boggs Sigmund with Honoree Tamron Hall and Executive Director, Pat Hart presented the purple butterfly to Hall.



Communities of Light™, Peace Begins at Home Campaign helps raise awareness and lets victims know they are not alone. In 2015, we were honored to have the Momo Brothers of Terra Momo Restaurant Group. Raoul and Carlo Momo own and operate Teresa's Café, Mediterra, Eno Terra, Terra Momo Learning Kitchen at the Princeton YMCA and Terra Momo Bread Company. Carlo is on the left, next to our past board president, Kristin Keller, Pat Hart, our Executive Director, Lauren Nazarian, Director of Development and Raoul Momo is on the right.



Womanspace welcomed Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney and Senator Shirley Turner to the Administrative Offices to recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sweeney presented a proclamation to both Womanspace and New Jersey Coalition against Sexual Assault for the preventative work we do. Patricia Teffenhart, Executive Director of NJCASA facilitated the meeting with Senator Sweeney's Office and assisted in the tour throughout our facility and our programs. The meeting was attended by Womanspace Board Members, Advisory Council Members and Staff. Pat Hart, Executive Director is on the right next to Senator Shirley Turner, Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Board President; Chris Bukosky is pictured on the right.



Womanspace supporters celebrated the 22nd Annual Barbara Boggs Sigmund Awards at the Westin in Princeton on Thursday, May 19, 2016. We were delighted to honor Tamron Hall, Co-host of NBC's TODAY and anchor of MSNBC's NewsNation, for her efforts to shine a light on domestic violence. Tamron Hall is pictured here with our 2016 BBS Committee, along with Executive Director, Pat Hart and Director of Development, Lauren Nazarian.



Womanspace staff gathered at the Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) launch in April. Staff members exhibited several shades of teal at the launch event to show their solidarity and support.



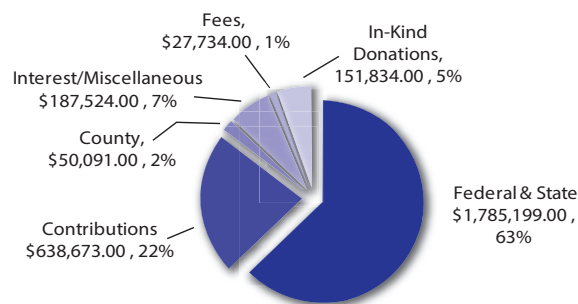
Womanspace is proud and honored to have so many long term employees that really speak to the heart and soul of Womanspace as an agency and as a family. Our 38th Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Womanspace was delighted to honor employees of five years, (starting from the left) Donna Zykto, Kaila Most Clark, Susan Victor (10 years), Regina Smith and Jenay McAllister also for five years. Evangela Williams for 10 years, Pat Hart, Executive Director and Isabel Medina De Rivera for 25 years of service and dedication to Womanspace.

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

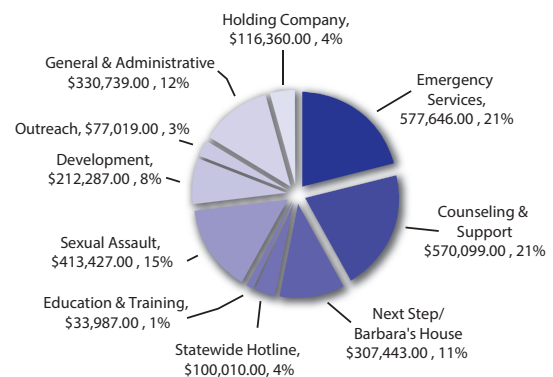
SNAPSHOT OF PEOPLE SERVED

Women	3,210
Children	713
Men	403
Hotline Callers	6,484
Total People served in FY 2015	10,810
Community Members Educated & Professionally Trained	5,824

REVENUE FY 2016



EXPENSES FY 2016



STAFF MANAGEMENT TEAM

Patricia M. Hart – *Executive Director*
 Kay Lory – *Associate Executive Director*
 Lauren Nazarian – *Director of Development*
 Susan Victor – *Director of Counseling & Support Services*
 Reyna Carothers – *Director of Emergency Services*

Alison Daks – *Sexual Assault Support Services Coordinator*
 Heidi Mueller – *Domestic Violence Victim Response Team Coordinator*
 Susan Adams – *Volunteer & Community Outreach Coordinator*
 Nathalie Nelson – *Human Resources Manager*
 Nicole Reaves – *Fiscal Manager*

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Services assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking following the initial crisis by providing round-the-clock access to the safe house and hotlines.

SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM

The Safe House provides secure temporary emergency housing in a safe, confidential location, where victims of domestic violence and human trafficking and their children can begin to recover and plan for a violence-free life. The program opened its doors in 1978 and was filled immediately. This is the only short-term residential program of its kind in Mercer County.

The Safe House is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Staff members support families in working through the immediate crisis. Clients receive individual counseling and case management and have access to a weekly array of support groups that explore themes of safety, empowerment, living skills, healing from crisis, and the importance of building a support network. Advocates are available to assist clients in setting goals based on individual and family needs; these goals may include identifying viable safe housing options and other community resources—such as childcare, child supportive services, counseling, job training, legal assistance, substance abuse treatment, and medical and mental health providers. Clients also have access to Womanspace's Counseling and Support Services office and the agency's non-denominational chaplain.

Our Children's Program offers information about the effects of domestic violence on children, as well as support for mothers on how to talk to their kids about their current situation. Children receive individual case management, counseling, and support. This program also offers daily, curriculum-based activities; homework help; open playroom time; and a weekly children's group.

The Child Advocate assists mothers in linking them to childcare or to a nearby school system, medical services, counseling and other agencies in the nearby community. Safe house staff also offers supervision and support around parenting and communal living issues, by assessing needs, nurturing relationships and offering positive guidance. In 2008, Emergency Services began its home-schooling program. Home schooling provides an additional educational option for the children who reside at the safe house. The program has five experienced teachers who volunteer their time and make this program a success. Womanspace is the only domestic violence agency in New Jersey to offer home schooling.

PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES FY 2016

(MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

- 90% of clients surveyed stated that they knew more about community resources as a result of the services they received.
- 85% of clients stated that they knew more about ways to plan for their safety as a result of the services they received.



Emergency Shelter FY 2016 Statistics:

TOTAL SHELTER CLIENTS SERVED: 177

Women 96
Children..... 81

SHELTER SERVICES PROVIDED

Advocacy 488
Counseling:
 Individual Sessions 2,835
 Children's Individual Sessions 100
Support Counseling - 4 groups per week:
Group Participants 278
Family Counseling 33
Children's Educational and
Recreational Activities 380
Home School Educational Sessions 18**
Home School Educational Hours 72**
Children's Home School Participants 2**
 Elementary School Students 1
 Middle School Students 1
 High School Students 0

**Home School option is a choice Womenspace is able to offer to mothers and their school-aged children residing in shelter, during the school year.

ETHNICITY (ADULTS)

African American 49..... 51%
Caucasian 15..... 16%
Latino 19..... 20%
Asian 4 4%
Biracial 5 5%
Other 4 4%

AGE

Children

0-4..... 46..... 57%
5-9..... 16..... 20%
10-14 17..... 21%
15-18..... 2 2%

Adults

19-24 31..... 32%
25-34 29..... 30%
35-44 16..... 17%
45-59 20..... 21%
60+ 0 0%

CLIENT SURVEY FEEDBACK, FY2016:

Question: "What do you think you would have done if the shelter didn't exist?"

"I would have stayed with my abuser (monster) and eventually died."

"I would have been on the street with my children, because I was not taking them back to be abused."

"I have no idea what I would've done because not a lot of shelters are safe like this one."

Question: "When you decided to come here, what did you think the shelter would do for you?"

98% of safe house clients used the words, safe and protection to answer this question.

"Allow me time to get my mind together, some peace."

"Help me better myself and find housing."

"Help me start a new/gain life again. Fresh Start."

"Offer support and direction to move past the anger and a new start."



Crisis Hotlines are operated by Womanspace 24 hours per day, 365 days per year at the safe house. Staff members respond to calls from victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and/or sexual assault, their families, friends and human services professionals. Spanish speaking counselors are always available, Womanspace is now completely accessible with a text phone hotline available to deaf and hard of hearing individuals who can text us in an emergency and have a way to communicate effectively.

The local ***Mercer County Hotline*** assists callers in life-threatening situations by offering options for immediate safety and services and options for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Victims in crisis receive immediate and confidential assistance from trained and experienced staff. For shelter or emergency assistance in Mercer County call (609) 394-9000 or for text phone: 609-619-1888.

Womanspace also operates the ***New Jersey Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline*** - a toll-free information and referral service that helps victims and other community members reach appropriate programs in their communities. For shelter or emergency referral to another county or state, or toll-free crisis assistance in Mercer County, call (800) 572-SAFE (7233).

HOTLINES FY 2016 STATISTICS:

TOTAL HOTLINE CALLERS SERVED: 6,484

MERCER COUNTY – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	TOTAL
Victim Crisis Calls	1,650
Information Support Calls	1,624
Female Calls	3,090
Male Calls	184
Total Calls	3,274

MERCER COUNTY – SEXUAL ASSAULT	
Female Calls	280
Male Calls	29
Total Calls	309

NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Victim Crisis Calls	1,691	115	1,806
Information Support Calls	857	238	1,095
Total Calls	2,548	353	2,901

PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES (MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

- 98% of callers stated that they received all of the information they needed.

Chaplaincy Program

Womanspace's chaplaincy program attests to the agency's commitment to meeting the needs of our clients to the best of our abilities. Our chaplain and chaplain interns offer nondenominational pastoral care and spiritual counseling to clients of all faiths, so that their faith can be a source of strength and comfort in traumatic times. Confusion, misunderstanding of religious texts and a fear of violating deeply held religious beliefs, often cause people to stay stuck in abusive relationships, unable to see themselves as persons of great value and worthy of respect. Since spiritual beliefs are held differently by each person, by offering the services of a trained chaplain, our goal is to help our clients create a safe and sacred space for themselves as they seek to reconnect with the root of their beliefs.

Any Womanspace client may request to meet with the agency chaplain or chaplain interns for individual pastoral counseling. As the need arises, a "Spirituality Group" that is a time limited, closed group is offered at the counseling office. This group is focused on examining the intersection of trauma and ideas of what it means to be a person of faith. A "Reflections" group is held at the Safe House. Women at the Safe House, whose similar experiences have brought them to a safe physical space, can, in this group reflect on their life journey and meaning of their current circumstances. Both groups provide an opportunity for clients to express doubts, ask questions and share their beliefs in a safe, compassionate and caring environment.

The Chaplain networks with area congregations to establish important community links to Womanspace services and to further their understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and its effects on family members, especially children. Education and dialogue helps faith communities grow in their understanding of the impact of domestic violence and sexual assault on individuals, families and the larger community. Faith communities can grow to be truly safe sanctuaries and healing places for those affected by trauma. Womanspace provides field education opportunities to seminary students. Over a year-long placement, seminary interns work closely with staff and clients, supervised by Womanspace's Chaplain to learn how theological education can be practically used to provide comfort and care to those in crisis.



*Rev. Susan Victor, Th.M, MSW, LCSW
Director of Counseling and Support Services*

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM FY 2016 STATISTICS:

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (CLERGY AND NON-CLERGY)

Outreach to Community Clergy Members	4
Number of Speaking Engagements and Outreach events	19
Total Number Educated	1,275

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT (CLERGY AND NON-CLERGY)

Individual Chaplaincy sessions (Shelter and CSS)	10
Self-Awareness (Reflections) Group sessions at Shelter	3
Number of Shelter client group participants	5

Domestic Violence Victim Response Teams

Begun as a model program for New Jersey by Womanspace in 1998, the Domestic Violence Victim Response Teams (DVVRT) are comprised of volunteers who undergo extensive domestic violence training to prepare them to provide support, information and referral to victims. These committed, specially trained volunteers are called to the police station at the time of a domestic violence incident in order to intervene at a time of crisis. The services the team members can offer victims are difficult for the police to provide, given their responsibilities at the time of the incident. This partnership has also allowed for thorough training of the police officers in each municipality in order to sensitize them to the complex issues related to domestic violence. This highly successful program has helped in identifying victims of violence and providing vital information and referral at a very critical time. Response team volunteers provide potentially life-saving services to victims including information about domestic violence and the services available to them as well as support during a time of intense crisis and has served over 6,400 victims.

A coordinated community response to domestic violence is vital in supporting victims of abuse. Response team volunteers also respond to Trenton Municipal three days a week and Hamilton Municipal once a month. Law enforcement officials are responsible for handling the legal aspects of domestic violence including the implementation of domestic violence laws. In Mercer County, Womanspace collaborates with law enforcement to provide counseling and supportive services to victims. Due to the significant number of victims that come into contact with the police, a 24 hour, on-call intervention project that partners municipal law enforcement agencies and Womanspace is vital.

MERCER COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM RESPONSE TEAMS:

1. **East Regional Team:** (East Windsor, West Windsor, Robbinsville, Hightstown)
2. **West Regional Team:** (Ewing, Pennington Borough, Hopewell Township and Borough and The College of NJ)
3. **Hamilton Team**
4. **Central Regional Team:** (Lawrence Township, Princeton and Princeton University)
5. **Trenton Team**
6. **New Jersey State Police**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM RESPONSE TEAMS FY 2016 STATISTICS:

DVVRT VICTIMS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS TOTAL SERVED: 701

Total Team Call-outs	539
Victims Served	550
Women	473
Men	77
Children served	105
Significant others served (Women-35, Men-II)	46

PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES (MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

- The victims we served routinely stated that they felt that the services provided by the response team volunteers were beneficial and that they clearly understood their options.
- The police officers we work with to serve victims are overwhelmingly supportive and helpful.

Sexual Assault Support Services Program

The Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) Program uses a comprehensive, multiprogrammatic approach to address the needs of victims in Mercer County, with the primary goal of providing services to all sexual assault victims. We assist victims of acute sexual assault through both the medical and legal processes and provide individual and group counseling to assist victims in healing from the effects of rape trauma syndrome. Our programmatic structure includes direct service staff and volunteers who assist victims and work collaboratively with law enforcement and medical professionals to promote healing through a victim centered response to acute sexual assault.

Secondary to services for victims is the need to provide counseling, support and education to the victims' spouses, partners, parents, children and siblings. They too become unwilling victims of the sexual assault/incest. These co-victims are the people most likely to be intimately attached to the victim who is suffering from trauma. Counseling is provided through our Counseling and Support Services Program. The quality of life of the survivors and their families is increased consequent to this support and they are better able to participate and contribute to their community. Also important is the need to provide sexual assault education throughout Mercer County. The staff educators regularly seek out a variety of groups in the community, including school students from middle school age through college, educators, helping professionals, faith communities, law enforcement and court personnel to increase the awareness of the serious nature of this crime and educate the public regarding the services available to victims. The education provided to professionals includes information to assist in identifying and supporting possible victims. Untreated sexual assault trauma is crippling both for the victim and the community, and healing is necessary if both are to move on.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES FY 2016 STATISTICS:

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM TOTAL SERVED: 443

Telephone hotline calls.....	309
Accompaniments.....	68
Victims Served.....	54
Women	47
Children.....	6
Men	1
Significant Others Served.....	14
Women	11
Men	3
Counseling:	
Individual Counseling Clients Served.....	61
Victims Served.....52,	Significant Others Served ...9;
Women.....	46
Children	0
Men.....	6
Individual Counseling Sessions.....	456
Family Counseling Sessions.....	0
Support Group Clients.....	5



PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES (MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

- 100% of the callers reported that they received appropriate support, information and referrals.
- Victims and their significant others routinely reported that the counseling, support, information and referrals they received were tremendously helpful to them.
- The educational presentations conducted this year were consistently rated as outstanding.

"I feel as though I have dealt with but also worked past this sexual trauma that had haunted me since early childhood. I am immensely grateful for this life changing place."

Client survey, 2015

Counseling and Support Services

“Safe” “warm” and “welcoming” are words that clients who come to Womanspace’s counseling office often use. All of our staff work hard to ensure that those who seek our services -men, women and children - are offered support and resources to enable them to journey toward healing from trauma. Services are provided to those in crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Womanspace counselors are trained to identify and understand the peculiar dynamics of domestic violence and sexual violence. By focusing on increasing safety and reducing isolation, we work with our clients to enable them to determine their best options. Our counselors understand that just ending a relationship does not result in an end to violence, threats or harassment. Whether our clients are trying to make sense of what they are living through in a relationship marked by domestic or sexual violence, or are trying to make a decision about what to do about their relationship, or have left a relationship, non-judgmental, supportive counselors provide both individual and group counseling services in English and in Spanish.

Besides our weekly English and Spanish Drop In Support Group, other groups such as our Sexual Violence Psychoeducational Trauma Group, Spirituality Group and Wings Therapy Group are conducted as the need arises. The Safe Mother’s Healthy Children Group provides support and psychoeducation and is specifically geared to meeting the needs of the nonoffending parent in a domestic violence relationship who has been referred to us through DCP&P

We provide various types of advocacy: court preparation, meeting with our Court Advocate before a Final Restraining Order hearing, risk assessments for Mercer County Board of Social Services clients. Partnering with community agencies and volunteers, we are able to provide a variety of educational workshops on coping skills, legal issues, and financial literacy. Volunteer attorneys staff our bi-monthly Legal Clinic and provide brief consultations to our clients, answering specific questions they have related to family law.



Womanspace Counseling clients are at different stages of healing from trauma. The overall consensus of all our clients is that Womanspace helped them tremendously.

“I still have a long way to go in my healing, this group helped me process a lot of things I needed and has allowed me the space to address things. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to have received this service. Womanspace is life changing in ways I will be forever appreciative for!”

“I feel as though I have shed a few layers of the weight I have been carrying with me.”

“I felt respected when I shared and never felt any judgement or being looked down upon.”

“I didn’t feel alone and felt such wonderful support. I felt I have been able to move past some of the most painful experiences.”

Counseling & Support Services FY 2016 Statistics

COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES: TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED: 3,283

Counseling and Support –DV Services

Counseling (Female)	303	Advocacy	251
Counseling (Male)	5	DYFS Liaison (Clients - Adult F-273; M-9).	282
Counseling (Children)	10	DYFS Liaison (Clients - Children).	495
Support Counseling- 8 groups per week:		Family Court (Clients - F-927; M-242).	1,169
Group Participants.	474	Family Violence Option Assessments	137
Individual Counseling Sessions	2,238	Legal Clinic.	35
Individual Children's Sessions	186	Trenton Municipal Court (Clients F-233; M-44).	277
Family, Parenting, Sibling Sessions	20	Hamilton Municipal Court (Clients F-30; M-5)	35

ADULT COUNSELING CLIENTS:

AGE	ETHNICITY
15-18 Adult. 1 0%	African American . . . 66 21%
18-24 35 11%	Caucasian 98 32%
25-34 114 37%	Latino. 115 37%
35-44 79 26%	Asian 15 5%
45-59 67 22%	Biracial. 14 5%
60+ 12 4%	Other 0 0%

CHILDREN COUNSELING CLIENTS:

AGE
0-4 1 10%
5-9 2 20%
10-14 6 60%
15-18 1 10%

To a Womanspace Counselor:

"Your grace has saved me, your heart has spared me, your kind eyes moved me, there were smiles abundant as I walked through your doors! I lived another day because you listened and so gently cared when I felt no others were there....No more acceptance of mistreatment."

Housing Services

HOUSING SERVICES provide an essential stabilizing factor for families who have experienced domestic violence. Statistics indicate that 50% of homeless women and children are homeless as a result of domestic violence. The Womanspace housing programs foster independence and self-sufficiency for victims of domestic violence. The housing services of Womanspace address a number of different issues facing women as they carefully plan to find safety and protection from abuse.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Transitional Housing provides individual and group counseling, affordable rent, financial education and assistance with budgeting, linkage to community resources, and career assessment and direction. The selected clients who enter the 12-24 month program are committed to attaining self-sufficiency but need affordable housing and additional support to reach their goals. The individual and group counseling assists victims in recovering from the trauma of the abuse they suffered. Additionally, the work done with the mothers regarding parenting is aimed at helping the children understand what happened in their family and nurturing the parent/child bond. Through this process the children can express their feelings and also heal from the effects of the violence. Another crucial component of the program is connecting clients to needed services in the community and strengthening their support system. Womanspace provides the only transitional housing program in the county designed specifically for domestic violence victims. The program is unique in that it recognizes that leaving a shared dwelling and a relationship does not guarantee safety and that the assertion of independence often increases the potential for violence. Thus, safety planning is an ongoing activity with mothers and their children throughout the duration of their time in the program. The desired outcomes of the program is for each client to experience an increased sense of competency based on the achievement of individualized goals while in the program and for each client to be able to be financially self-sufficient by the time they graduate from services. Our services include two transitional housing facility options – one offering housing in an agency-owned apartment building, and one offering victims an apartment in the community.

BARBARA'S HOUSE transitional housing program, established in 2006, provides clients with housing and support services in an agency-owned facility. The clients in the program receive services and support from staff on-site, as well as the support of the other survivors in the program.

NEXT- STEP transitional housing program provides up to five families a year with housing in the community of their choice.

Both programs provide clients with the time and supportive services that allow them to develop the skills and financial means to secure and maintain safe, permanent housing as well as a safety net of services for them to rely on once they graduate.



Housing Services – FY 2016 Statistics:

Transitional Housing - Barbara's House and Next-Step

TOTAL SERVED 23 WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Women	9	AGE <i>Children</i>	
Children.	14	0-4	4 29%
Individual Sessions	247	5-9	6 43%
Group Participants	57	10-14	4 29%
Advocacy.	415	15-18	0 0%

ETHNICITY

African American	6 67%
Caucasian	1 11%
Latino	1 11%
Biracial	1 11%

Adults

18-24	1 11%
25-44	7 78%
45-59	1 11%
60+.	0 0%

PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES FY 2016 (MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

- 90% of clients surveyed state that they knew more about community resources as a result of the services they received.
- 95% of clients stated that they knew more about ways to plan for their safety as a result of the services they received.

"We shared our pain. We shared our tears. We shared our fears and our hopes. We shared our most intimate thoughts. We are all so different but I am you and you are me.

You ARE important! You ARE learning and growing each day! You ARE stronger and YOUR strength WILL conquer! You HAVE a voice and it has been HEARD! We are all so different but I am you and you are me."

- L.W.

Education and Training Program

The Education and Training program works to create a coordinated community and systems response to domestic violence and sexual assault. The program utilizes community education, professional training and technical assistance in order to build public awareness and provide tools to the community that can be helpful in the response to domestic and sexual violence. Collaborative partnerships play a key role in the success of the program. Voices of victims and survivors, and a strong commitment to cultural competency, help to frame all aspects of our work. Womanspace professionals rely on the most accurate information, reliable research and best practice models in sharing critical information.

Our innovative primary violence prevention initiative, New Mexico Media Literacy Project, has continued to impress. We have worked with groups of children attending programs at Villa Victoria Academy, Y Scholars of Princeton YMCA, Girl Scout Troop 61283, Heart of NJ Council, YWCA Princeton Summer Camp and YMCA Trenton Summer Camp. Additionally we completed one cycle of presentations with Urban Promise, a mentoring and after school program in Trenton. With this group, the prevention educator worked with the older teens who act as mentors to the younger students. The project addresses how the media shapes our culture. Designed for students ages 11 – 15, this curriculum empowers individuals to better determine their own values and to make personal choices for their individual well-being. It meets multiple core curriculum standards for Wellness, Integrated Skills, Drugs and Medicines, Human Relationships and Sexuality ensuring its position as a valuable tool for all educational venues. This year, the Media Literacy Project will continue to expand services. Womanspace additionally trains teachers, counselors or other school/program staff in order to build and sustain the successes of the curriculum.

Training programs on a variety of topics including: The Dynamics of Abuse and Control of Domestic Violence; Sexual Assault Dynamics; Domestic Violence Effects on Children; Dating Violence; Elder Abuse; Objectification of Women in the Media; Healthcare and Domestic Violence; Human Trafficking; Safety in the Workplace; Stalking; Technology and Violence; are available to professional audiences and community education speakers are provided for those agencies, businesses, associations or organizations who request a Womanspace advocate or specially trained volunteer to speak about agency programs and services at a meeting or event.



AGENCY-WIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES FY 2016 STATISTICS:

EDUCATION CATEGORY PARTICIPANTS

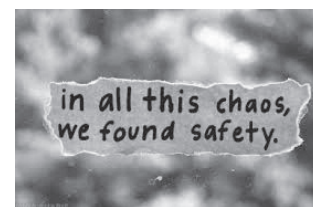
Professional Training and Education Services.....	1,847
Community Education Services.....	3,977
Total Community Members Educated and Professionally Trained.....	5,824
Community Events	135

Community Education/Professional Training & Media Literacy Feedback:

“Great program and presentation, it was made relatable for any age group.”

“Really brought to my attention how women are portrayed in society.”

“This was by far the best workshop I’ve been to all day.”



We are very fortunate to have a very active Volunteer Program, comprised of over 400 generous individuals and organizations who contribute their time and expertise to assist the agency and our clients. Some of the volunteer opportunities include response team members for domestic violence and/or sexual assault victims, child care, home schooling, computer and technical assistance, community education, legal consulting, fundraising, community events and holiday projects. The agency newsletter "Womanspace News" helps to keep volunteers informed of the activities within the agency. These dedicated volunteers are our most active supporters.

VOLUNTEER HOURS JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016

INTERNSHIPS – 1,577 HOURS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Administration – 523 hours
Events – 944 hours
Committees – 410 hours

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Residential Services – 384 hours
Hotlines – 238 hours
Home Schooling – 8 hours
School Project – 120 hours

BARBARA'S HOUSE

Residential Services – 14 hours

COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

Legal Clinic – 33 hours
Municipal Courts – 974 hours
Education & Training – 18 hours

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Accompaniments – 159 hours

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM RESPONSE TEAMS

Callouts – 538 hours

COMBINED SEXUAL ASSAULT & DVVRT

Training – 4,696 hours

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED – 10,636 HOURS

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GROUPS

BARNES & NOBLE PRINCETON
BOB'S BLANKIE BRIGADE
BRICK HOUSE TAVERN
CAPITAL DINER
CHRISTINE'S HOPE FOR KIDS
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
COVANCE
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
DELAWARE VALLEY INTERFAITH COUNCIL
DELTA GEMS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY
DOCTORS EXPRESS URGENT CARE
FIRMENICH
GLORIA NILSON REALTORS –
ROBBINSVILLE & PRINCETON
GRATITUDE YOGA
GREAT LOOKS HAIR SALON
HAMILTON JEWELERS
HAMILTON MOM'S CLUB
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PENNINGTON CROSSFIT
PENNINGTON QUALITY MARKETS
PRINCETON ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS
PRINCETON FARMERS MARKET
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SANDOZ
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STUART COUNTY DAY SCHOOL
TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES PRINCETON
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THE FRONT PORCH
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UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY
NEW JERSEY
VILLA VICTORIA ACADEMY
WEIDEL REALTORS – PRINCETON
WEST WINDSOR PLAINSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
NORTH & SOUTH
WHOLE FOODS - PRINCETON

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Because every child deserves Peace at Home

The fresh face of a child, full of wonder, asks nothing more than to be loved. Yet when home becomes a place where fear replaces laughter and “normal” rests only in the unexpected, a child’s world is broken. The Campaign for Children seeks to raise funds to sustain and expand our innovative children’s program that provides therapeutic interventions including emotional support, the building of a healthy self image and effective coping skills. Strong, healthy children help to ensure future families without violence and generations of children who thrive in peaceful loving homes.

The Campaign for Children is an ongoing initiative that is being led by Womanspace Board members, Joan Bartl and Ingrid Reed. They would welcome the opportunity to discuss your interest in supporting this important endeavor.

For more information, or to make a contribution, please contact
Lauren Nazarian, Development Director, at 609-394-0136, ext. 205
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All donations are welcome and we hope you will consider the urgency of helping our children and be as generous as possible.



1977-2016 SERVING MERCER COUNTY

Women	64,551
Children.....	12,373
Men*	4,246
Hotline Callers	264,548
Total People served 1977-2016	345,718
Community Members Educated & Professionals Trained	130,010

All numbers include sexual assault statistics beginning in 2002

**Statistics for male victims beginning in 2001*



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MERCER COUNTY 24-HOUR HOTLINES

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
1-609-394-9000

Womanspace is friendly to the deaf community.
Deaf and hard of hearing individuals
please text us 24/7 at (609) 619-1888

BARBARA AND HERB GOODFRIEND

COUNSELING CENTER
1530 Brunswick Avenue
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
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NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE

Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-572-SAFE (7233)

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Womanspace affirms its commitment to cultural competency. We recognize and value the ethnic, religious and racial richness of our communities, and encourage mutual respect and understanding among all people. True excellence in our organization and communities results from identifying, serving and enlisting the participation of all people who represent this rich diversity.

Womanspace is a member of the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women, the New Jersey Coalition against Sexual Assault, the National Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking.