

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2007 - JUNE 2008

It's been a historic year for the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley. We provided services to 4,226 people, a 27% increase up from 3,340 in FY 07. This increase is the largest ever seen in one year in the history of the Women's Resource Center. Other record numbers from 2008 include:

- 12,931, nights of shelter, a 10.5% increase.
- 1,193 sexual assault victims, a 44% increase.
- 659 violence prevention presentations to middle and high school youth in our five-locality coverage area, a 106% increase.

These numbers are not the only significant increases in services we observed. Below is an accounting of the activities of the Women's Resource Center and its staff during FY 08 reported by the organization's five goals.

Goal 1 – To provide for the direct service needs of victims of domestic and sexual violence

The total number of children and adults served across our entire organization represented a 27% increase from the prior year. The entry point to all Women's Resource Center services is the 24-Hour Crisis Hotline. Our staff and volunteers ably handled 2,076 Hotline calls in FY 08. We also sheltered 125 families, including 83 children, for 5,856 nights, up by 1%. These FY 08 numbers point to fewer families staying for longer periods of time. Transportation services for sheltered families continued to be a much needed service. A total of 123 children and women used these services on 859 occasions. Counseling and advocacy services were provided to all sheltered individuals, and we provided follow-up services to 133 victims. We facilitated 522 support group meetings for adults and children. For its second year, the After School Program assisted children with homework and provided recreation for a total of 168 hours.

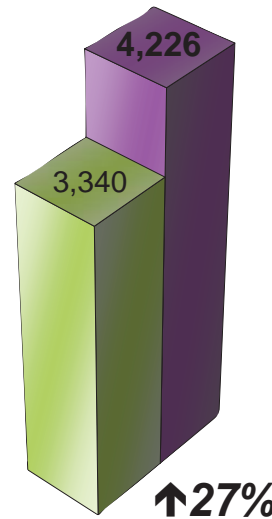
Cornerstone, the Women's Resource Center Transitional Housing Facility completed its seventh year. Twelve families with 24 children resided in our facility in FY 08 and spent a record 7,075 nights in their transitional homes. We held 54 group meetings for adults on the diverse topics of community living, nutrition, budget planning and life skills. We also held 70 family group meetings. The Cornerstone children's program held 425 groups for resident children. We saw six families move on to permanent housing.

The total number of Domestic Violence victims served was 2,310, a 21% increase over the prior year.

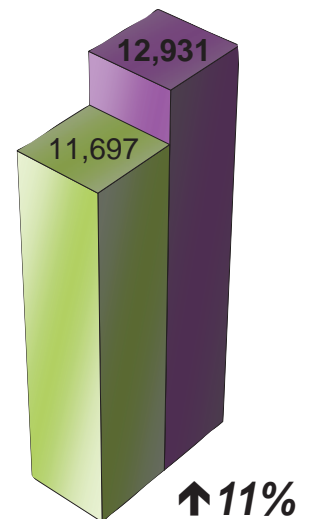


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of the New River Valley

Total Victims



Nights of Shelter



The Women's Resource Center Sexual Assault Program provided services to 1,193 adults and children in FY 08. Of those 1,193, 836 children and adults received counseling for sexual assault, a 31% increase. We responded to 80 Emergency Advocacy calls to the four area hospitals, a 6% increase over the prior year. Those calls represent 26 adults and 54 children who received emergency advocacy at the hospitals for sexual assault. We are seeing an increasing number of calls coming through our 24-Hour Crisis Hotline dealing with sexual assault. Of the 2,076 Hotline calls, staff and volunteers received 357 calls relating to sexual assault, an 89% increase.

The Women's Resource Center's Legal Advocacy Program responded to 974 primary victims of domestic and sexual violence in FY 08 and provided 955 court escorts or transports for them, a 6% increase. Of the 974 victims, 723 of them, or (74%) were not served in any other capacity. For those 974 victims, the Legal Advocacy staff provided 1,178 hours of court escorts. The Legal Advocacy Program continues to be a critical tool for reaching victims not reached by our other programs.

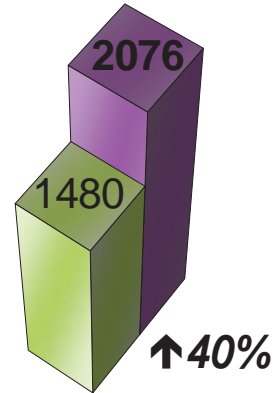
Our 456 volunteers provided 14,234 hours of time to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Of those

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

The Domestic Violence Program provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and works toward a violence-free society through education and advocacy for societal change. Crisis intervention services are provided through our 24-hour Crisis Hotline, emergency shelter, counseling, support groups, court advocacy, community resource assistance, transportation, and children's services.

domestic violence program	
adults sheltered	125
children sheltered	83
nights of shelter	5,856
support groups	800
crisis hotline	
crisis calls	816
information & referral calls	903

Hotline Calls

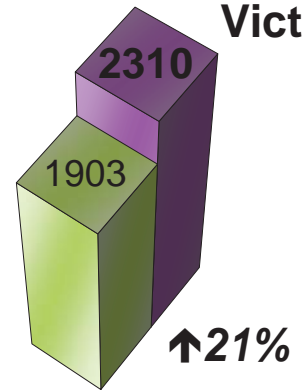


TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Cornerstone, our 8-apartment transitional housing facility, provides a stable environment with support services to assist survivors of domestic violence to achieve violence-free living and permanent, stable housing. For up to two years, Cornerstone provides counseling, domestic violence support groups, parenting and life skills workshops, transportation, assistance with community resources, and programs for children.

adults sheltered	12	adult/child group meetings	70
children sheltered	24	child group meetings/activities	425
nights of shelter	7,075	moved into permanent housing	6

Domestic Violence Victims

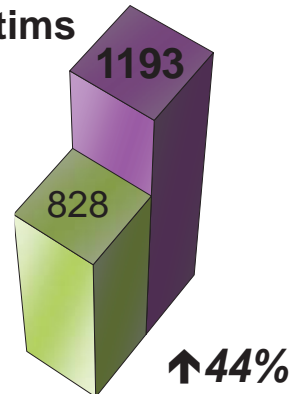


SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM

The Sexual Assault Program serves adults and children who have experienced sexual violence. Services include 24-Hour Crisis Hotline and Emergency Advocacy to local hospitals and police stations, crisis intervention, counseling, support groups and support throughout the criminal justice process. Supplementary services also are available for affected family members, or secondary victims.

hotline crisis calls	357
sexual assault program	
adults primary	276
adults secondary	239
children primary	170
children secondary	151
total	836
adult & child support groups	35
emergency advocacy calls	80

Sexual Assault Victims

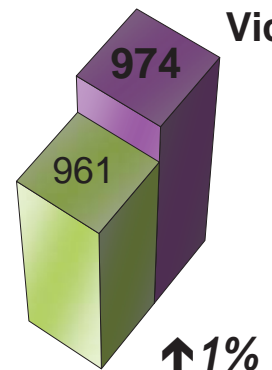


LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

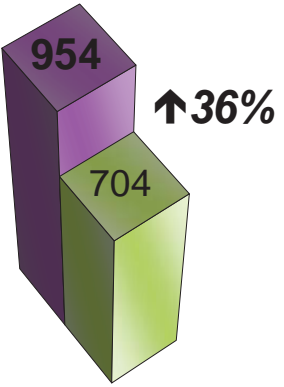
The Legal Advocacy Program assists adult and child victims of domestic and sexual violence who are involved in the criminal justice process. Services include explanations about court procedures, aid in applying for crime victim's compensation, help with P.E.R.K. hospital bills, courtroom tours, support and crisis intervention, transportation, and court escort services.

domestic violence		sexual assault	
received other services	138	received other services	45
no other WRC services	529	no other WRC services	47
secondary victims	123	secondary victims	92

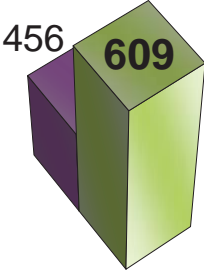
Legal Advocacy Victims



Presentations



Volunteers



↓25%

■ FY 2007 ■ FY 2008

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Community Outreach Program strives to improve the community's response to domestic and sexual violence and expand the community's understanding of the issues.

domestic violence		professionals trainings/conferences	
number of presentations	56	number of presentations	3
number of people	857	number of people	206
sexual violence		wrc services	
number of presentations	82	number of presentations	154
number of people	1,905	number of people	2,004
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number of presentations	659	number of presentations	954
number of people	17,620	number of people	22,592

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Non-paid staff (volunteers) are an integral part of the Women's Resource Center's ability to provide its services. Volunteers bring unique perspectives to our work and allow the community to join us in our mission.

number of volunteers	456	number of volunteer hours	14,123
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456 volunteers, 86 of those were new in FY 08 and received significant training to assist victims.

Goal 2 – To provide a comprehensive education and prevention program

The Women's Resource Center increased its education efforts by 36%, providing 954 presentations to a total of 22,592 people, including 17,620 middle and high school students. In addition, the Women's Resource Center held 15 public awareness events reaching 7,522 people. That's a total of 969 events reaching 30,114 individuals, also record highs.

In addition to these presentations, the Women's Resource Center organized and facilitated Coordinating Councils on Domestic and Sexual Violence in all five localities on a monthly basis, for a total of 54 meetings. In addition, we facilitated bi-monthly meetings of our Task Force on Domestic Abuse Among Older Adults. The Women's Resource Center also organized and facilitated its annual Conference on Domestic Violence Among Older Adults for 80 participants.

Goal 3 – To fund Women's Resource Center programs and services

A significant amount of staff time is devoted to writing and managing grants to sustain Women's Resource Center victim

services and programs. In FY 08, we managed 28 private, state and federal grants. We also received support from five local governments and three United Ways.

Approximately 97 churches, 131 organizations, 22 student groups and 692 individuals made cash or in-kind contributions totaling \$281,930, down from \$309,214 the year before. That is a 10% decrease in community support.

Fiscally and for the entire organization, the Women's Resource Center had \$1,310,061 in income and \$1,248,989 in expenditures. The year-end fund balance was \$61,072.

Goal 4 – To promote professional excellence of staff

There were 26 staff members in FY 08: 23 full-time staff and three part-time staff. Staff attended 484 trainings, workshops and conferences. New staff completed orientation and training.

Goal 5 – To promote organizational excellence

Staff members were active in local and state organizations that address the needs of those we serve. Staff collaborated with dozens of outside agencies.

Lester and Gillespie, CPA, continued to provide accounting services for the Women's Resource Center, and Michael Cooke and Associates, CPA conducted the annual audit of the Women's Resource Center with no reportable findings.

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Farewell Concert
Friday, May 29

Thoughts on FY 2008 and the future

The Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley offers a comprehensive set of programs and services aimed at accomplishing our mission of creating a community free of domestic and sexual violence. We are fully accredited and considered a model by many throughout the Commonwealth for our breadth, innovation and effectiveness of our domestic violence and sexual assault services. Our goal for the future is to maintain this outstanding level of performance, to meet the needs of the ever-increasing numbers of domestic and/or sexual violence victims while maintaining our financial supports. To do that, we need your help.

In March, we will launch our Annual Fundraising Campaign. You will be receiving a

letter in the mail asking for your kind support. We all know these are tough economic times. But while our households are experiencing tightening budgets, that same budget crunch in another household is causing family stressors to implode.

Please look for our letter and consider giving what you can to help those we serve. This year, every dollar counts.

Meanwhile, we will continue providing hope and help to those who need it.

*In Peace,
Pat Brown
Executive Director*