

CENTER FOR SAFTEY AND EMPOWERMENT

A PROGRAM OF YWCA NORTHEAST KANSAS

WHO WE ARE

The YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment, formerly the YWCA Battered Women's Task Force, provides **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking in Shawnee, Jackson, Wabaunsee, and Brown Counties in Kansas.

OUR SERVICES

24-Hour Hotline: responding to calls 24 hours a day / 7 days a week / 365 days a year

Accessible 24-Hour Emergency Safe Shelters: providing coverage and case management in the confidential residential shelters for survivors and their children

Court Advocacy: providing assistance with filing protection orders, attending court proceedings and important meetings with survivors, assistance with navigating the court system, referrals to legal services

Medical Advocacy: providing support to survivors during SANE exams, responding to survivors at the hospital

Crisis Counseling: providing emotional support and assessment of safety and immediate needs

Individual Counseling: trained mental health professionals work with survivors one-on-one in a safe, caring, and confidential environment to work through trauma, set personal goals, and work toward desired change

Support Groups: providing empowering opportunities for survivors to share personal experiences, feelings, coping mechanisms and information to make connections and build community

Safety Planning: assisting survivors with finding ways to stay safe, planning for future crisis, considering options, and making decisions about next steps

Case Management: coordinating services, supports, and advocacy to meet the needs of survivors and their families **Food and Hygiene Product Pantry:** once a month, survivors can receive food, hygiene products, and other necessities for themselves and their families

Day Center: drop-in services for case management, food, hygiene, laundry, and rest

Public Education and Training: training for professionals, community presentations, awareness-raising public events, collaborations with partner agencies and community groups

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Our services are adjusting to help minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19. In order to provide the safest environment for our clients, staff, volunteers, and guests, advocacy services are by appointment only. We are disinfecting surfaces regularly, everyone is asked to wear a mask or face shield when possible, and temperatures are taken upon entry. Advocates are available through our free and confidential 24-hour hotline: **1-888-822-2983.**



CONTACT INFORMATION

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