

Live Violence Free



Formerly, South Lake Tahoe Women's Center



Change is underway!

- New name
- Some new staff
- New volunteer program
- **New mission:** Live Violence Free is committed to supporting a violence free community through education and advocacy to address domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and basic needs.
- Future goals



Our new name: Live Violence Free

- Gender neutral – we serve men, women and children
- Past confusion of our services – birth control, women's health
- Vision of social change
- Healthy relationships = healthy children = healthy community
- We believe we must incorporate men and children in order to truly make change happen

Gold = empowerment, health,
honor, strength, warmth, hope,
justice, balance, happiness

Purple = national
color for domestic
violence

Teal = national
color for sexual
assault



LIVE VIOLENCE FREE



Programs and Services:

- Advocacy and Accompaniment
- Support groups
- Counseling
- Legal Assistance
- Parent to Parent
- Batters Intervention Program
- Shelter/Housing Program
- Prevention
- Outreach



Advocacy and Accompaniment

- Advocacy and Accompaniment through medical and legal processes
 - Accompaniment to the hospital after a domestic violence or sexual assault incident
 - Accompaniment to court for any cases relating to domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse
 - Advocacy on behalf of the client to local organizations who may be involved in his/her case

Support Groups and Counseling

- Support Groups
 - Women's English speaking
 - Women's Spanish speaking
 - Adults Molested as Children
- Counseling
 - Drop in peer counseling
 - One on one counseling by appt.
 - Available for victims and their families

Legal Assistance

- Representation available for individuals who have had issues with domestic violence (stalking), sexual assault, or child abuse
- This most often involves cases of divorce, custody, and restraining orders
- Legal assistance is a free program

Parent to Parent

- Supervised visits
- Monitored exchanges
- Most often court ordered



Batterers Intervention Program

- Certified in CA and NV
- Classes for men and women (separate)
- Classes are typically ordered on a 12, 26, or 52 week basis
- May also be voluntary

Shelter/Housing Program

- Emergency motel nights
- Shelter – Serenity House
- Transitional Housing
- Shelter:
 - 90 day program
 - Life skills coaching
 - Counseling and support groups

Prevention and Outreach

- Child Abuse Prevention
- Rape Prevention Education
- Mandated Reporter Training
- Crisis Counseling Training
- Community education
- Community presence/involvement

Goals

- Maintain current services
- Provide services that touch on all aspects of the cycle of violence
 - Engaging Men
- Increase prevention efforts with hopes to lower occurrences of violence
 - Youth groups
- Further develop relationships with local agencies



LVF Statistics

- In 2011 our agency provided services to almost 2000 people
- 73% female
- 27% male
- 25% children
- Over the last 3 years, on average 35% of our DV services were provided for children, 36% of SA services were for children, and 23% of basic needs services were for children

Harsh Truths

- Domestic violence crosses ALL boundaries, regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, or socioeconomic status
- One in 3 women have experienced some form of abuse in their lifetime
- On average, more than 3 women and 1 man are murdered by their intimate partner everyday in the U.S.
- Every 2 minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.
- 1 in 5 high school students reports being abused in some way by a boyfriend or girlfriend
- Health care related costs of domestic violence exceed 5.8 billion dollars a year

Please continue to support the
work that we do for our
community!



Thank You!

