

A close-up photograph of a person's hands resting on another person's shoulder, conveying a sense of support and care.

# BAY AREA WOMEN'S CENTER

The mission of the Bay Area Women's Center is to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault.

BAWC provides free-of-charge crisis intervention, advocacy and safe haven to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; and violence prevention education to the community; while actively pursuing social change.

**CRISIS HOTLINE:** 989-686-4551 | 800-834-2098

## 24-Hour Crisis Hotline

**989-686-4551 or 1-800-834-2098**

The crisis office is staffed with trained employees and volunteers to offer clients crisis intervention, support, referrals and information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The crisis lines serve as quick and easy access to immediate crisis intervention, requests for emergency shelter, and information and referrals to counseling and other advocacy services.

## A Safe Place...

Through its emergency shelter program, BAWC is able to provide a safe haven for victims of domestic or sexual violence where they may access individual and group counseling and begin safety planning.

Case workers provide much needed support to the residents while helping them move forward toward empowerment and independence.

BAWC counseling and advocacy services are available to individuals of all genders who have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence.

## Philosophy

BAWC maintains the right of every person to live free of fear, as an autonomous individual. To this end, the agency provides services, free-of-charge, that address the needs of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

## Community Education

BAWC is committed to educating the community on the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault and creating social change.

Prevention education and awareness programs are offered free-of-charge to any interested group including churches, schools, civic organizations, and businesses. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Healthy Relationships
- Dating and Domestic Violence
- Harassment and Boundaries
- Sexual Assault



# BAY AREA WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAMS

## **Residential Program**

Emergency shelter with a wide range of services to individuals of all genders and their children.

## **Domestic Violence Program**

Counseling and support groups for individuals affected by domestic violence.

## **Sexual Assault Program**

Counseling and support groups for individuals affected by child sexual abuse, incest, rape, sexual harassment and marital sexual assault.

## **Housing Advocacy Program**

Specialized assistance for those in search of permanent, safe housing.

## **Victim Advocacy Program**

Assistance to victims of crime during contacts with the legal system and information on the rights of a victim of crime.

## **Children's Program**

Services to children affected by domestic and sexual violence including counseling and play therapy.

## **First Response Program**

Assistance to victims of domestic violence at the scene of the attack or the hospital, including counseling by trained advocates.

## **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)**

A team composed of trained forensic nurses, law enforcement and advocates who respond anytime day or night, to sexual assault victims seeking treatment after an assault, including pediatric victims of sexual abuse.

## **Prevention Education Program**

Comprehensive educational and prevention programs for youth and adults.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

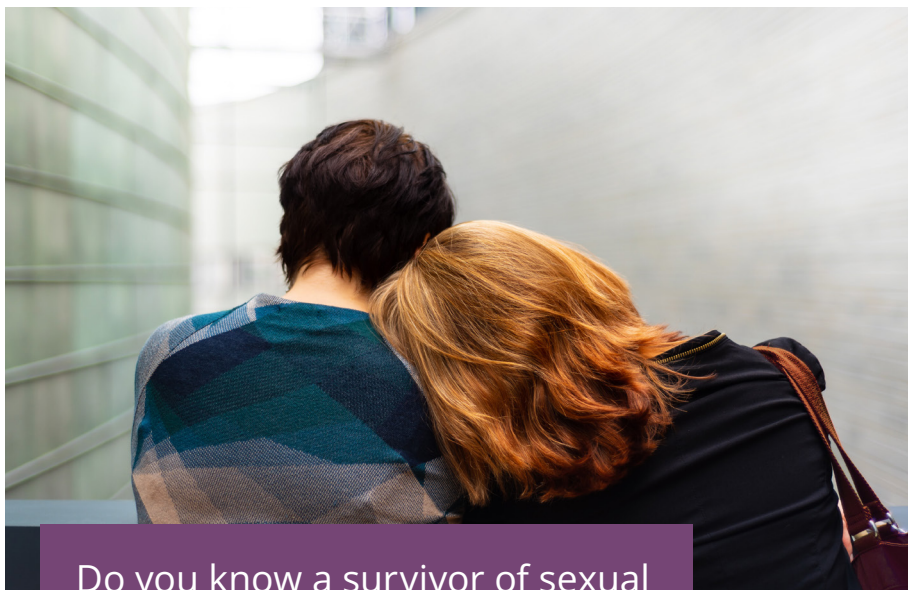
Bay Area Women's Center welcomes the assistance of volunteers to aid in providing an array of quality services, from maintenance of the facility to office assistance to direct client services.

Training is provided to all volunteers, as well as on-the-job job shadowing.

Volunteering is rewarding and can help to meet educational requirements and gain valuable work experience. Individuals and groups can volunteer on a weekly, monthly, or on-call basis.

Bay Area Women's Center operates 24 hours a day and offers flexible hours that coordinate with all schedules.

To schedule a presentation or inquire about volunteering, call 989-686-4551.



Do you know a survivor of sexual assault or domestic violence who needs assistance?

**FREE and confidential services include:**

- Adult Counseling
- Child and Teen Counseling
- Emergency Shelter
- Support Groups
- Housing Advocacy
- Personal Protection Orders
- Court Advocacy

**Individual counseling available for:**

- Victims of domestic violence
- Victims of sexual assault or abuse
- Child and teen victims of physical or sexual abuse
- Children who have witnessed or experienced violence in the home

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