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Celebrating 25 Years of Survivors' Strength

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Help for victims and survivors of
domestic violence and sexual assault

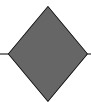
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A.T.V.P. SERVICES



◆ ADVOCACY-BASED COUNSELING

Involves trained individuals helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in an individual, family or group setting.

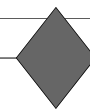
◆ LEGAL ADVOCACY

Help and support with legal information, civil protection orders, and referral. Accompaniment to police, prosecutor and attorney interviews, and court support through sentencing and follow-up.

◆ MEDICAL ADVOCACY

Arrangement, transportation and accompaniment to medical services for purposes of treatment, evidence collection, and assessment of health risks. (Prior to the rape exam don't bathe, douche, or change clothes.)

ATVP services are free, confidential, and provided to clients without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, political beliefs, sex, disability, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or marital status.



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◆ SUPPORT GROUPS

Victims and survivors share like experiences and offer support to one another in a safe, confidential setting. Goals include education, empowerment, self-esteem building, problem solving, reduction of anxiety and stress resulting from victimization, and safety issues. Child advocacy is provided.

◆ COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Prevention and educational presentations on the issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, teen sexuality, dating violence, stalking and legal issues are offered to any group, school or community organization.

◆ CHILD ADVOCACY

Help, support, and age appropriate activities specifically designed for children who have been affected by domestic violence or sexual assault.



FACTS ABOUT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Every 9 seconds in the United States a woman is beaten, usually by her male partner. (United States Department of Justice: Special Report, 2002)
- 22 to 35 % of women who visit medical emergency rooms are there for injuries related to ongoing partner abuse. (Journal of the American Medical Association, 1992)
- In 1998 1,830 murders were attributed to intimate partners (Rennison, May 2000)
- White, Black, and Hispanic women all experience about the same rate of violence committed by an intimate partner. (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1994)
- Men can be victims of domestic violence.



FACTS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

- 1 in 4 women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, with over half of the assaults happening before the age of 18. (Sexual Assault Report, August 2000)
- 84% of all sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance of the victim. (NWS, "Rape in America: A Report To The Nation," June 1995)
- Estimates equate to approximately 92,700 men being forcibly raped each year in the United States. (NVAW, 1998)

◆ INFORMATION/REFERRAL

ATVP works cooperatively with other agencies in Latah and Whitman Counties to provide information and referral to area resources (such as housing, legal, counseling, and financial agencies).

◆ CONFIDENTIAL EMERGENCY SHELTER

Safe, confidential shelter, food and clothing for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and their children. Staff available 24-hours for help and emotional support. Case management is provided, and shelter is handicap accessible.

◆ 24-HOUR CRISIS INTERVENTION

ATVP staff and trained volunteer advocates are available 24-hours to provide intervention and support by phone or in-person. High standards are maintained by ATVP through a comprehensive training program.