Your Local Palm Beach County Co-Located Domestic Violence & Child Welfare Advocates

YWCA Harmony House

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Certified Domestic Violence Centers

YWCA of Palm Beach County

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YWCA's Harmony House Hotline

561-640-9844/ 1-800-973-9922

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. (AVDA)

P.O. Box 6161

Delray Beach, FL 33482

AVDA Hotline

561-265-2900/ 1-800-355-8547

YWCA Palm Beach County is proud to partner with:

AVDA®
A Community of Hope
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc.

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Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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YWCA **IS ON A MISSION**

TO PROTECT YOUTH

The YWCA of Palm Beach County partners with a number of organizations including Aid to VIctims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) to ensure that children involved in a domestic abuse environment are able to be safeguarded and protected. We do this through our Child Protection Investigations (CPI) program.

Through CPI, families are a ssigned a Co-Located Advocate who works with both the survivor and the child welfare system. The services offered by the Co-Located Advocate inlcude:

Referrals & Initial Contact

In cases of intimate partner violence, Child Welfare Professionals should refer the survivor to a co-located advocate, who can connect the survivor to voluntary domestic violence services. To initiate communication between the advocate and the survivor, submit a CPI Project Referral Form to a co-located advocate. The advocate will then make every reasonable effort to contact the survivor and connect her to voluntary services.

Support & Advocacy Services

The Co-Located Advocate may also provide the survivor with domestic violence support services & advocacy such as:

- Adult and child safety planning
- Crisis intervention services and emotional support
- Advocacy within the child welfare system
- Advocacy within the criminal justice system including, but not limited to: information, accompaniment to court and/or law enforcement offices, injunction assistance, and victim impact statements
- Individual support and education regarding the dynamics of domestic violence
- Referral to and advocacy for other needed services, including emergency shelter, support groups, crisis intervention, legal representation, financial assistance, housing, and medical care.

Consultations & Case Staffing Support

It is essential that the co-located advocate be included in child welfare staffings of Intimate Partner Violence and Household Violence Threatens Child cases.

During case consultations, the co-located advocate can identify:

- the dynamics of domestic violence in the relationship
- the perpetrator's pattern of coercive control and battering tactics
- the survivor's strengths and protective efforts
- the impact of the perpetrator's violence on the children
- high risk indicators for intimate partner homicide.

Co-located advocates can also help assess for dynamics of power and control in cases that may not have originally been identified as Intimate Partner Violence Threatens Child or have been misidentified as Household Violence Threatens Child despite the prevalence of coercive control, which is why child welfare professionals should always consult with them.

Consultations with the co-located advocate should occur at every stage of the case, from the initiation of the case through case closure.

Harmony House & AVDA's Certified Domestic Violence Center Services

- 24-hour Hotline
- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing (AVDA)
- Rapid Re-Housing (Harmony House)
- Food, Clothing, Transportation
- Service Management
- Referrals and Information
- Advocacy in Social Service, Civil, and Criminal Justice Systems
- Children's Services
- Individual and Group Counseling Activities
- Economic Empowerment Programming
- Injunction for Protection Representation (Harmony House)
- Prevention Programming
- Professional Training
- Community Awareness Education
- Legal Representation (only available at Harmony House)

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