

WTCS supports equality in relationships and strives to empower women and children.

WTCS supports all women without regard to race, age, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, veteran status, income, nationality, level of education, or physical ability.

WTCS always needs volunteers to serve as advocates for women and their children. Volunteers can work directly with survivors or on special projects. Training sessions are held throughout the year. Call the volunteer program director at 785-865-3956 for more information.

Donations are welcome, call for a complete list. Items always needed include cleaning supplies, children's supplies, personal care products (no hotel sizes please) and gift certificates.

Call 785-865-3956 with questions about donations or to schedule a donation drop-off.

Domestic Violence is not limited to heterosexual, romantic relationships.

It is not uncommon for all forms of abuse to occur late in a relationship.

Characteristics of a Batterer:

- May claim disapproval of violence
- Sees women as property/sex object
- May be stuck in traditional gender roles i.e. breadwinner/homemaker
- Blames abuse on "external factors" i.e. alcohol, stress, partner's behavior, etc.

You May Be in a Potentially Abusive Relationship if Your Partner:

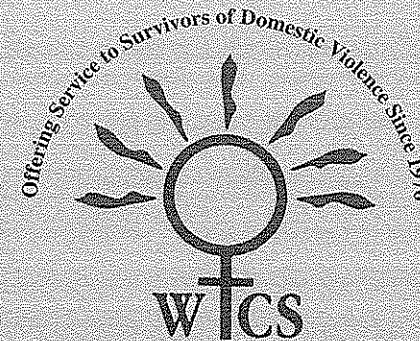
- Watches your actions closely
- Frightens you
- Isolates you from family/friends
- Is excessively jealous
- Puts you down/calls you names
- Must always have control

Violence Is Unhealthy for Children:

Children who witness violence are more likely to be abused or become abusive and continue the cycle of violence.

40 - 60% of men who abuse women also abuse children.

-American Psychological Association, 1996



Women's Transitional Care Services, Inc.

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(785) 242-6300

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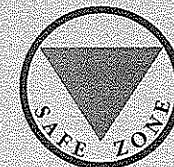
OARS Program
(785) 832-3866

TDD available

P.O. Box 633 • Lawrence, KS 66044

- 24-Hour Crisis Line
- Safe Shelter
- Peer Support Group
- Court Information Support

All services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL



Women's Transitional Care Services, Inc. is an empowerment-based agency that provides:

A SafeHouse providing short-term housing for all women and their children who must leave their homes because they fear for their safety.

Practical Assistance to obtain housing, clothing, financial support, food, and referrals to legal counseling and medical services.

A 24-Hour Crisis Line providing emotional support and referrals to community resources.

OARS program (Orientation, Assessment, Referral, Safety) located at SRS that offers advocacy to those receiving assistance who are survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence.

An Advocacy Program providing trained volunteers to accompany survivors of domestic violence to the police department, educate about personal health and wellness and provide other advocacy upon the request of the survivor.

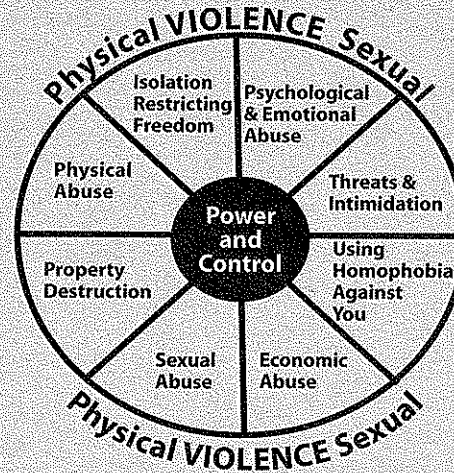
A Court Advocate providing support and information regarding Protection From Abuse Orders and Protection From Stalking Orders and accompanying survivors to court.

Weekly Support Groups for women and their children.

A Community Education Program providing speakers and other resources to community groups, and training on domestic violence.

Some survivors of domestic violence may never experience physical abuse, but may endure emotional, verbal or financial abuse.

The following tactics are often used by batterers to control their partners:



The batterer is solely responsible for his or her own actions. The survivor cannot change a batterer's actions or behaviors. The survivor is **never** at fault for the abuse.

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Facts About Domestic Violence:

• In 2004, a domestic violence incident occurred in Kansas once every 28 minutes and 34 seconds

— Kansas Bureau of Investigation

• Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk for intimate partner violence

— U.S. Department of Justice, 2006

• The cost of domestic violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services — National Centers for Injury Prevention and Control, 2003

• Domestic Violence between same-sex couples occurs at about the same rate as heterosexual relationships and is just as serious

— National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

• 40-50% of women murdered in the U.S. are murdered by an intimate partner — Langford, 1998

• Over 13% of college women report they have been stalked. Of these, 42% were stalked by a boyfriend or ex-boyfriend

— The National Center for Victims of Crimes, 2000