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District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH)



DASH DISTRICT ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOUSING

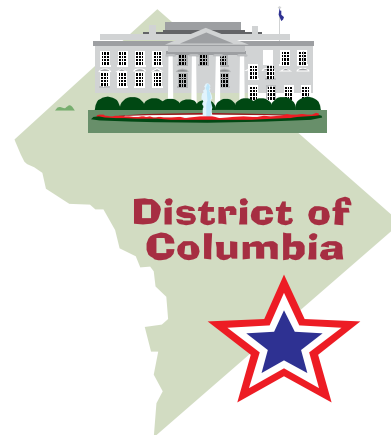
Mission: To ensure access to safe and sustainable refuge for victims of domestic violence through the development and management of safe housing and related services, while increasing the capacity of other community-based organizations to expand housing for victims throughout the District of Columbia.

DASH's Goals

- ❖ **Develop safe housing for domestic violence victims and their families to ensure safety from violence and promote living without fear of abuse.**
- ❖ **Deliver targeted housing resources to victims and their families to improve access to safe, affordable housing.**
- ❖ **Provide training and technical assistance among community-based programs to increase safe housing for victims and enhance the overall well-being and safety for women and children in the district.**

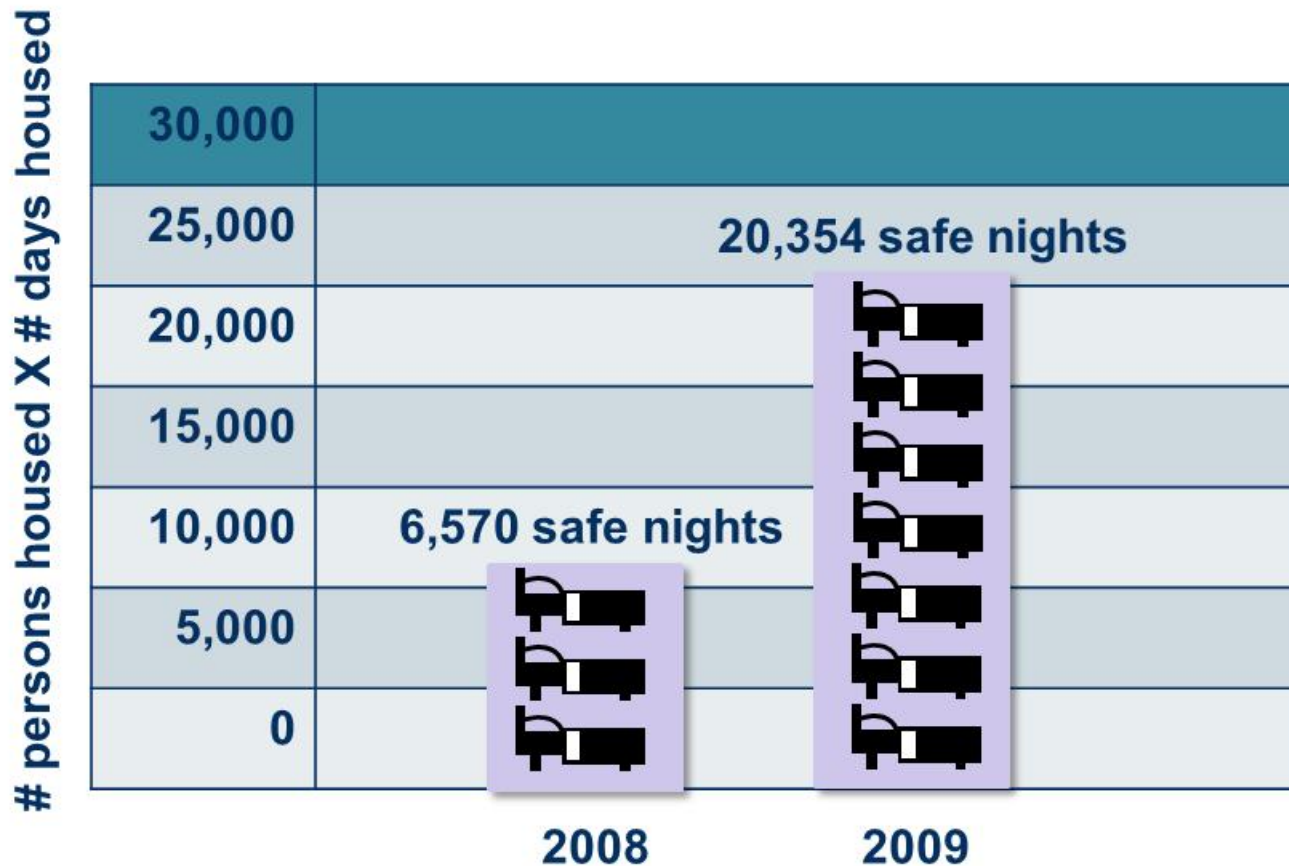
How DASH Began

- ❖ **Started in 2007 as phone-based advocacy group.**
- ❖ **Now serves as D.C.'s largest domestic violence safe housing provider.**



Tripled Services in 1 Year

Emergency and Transitional Safe Housing Provided by DASH 2008-2009



Huruma Place

- ❖ **Allows stays for 90+ days**
- ❖ **Serves:**
 - **Women with 3+ children**
 - **Women with male children over 12**
 - **Women with substance addictions**
- ❖ **Serves as many as 100 women and children a year**



Empowerment Project

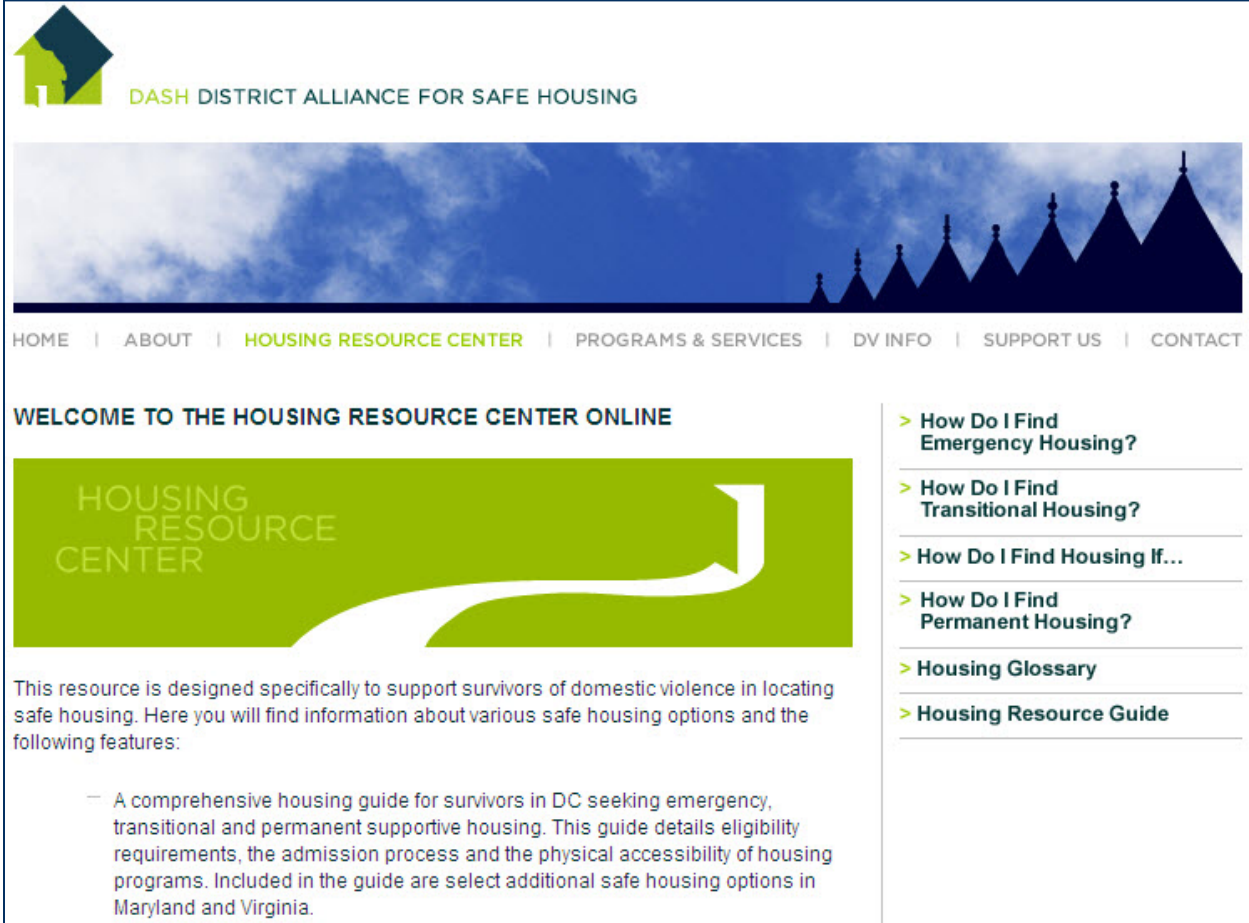
- ❖ **Assists survivors in moving from transitional to permanent housing.**
- ❖ **Provides help with leasing, subsidies, and supportive services.**
- ❖ **Works with survivors to restore credit/focus on financial goals.**



Housing Resource Center

- ❖ **Acts as DASH's hub to prevent homelessness among domestic violence survivors.**
- ❖ **Helps survivors:**
 - **Complete housing applications.**
 - **Obtain safety transfers.**
 - **Navigate the public housing system.**
 - **Make connections to community services.**

Housing Resource Center Online



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Housing Resource Center Online. At the top left is the logo for DASH District Alliance for Safe Housing, which consists of a stylized house icon in green and blue. To the right of the logo is the text "DASH DISTRICT ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOUSING". Below the logo is a wide banner image showing a blue sky with white clouds and a silhouette of a row of houses with pointed roofs. Underneath the banner is a navigation menu with the following items: HOME | ABOUT | HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER | PROGRAMS & SERVICES | DV INFO | SUPPORT US | CONTACT. The main content area is titled "WELCOME TO THE HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER ONLINE". Below this title is a large green graphic with the words "HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER" in white, and a white arrow pointing to the right. To the right of this graphic is a vertical list of links, each preceded by a green chevron symbol: "> How Do I Find Emergency Housing?", "> How Do I Find Transitional Housing?", "> How Do I Find Housing If...", "> How Do I Find Permanent Housing?", "> Housing Glossary", and "> Housing Resource Guide". Below the graphic and list is a paragraph of text: "This resource is designed specifically to support survivors of domestic violence in locating safe housing. Here you will find information about various safe housing options and the following features:". Below this paragraph is a bulleted list with one item: "— A comprehensive housing guide for survivors in DC seeking emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing. This guide details eligibility requirements, the admission process and the physical accessibility of housing programs. Included in the guide are select additional safe housing options in Maryland and Virginia."

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- > **How Do I Find Transitional Housing?**
- > **How Do I Find Housing If...**
- > **How Do I Find Permanent Housing?**
- > **Housing Glossary**
- > **Housing Resource Guide**

Housing Resource Center Online

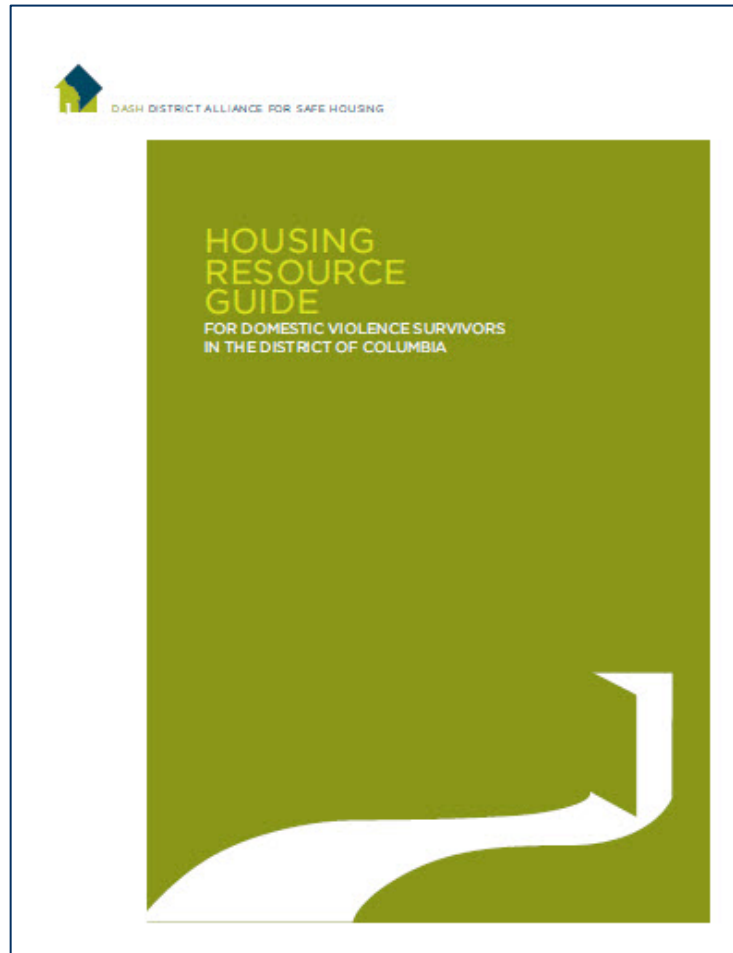
HOW DO I FIND HOUSING IF...

HOUSING
RESOURCE
CENTER



- I Am Deaf or Have a Disability
- I Am a Senior Citizen
- I Am Undocumented
- I Am LGBTQI
- I Have an Addiction
- I Have a Criminal Background

Housing Resource Center Online



The Cornerstone Housing Program

- ❖ **Provides access, safety, and acceptance to victims of domestic violence.**
- ❖ **Provides “low barrier” housing.**
- ❖ **Accommodates victims regardless of:**
 - **Disability.**
 - **Chemical addiction.**
 - **Immigration status.**
 - **Sexual orientation.**

The Cornerstone Building

- ❖ **Collaborative project**
- ❖ **47 apartment-style units**
- ❖ **Co-located emergency and transitional housing**



Important Points To Consider

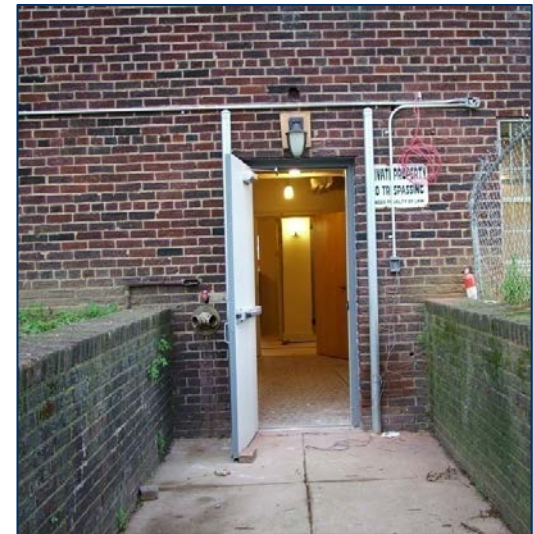
- ❖ **Find an architect and project manager who are committed to universal design.**
- ❖ **Develop the support of area professionals.**
- ❖ **Work with the community.**
- ❖ **Balance cost with accessibility.**

The Cornerstone Building

Safe, accessible entrance



Original main entrance



New main entrance

The Cornerstone Building Modifications

- ❖ **Fire sprinkler system**
- ❖ **New elevator**
- ❖ **All new electrical and fire safety systems**
- ❖ **New plumbing**
- ❖ **Remediation of lead-based paint and asbestos**



The Cornerstone Building

Signage with Braille



The Cornerstone Building

Incandescent lighting



The Cornerstone Building

Parquet flooring



The Cornerstone Building

Visual and audible fire alarms



The Cornerstone Building

Accessible kitchens



The Cornerstone Building

Bathrooms



The Cornerstone Building

Closets

Shelving 48" from floor



The Cornerstone Building

No thresholds



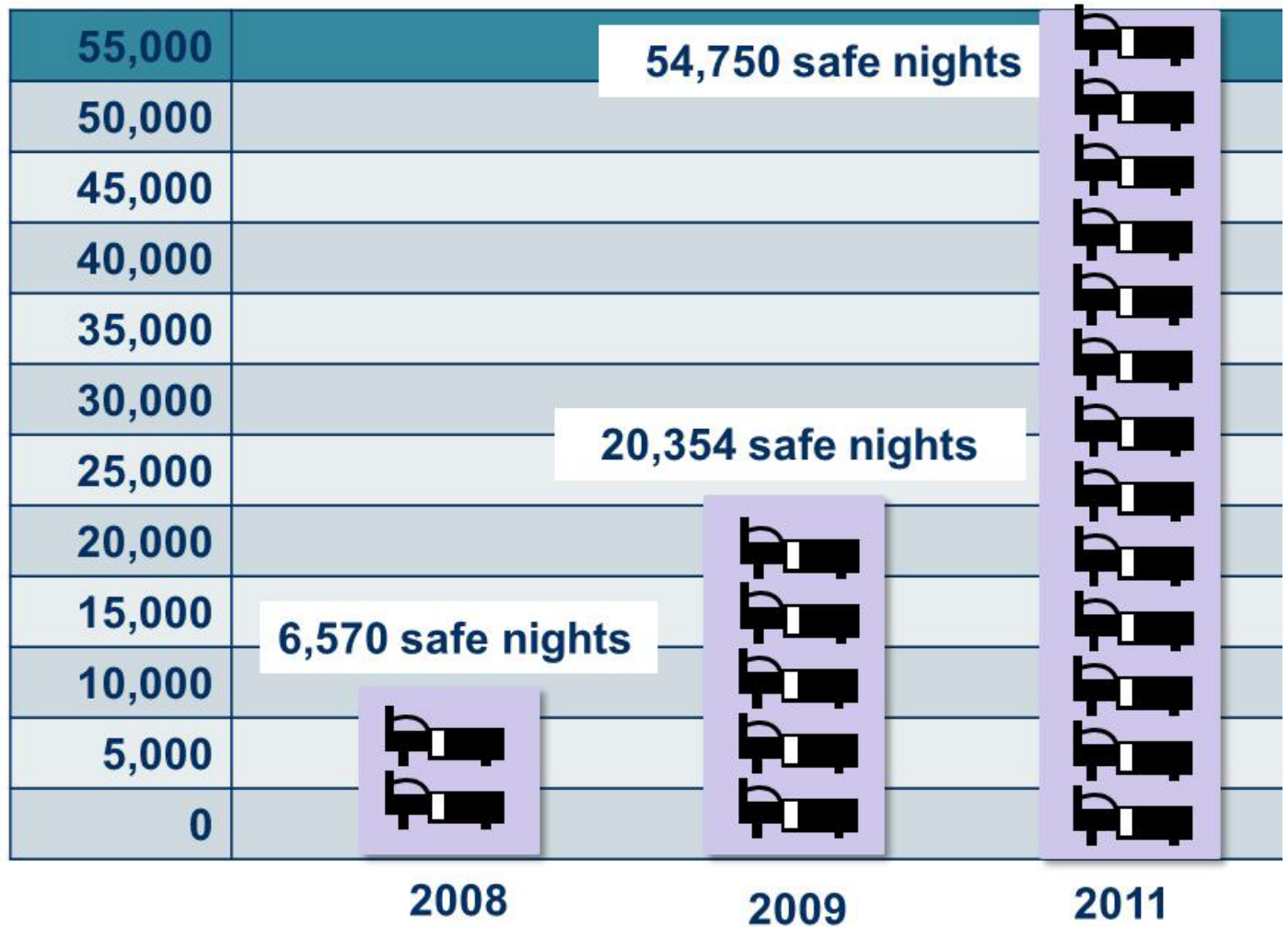
The Cornerstone Building

Lower light switches



Service Projections 2011

persons housed X # days housed



Programs

In addition to accessible buildings:

- ❖ Programs must be accessible.**
- ❖ Programs must not screen out victims with disabilities.**
- ❖ Programs must not pose barriers that victims with disabilities can't overcome.**
- ❖ Staff are adequately trained and receive support to serve victims with disabilities.**

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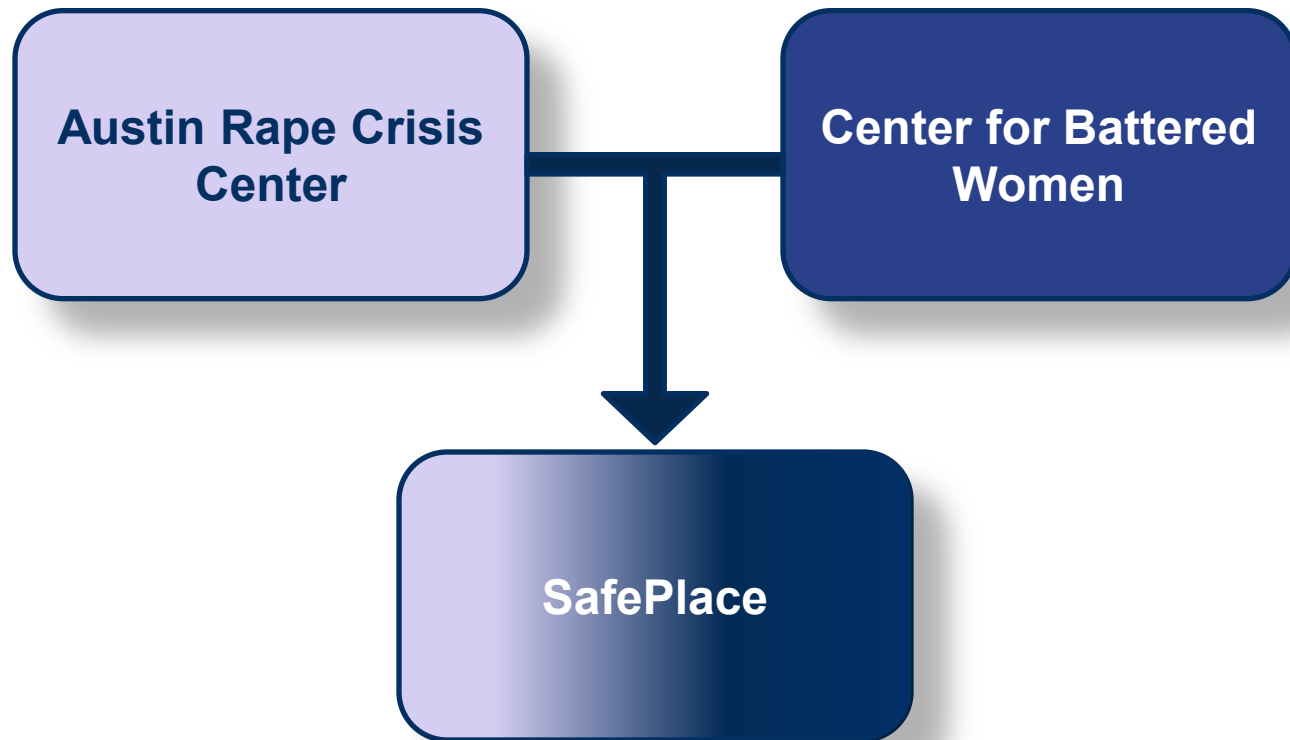
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SafePlace



- ❖ Provides safety or individuals and families affected by sexual and domestic violence.
- ❖ Helps victims in their healing so they can move beyond being defined by the crimes committed against them, and become Survivors.
- ❖ Promotes safe and healthy relationships for the prevention of sexual and domestic violence.
- ❖ Works with others to create change in attitudes, behaviors and policies that perpetuate the acceptance of, and impact our understanding and responses to, sexual and domestic violence.

How SafePlace Began



SafePlace Services

- ❖ **24-hour hotline**
- ❖ **Hospital accompaniment**
- ❖ **Shelter and counseling services**
- ❖ **Programs to:**
 - **Educate**
 - **Build awareness**
 - **Provide support in accessing resources**
 - **Work with children of survivors**

Services are Offered To:

- ❖ **Anyone suffering from the trauma of sexual abuse, rape and/or domestic violence, including:**
 - **Women**
 - **Children**
 - **Teens**
 - **Men**
- ❖ **No one who has been victimized by violence is turned away.**

ADA Policy

- ❖ **SafePlace's ADA policy demonstrates a commitment to be barrier-free and accessible.**
- ❖ **All facilities meet ADA inspection standards.**
- ❖ **20% of emergency shelter bedrooms are designed to be fully accessible.**

Accessible Parking



Accessible parking at the emergency shelter



Accessible parking with transition area

Curb Cuts and Pathways

Accessible ramp from external sidewalk and bus stop to entrance



Accessible path from daycare and charter school to emergency shelter

Entrance to Building



**Extra wide gate entrance
to building**



**Accessible security gate
entrance/exit to building**

Interior Access



Switch plate entrance to areas where non-residential services are provided



Levered door handles

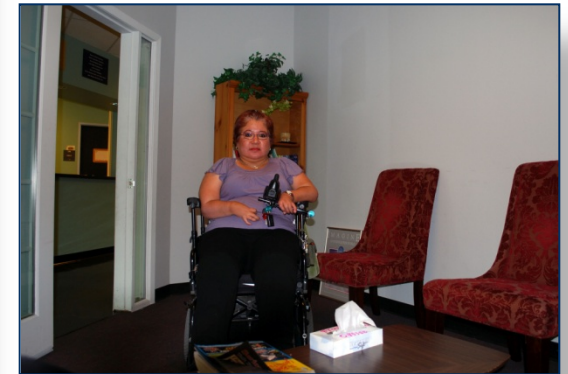
Brochure Racks and Waiting Rooms



**Accessible
brochure rack**



**Accessible entrance to
private waiting room**



Group Meeting Areas



Support group room with accessible path

Fire Extinguishers and First Aid Kit



Accessible fire extinguisher and first aid kit



Clutter-free hallway

Alarms and Signage



**Fire alarm with
strobe lights**



**Restroom sign
in Braille**

Non-Residential Restrooms



Child's restroom with low toilet and grab bars

Emergency Shelter Entrance



**Accessible path from
the emergency shelter**



**Accessible counter cutout
at front desk**

Emergency Shelter Welcome Video



Welcome video to emergency shelter in ASL

Emergency Shelter Interior Access



Wide hallway with turnaround space in emergency shelter



Elevator to second floor at emergency shelter

Emergency Shelter Kitchens



**Accessible sink and
under counter area**



**Lower cabinet in
emergency shelter kitchen**

Other Accessibility Features



Accessible dining room



Accessible front-open washing machine

Emergency Shelter Bedrooms



**Levered door
handles**



**Individually-controlled air-
conditioner unit in emergency
shelter bedroom**

Emergency Shelter Bathrooms



Roll-in shower with grab bars and shower wand



Accessible restroom with cutout sink and grab bars

Other Emergency Shelter Features



**Fire alarms with
strobe lighting**



**Uncarpeted
hallways**



**Incandescent
hallway lighting**

Other Emergency Shelter Features



Accessible counter at emergency shelter food commissary



Ramp to emergency shelter patios

Efficiency Apartment



Kitchenette



Accessible restroom

School and Day Care



Assistive Technology



ADA equipment for Deaf survivor use




Videophone



Assistive computer technology

Informational Materials

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SafePlace
Ending Sexual & Domestic Violence

Deaf Services ASAP
Informational Fact Sheets

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Single copies of these handouts are available free of charge.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____


Telephone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

For the Deaf Community:
<input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver Abuse
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Safety Planning for Dangerous Situations
<input type="checkbox"/> When Your Partner Hurts You-Safety Planning for Deaf People who Want to Leave
<input type="checkbox"/> Tips for Staying Safe from Sexual Assault
<input type="checkbox"/> What is Domestic Violence?
<input type="checkbox"/> What is Sexual Assault?
For Hearing Professionals:
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Communicating with People who are D/deaf
<input type="checkbox"/> Email and Written Communication with People who are Deaf
<input type="checkbox"/> Support Groups for Deaf and Hearing Members
<input type="checkbox"/> Working with an interpreter

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the Deaf community.**

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Disability Services ASAP
(A Safety Awareness Program)
Informational Fact Sheets

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Single copies of fact sheets are available free of charge. Please indicate if you would like materials in English, Spanish, or audio. Please note audiotapes contain several different fact sheets per tape.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____


City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> A Story of Murder Committed by a Family Guardian (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> ABC's for Providing Sexuality and Abuse Prevention Education to People with Developmental Disabilities (English)
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility within Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agencies (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> The Americans with Disabilities Acts - What They Mean for Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services (English)
<input type="checkbox"/> The Americans with Disabilities Acts - Who is Covered? (English)
<input type="checkbox"/> Checklist for People with Disabilities - What to Take with You When You Leave an Abusive Relationship (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dynamics of Caregiver Abuse (English/Spanish/Audio)
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<input type="checkbox"/> General Facts about Sexual Abuse and People with Cognitive Disabilities (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> General Information about Domestic Violence & Persons with Mental Illness (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Visits and Suspected Domestic Violence (English)
<input type="checkbox"/> How to Communicate with People with Atypical Speech (English/Spanish)
<input type="checkbox"/> Identifiers of Caregiver Abuse (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Indicators or Reactions to Abuse and Neglect (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiring About Abuse Experiences (English)
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Harassment - How to Stay Safe (English/Spanish/Audio)
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<input type="checkbox"/> People First Language (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> People with Disabilities Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Safety Planning for Explosive Incidents (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Flags for an Abusive or Potentially Abusive Caregiver (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Responding to Disclosures of Abuse (English)
<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Factors to Abuse/Neglect Faced by Many People with Disabilities (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety of Your Child with a Disability (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Planning for Persons with Disabilities Preparing to Leave an Abusive Situation (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Screening Practices for Hiring People to Work with Individuals with Disabilities in Need of Support (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Abuse of Deaf Children and Youth (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Similarities and Differences in Domestic Violence for People With and Without Disabilities (English/Spanish/Audio)
<input type="checkbox"/> Staying Safe from Sexual Assault (English/Spanish/Audio)

**Handouts on accessibility and
interpersonal violence against
people with disabilities.**

Informational Materials

 **SafePlace**

Assertive Communication

ASSERTIVENESS IS

Standing up for yourself

Saying no like you mean it

Asking for what you need

Telling people how you feel

Respecting the rights of others

AGGRESSIVENESS IS

Pushing people around

Being disrespectful

Hurting others


Not the same as being strong

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Safer Sexuality

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Privacy

Know Yourself

- Are you ready to have sex?
- Respect your feelings and the other person's feelings.
- Decide what you are comfortable with.

Know Your Partner

- How long have you known this person?
- Can you trust this person?

Testing for Diseases

- HIV/AIDS
- STDs

Consent

- Both of you can say yes or no.

Safer Sex

- Condoms
- Dental dams

Family Planning

- Preventing pregnancy
- Choosing to have children

Communication

- Talk to each other.
- Listen.
- Show respect.

Emotional Safety

- Do you feel safe?
- Does your partner listen when you say no?

Handouts in simplified language.

Contributions to this fact sheet.
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Disability Services ASAP of SafePlace, Austin, Texas.
Awareness Program] of SafePlace, 2003

Commitment to Accessibility



Icons on the website to identify SafePlace's commitment to accessibility

Deaf Services

- ❖ **Staff fluent in ASL**
- ❖ **Services include:**
 - **Counseling**
 - **Parenting classes**
 - **Safety planning**
 - **Assistance at hospital/court**
 - **Case management**



Disability Services

- ❖ **Provides training/education focused on reducing abuse for:**
 - **People with disabilities**
 - **Their families**
 - **Caregivers**
 - **Professionals in sexual assault, domestic violence, disability and criminal justice fields.**
- ❖ **Provides resource materials and a national library.**

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