

Womanshelter Compañeras

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Our mission is to assist, support & empower those whose lives are affected by battering & abuse. We strive to reduce & prevent domestic violence through public awareness efforts.



Children in shelter

23 children were housed in the Womanshelter/Compañeras shelter in the month of February



NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

1 IN 3 WOMEN

experience sexual assault or domestic violence at some point in their lives.

1 IN 6 MEN

experience sexual abuse before the age of 18.

65% OF VICTIMS

who come forward say no one helped them.

Mother - Daughter workshop

Advocate Lauren at Mother - Daughter workshop held at the Holyoke Public Library



ABUSE WITHIN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

Everyone Deserves A Healthy Relationship.

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, approximately 23% of LGBTQ men and 50% of LGBTQ women experience abuse from their intimate partners. All intimate partner violence statistics have the potential to be even higher due to under-reporting. These statistics show LGBTQ couples are at a slightly higher risk of experiencing intimate partner violence than heterosexual/cis gender couples.

Abusive partners will use the same tactics of power and control in LGBTQ relationships; including verbal, emotional, sexual, financial, physical, stalking, and digital abuse. However, the abusive partner may also use tactics of power and control that reinforce complex societal factors and inequality, which may make it challenging for LGBTQ individuals to seek help or leave the relationship. They might use discrimination, harmful stereotypes, or rejection to control their partner.



17% of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
youth report physical dating
violence



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that care about domestic violence.

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SAVE THE DATE
6th Annual Valley
Gives Day
May 1, 2018



WHAT WE DO

- **Emergency Shelter**
- **Individual Counseling**
- **Support groups – English/Spanish/Russian**
- **Legal, medical, financial & housing advocacy**
- **In-court SafePlan advocates @ Holyoke & Chicopee District Courts, Hampden County Family & Probate Court**
- **Comprehensive teen services**
- **SafePlan**
- **Child advocacy & programming**
- **Community education**
- **Informational & referrals**
- **Economic literacy**

Bilingual/bi-cultural services available