

About VOICE

VOICE is the sole provider of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crime services in Butler County, PA, serving survivors of all ages, genders, races, sexual orientations, national origins, abilities, cultures, religions, and economic backgrounds.

VOICE offers confidential, non-discriminatory services at no cost to any survivor past or present, their families, and significant others.

We also work in the community to create social change and to provide survivors with the ability to take control of their lives.

Why the teal color?

In 2000, coordinating awareness and prevention efforts, the newly launched National Sexual Violence Resource Center and the Resource Sharing Project polled sexual violence coalitions, asking organizations about a preferred color, symbol, and month for sexual assault awareness activities. The results showed those in the movement preferred a teal ribbon and April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Why the purple color?

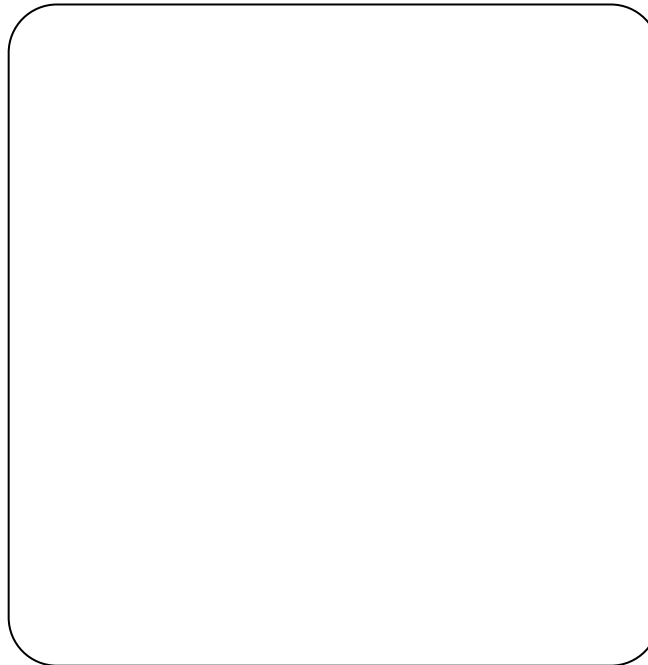
The use of purple in women's advocacy dates to the early 1900's and the suffragist movement. The National Women's Party used purple, white, and gold as their colors. Those colors were associated with purity, hope, and loyalty.

On July 9, 1978, advocates, dressed in lavender, marched in D.C. for women's rights. In October 1981, NCADV's "Day of Unity" saw participants wearing lavender and purple. Finally, in October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month occurred adopting purple as the color.

Safety Planning

Ready to safety plan? Start by identifying a safe place and someone you trust you can contact if you feel unsafe. Consider keeping important items and phone numbers easy to access. Small steps can help increase safety. Our advocates are available to help. Call our hotline anytime for support.

Add additional resources or information



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Emergency Shelter

24 Hour Crisis Counseling Hotline

Medical Advocacy

Civil Legal Representation

Education & Prevention Programs

Adult & Child Counseling Services

Transitional Housing Programs

Legal Advocacy and Accompaniment

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VOICE ensures survivors have immediate access to services by providing caring, trained advocates 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

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Emergency Shelter

The emergency shelter is a short-term housing option for survivors and their minor children fleeing their homes due to domestic violence. The shelter provides an environment that is safe, secure, and supportive. Survivors collaborate one-on-one with advocates to make individual safety and goal plans.

Prevention and Education

We aim to eliminate violence in our community. VOICE offers prevention, education, and training programs for all ages, on a wide range of violence related topics, such as:

- Healthy Relationships
- Gender Violence
- Internet Safety
- Domestic Violence 101
- Sexual Assault 101
- Human Trafficking 101
- Mandated Reporting (Act 126 and Act 31)
- Customized programs to meet your needs

Housing Programs

VOICE maintains housing programs dedicated to helping survivors obtain safe, self-sufficient lifestyles. Program participants receive services focused specifically on the individual and unique needs of each survivor.

- Rapid Rehousing
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing

Medical Advocacy

VOICE advocates can support survivors seeking medical attention due to sexual and domestic violence. Advocates can explain the process and benefits of the medical attention survivors receive. Advocates can also support survivors with:

- Building a safety plan
- Discussing emergency shelter
- Explaining protection orders
- Providing statements to law enforcement

Civil Legal Representation

VOICE attorneys, experienced in legal issues unique to domestic violence situations, represent survivors currently receiving services from the agency in the following court cases:

- Protection from Abuse
- Custody
- No-fault Divorce
- Child and Spousal Support

Legal Advocacy

Advocates aid survivors through the often confusing and complex legal system by:

- Explaining civil and criminal legal processes
- Providing emotional support
- Protecting victims' rights
- Exploring available options

Child Advocacy Center Support

VOICE advocates provide advocacy and support for the child and their family throughout the child abuse forensic interview process. Advocates can discuss both the civil and criminal processes and provide support to the family after the interview.

Crisis Counseling (Adult & Child)

VOICE offers short-term, trauma-informed, empowerment counseling in individual and group settings. Counselor advocates provide options, support, and crisis counseling while helping survivors:

- Process and understand trauma and abuse
- Safety plan
- Understand healthy relationship
- Explore healthy boundaries
- Learn healthy communication skills