**THE PROBLEM**

Domestic and sexual violence continue to be major problems in our country and in Carbon County.

It is estimated that 4 million American women experience a serious assault by an intimate partner each year.

One in three adult women will be physically assaulted by a partner during adulthood.

Nearly one third of female homicide victims reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.

According to former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, domestic violence is the number one health problem for American women, causing more injuries than automobile accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.

Each year, an estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence against their mothers or female caretakers by family members.

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

One in four teenagers is in an abusive relationship.

According to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one out of every six American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime (14.8% completed rape, 2.8% attempted rape).

**OUR MISSION**

At DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES, we work to eliminate domestic and sexual violence through awareness and prevention activities, and to provide coordinated support and services to women, children, families and communities impacted by this violence.

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES was founded in 1999. Staff and volunteers provide direct client services, as well as education, outreach and training to improve and expand services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and to stop the cycle of violence in our community.

We serve people without regard to age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or ability.
Direct client services
- Free and confidential 24-hour helpline (425-2222)
- Hospital, police and court accompaniment for survivors of violence
- Transport, emergency short-term shelter and other support and assistance for survivors of domestic violence and their children, as well as for survivors of sexual assault
- Support groups, one-on-one crisis counseling, support and education for survivors

Education, training, outreach and primary prevention
- Education and outreach with schools and civic organizations focusing on domestic violence, sexual assault, date rape, teen dating violence, primary prevention of domestic and sexual violence
- Consultation and referral for community professionals
- Professional in-service training for the medical community, social workers, clergy, therapists and the business community
- Volunteer Advocate training
- Speaker's Bureau training
- Media training

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Much of DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES’ work is dependent on the commitment and dedication of our volunteer advocates. DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES offers comprehensive training for interested individuals. Prior experience is not necessary.

Trained volunteer advocates answer the Helpline; provide one-on-one crisis counseling, support and education; accompany survivors of violence through hospital, law enforcement and court procedures; and coordinate emergency food, transport and shelter.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 425-0007 or at carbonviolenceprevention@yahoo.com

General volunteers are needed for administrative help, and for community events and fundraisers.

Crisis Intervention
24-Hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Helpline 406-425-2222 (collect calls accepted)

Counseling and Advocacy
All of our services are confidential and free of charge.

Children and Youth
In an effort to stop the cycle of violence, we work to raise awareness and provide education in schools and other places where young people gather.
**Education and Outreach**
In addition to direct client services, we work towards the eventual elimination of domestic and sexual violence through awareness campaigns and community education.

**Volunteers**
DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES provides many volunteer opportunities for interested community members.

P.O. Box 314, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-425-0007
fax: 888-922-5958

**Carbon County 24-Hour Helpline**
406-425-2222

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**
800-799-7233

**National Sexual Assault Hotline**
800-656-4673