



Founded in 1977, Womanspace, Inc. is the only agency in Mercer County specifically focused on providing potentially life-saving services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. Annually, the agency serves over 11,000 people and has served 345,718 in our 39 year history.

The mission of Womanspace is to Prevent Abuse, Protect Families and Change Lives through empowerment and by providing a safety net of supportive services. We assist victims/survivors, both at the moment of crisis, and throughout their journey of emotional healing and the achievement of economic independence. The overarching philosophy guiding programs at Womanspace is one of empowerment: for women and children to become self-sufficient; to live safer lives; to make informed decisions; and to undergo personal growth.

- An Education and Training Program which provides assistance to professionals and community members with a goal of promoting understanding, awareness and a coordinated community response.
- A Chaplaincy program provides nonjudgmental spiritual counseling to clients upon request and reaches out to Mercer County's faith-based community leaders.
- \*Domestic Violence Victim Response Teams consists of volunteers who have gone through an extensive 80 hour training to work cooperatively with police departments in all 13 Mercer County municipalities, the State Police, the College of New Jersey, and Princeton University to provide support, information and referral to victims at the time of the crisis.
- The Sexual Assault Support Services Advocates are volunteers, who after 80 hours of training, work with the Mercer Prosecutor, forensic nurses and Medical Centers to form the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and support victims through the investigation of a sexual assault.
- The Short term goals of our programs include: 1) the immediate safety of the client; 2) increased knowledge about domestic violence; and 3) survivors' increased knowledge of community resources and options. Longer-term goals include increased survivor safety, a reduction of abuse in the community, and improved quality of life for survivors and their children.

**Your Impact:**

- Assist one caller in crisis with \$35
- Buy one day of food, shelter and support for a mother and her two children with \$100
- Provide hospital accompaniment and counseling for a victim of sexual assault with \$250