

## 45 REASONS TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES

*Alternatives Incorporated strives to eradicate domestic and sexual violence through education, prevention, and intervention in Central Indiana.*

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| Domestic violence includes physical, sexual, and psychological abuse, as well as economic coercion.                   | Sexual violence encompasses a variety of acts—from sexual threats to unwanted contact to rape.  | Through prevention programs, 1,836 middle and high school students learned about healthy relationships.   |
| Alternatives sheltered 392 victim's in FY 2016 (200 women, 3 men & 189 children).                                     | Alternatives provided advocacy and support for 132 sexual violence victims in FY 2016.  | Alternatives trained 611 law enforcement officers in FY 2016.   |
| Since opening the doors of the original shelter in January 1981, Alternatives has sheltered 13,372 adults & children. | Alternatives staff trained 1,539 professionals about domestic and sexual violence in FY 2016.   | Domestic violence can be an inter-generational cycle.   |
| The oldest victim sheltered in FY 2016 was 92 years of age.   | 14,337 individuals attended presentations and trainings in FY 2016.   | Alternatives has served three generations of three families during our 38-year history.   |
| Four victims in our service area died as a result of domestic violence during FY 2016.                                | Volunteers donated 4,618 hours of service to Alternatives in FY 2016.   | Of the 203 adult victims sheltered last year, 126 (62%) were abused as a child.   |
| Alternatives operates with great efficiency—our total agency budget is \$1,296,847.                                   | Alternatives provides an afterschool and summer children's program—Kid Connection—a partnership with Anderson Community School Corporation. | Studies show that children are being physically abused in approximately one-half the families where the mother is a known victim of domestic assault.           |
| Operating costs for the shelter program are 63% of our total agency budget.   | 54 children residing in the shelter participated in Kid Connection in FY 2016.  | 38 children residing in the shelter were enrolled in Robbie's Room on-site preschool program in FY 2016.  |
| Alternatives' primary service area is Madison, Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, and Tipton Counties.                 | Alternatives completed construction of a new facility on the campus of Community Hospital Anderson in October 2005.                         | Leaving an abusive relationship is often the most dangerous time for victims!   |
| Non-Shelter programs are critical to saving lives—only 3% of domestic violence victims seek shelter.                  | Alternatives' facility has 28 emergency beds and 5 units of transitional housing.   | 34 women and children resided in the transitional housing program during FY 2016.   |
| 287 victims were served through Alternatives' non-shelter (Outreach) program in FY 2016.                              | Alternatives' services include case management designed to help families achieve self-sufficiency.  | OSHA regulations state employers can be held liable for injuries or deaths in their workplace caused by domestic violence.                                      |
| 23 of the victims served in non-shelter programming were males.   | The Madison County Sexual Assault Treatment Center is located in Alternatives' facility.  | Alternatives offers a domestic violence training program for employers—FREE!  |
| 142 victims received our assistance in filing a protective order in FY 2016.  | Alternatives has outreach offices in Elwood, Greenfield, Noblesville, and Tipton.   | According to the American Humane Association, 71% of pet-owning victims entering a shelter reported their animals had been abused or killed by the perpetrator. |
| Alternatives' staff responded to 3,631 calls on the crisis line in FY 2016.   | Alternatives' shelter days/nights provided increased by 6.5% in FY 2016.  | 64% of rapes and sexual assaults are unreported to law enforcement.   |
| 22% of domestic violence victims were pregnant when the violence occurred.  | During summer and fall of FY 2016, we had to turn away victims requesting shelter because all the beds and cots were in use.                | Alternatives has an on-site education and training center in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College.   |
| Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and families.  | Donations to Alternatives are tax-deductible and help the agency leverage state and federal grants.   | <b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!</b>  |

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