

45 REASONS TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES

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

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, 1,987 middle and high school students learned about healthy relationships.
Alternatives sheltered 362 victim's in FY 2017 (216 women & 146 children).	Alternatives provided advocacy and support for 49 sexual violence victims in FY 2017.	Alternatives trained 633 law enforcement officers in FY 2017.
Since opening the doors of the original shelter in January 1981, Alternatives has sheltered 13,734 adults & children.	Alternatives staff trained 3,095 professionals about domestic and sexual violence in FY 2017.	Domestic violence can be an inter-generational cycle.
12 alcohol-serving establishments and 103 establishment employees statewide were trained through our Raise the Bar Indiana initiative.	11,732 individuals attended presentations and trainings in FY 2017.	Alternatives has served three generations of three families during our 39-year history.
93% of emergency shelter residents achieved their short-term goals.	Volunteers donated 2,695 hours of service to Alternatives in FY 2017.	Of the 216 adult victims sheltered last year, 107 (50%) were abused as a child.
Alternatives operates with great efficiency—our total agency budget is \$1,285.365.	Alternatives provides an afterschool and summer children's program—Kid Connection—a partnership with Anderson Community School Corp.	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 70% of our total agency budget.	Children received 1,003 tutoring hours while participating in our Kid Connection program.	24 children residing in the shelter were enrolled in Robbie's Room on-site preschool program in FY 2017.
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.	29 women and children resided in the transitional housing program during FY 2017.
259 victims were served through Alternatives' non-shelter (Outreach) program in FY 2017.	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.
28 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!
115 victims received our assistance in filing a protective order in FY 2017.	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 3,927 calls on the crisis line in FY 2017.	Alternatives' provided 8,045 shelter days in FY 2017.	64% of rapes and sexual assaults are unreported to law enforcement.
Students participating in our prevention programming demonstrated a 21% overall knowledge gain relating to domestic, dating, and sexual violence.	91% of emergency shelter residents showed progress toward self-sufficiency.	Alternatives has an on-site education and training center.
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.	DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!

