

Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center

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Our Mission and Vision

- ▶ The Mission of Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center is to empower individuals, educate the community and advocate for justice to end domestic violence and child abuse.
- ▶ Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center envisions a community in which all people enjoy lives free from violence and abuse and feel safe and secure in their relationships



Safety

Shelter

Justice System
Advocacy

24/7 Helpline

Healing

Trauma Therapy

Support Groups

Visitation

Breaking Cycles

Prevention

Education

Training

Advocacy

Systems Change

Services and Programs

- **24-Hour Domestic Violence and Family Helpline**
- **Emergency Shelter**
- **Justice System Advocacy**
- **Supervised Visitation Center**
- **Support Groups**
- **Latina Project**
- **Ujima Project**
- **Teen Dating Violence Services**
- **Child Abuse Prevention in Schools**
- **Individual Trauma Therapy for adults and children**
- **Group Therapy**
- **Parenting Program**
- **Training and Education**

The Lakewood Justice System Advocate...

- ▶ Monitors Lakewood police calls to the 24-hour Helpline and reviews docket
- ▶ Provides Court escorts and support throughout the court process, including trials
- ▶ Provides safety planning, crisis intervention, and information about protection orders, as needed
- ▶ Conducts follow-up calls to provide support, information, and further safety planning
- ▶ Facilitates local domestic violence support groups offered to all Lakewood victims

The Lakewood Justice System Advocate...

- ▶ Served 113 victims in Lakewood Court in a year's time
- ▶ 50 support group sessions facilitated for Lakewood domestic violence victims
- ▶ JSAP advocates collaborate almost daily with the Lakewood Prosecutors Office and the Lakewood Municipal Court
- ▶ Advocates provide information, education and materials about domestic violence to law enforcement and justice system personnel
- ▶ Advocate for individual victims and for procedures and processes in court which will emphasize the safety of victims

Client Story

From abuse, pain, and trauma
to
Safety, Hope, and Healing!