

Domestic Violence is a crime

In an emergency:

- Call the Police
- Go to a Safe Place
- Call the 24-hour Crisis Line

Services Provided

- Crisis Intervention
- Twenty-four-hour Hotline
- Emergency Housing
- Support Groups
- Information/Referral
- Advocacy
 - Financial
 - Legal
 - Personal
- Community Outreach
- Domestic Violence Alternative Program (DVAP) for Men
- Counseling
- Victims Services for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

For Help Call

517-265-6776

OR

1-800-874-5936

History

The first domestic violence program in Lenawee County began through Call Someone Concerned Inc., in the early 1970's. They received countless desperate cries for help from women in violent relationships. At the time, few understood the dynamics of domestic violence and local services were either inadequate or nonexistent. In 1978, a program director was hired to develop and provide services specific to victims of domestic violence. Initial funding for this program came through the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, a division of the Department of Social Services known today as the Family Independence Agency.

One of the most pressing needs was a safe, confidential shelter. Volunteer homes were established throughout Lenawee County. Additional space was rented to shelter one or two families needing intensive care.

The need for intensive services continued to grow beyond existing resources. In 1983, a grant was presented by the City of Adrian to purchase and renovate a facility where more families could be sheltered and all domestic violence services could be consolidated into one place.

In 1984, with great vision, the facility officially became known as the Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Shelter.

Family Counseling & Children's Services adopted the Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Program in 1990.

Today, a movement is well underway to end domestic violence for everyone, especially for our children. This is being accomplished in Lenawee County, as well as the entire nation, through collaboration of services and resources, financial contributions, and volunteerism.

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Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program



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Domestic violence is a social problem that has been left unresolved, hiding beneath the blanket of domestic privacy. Once violence occurs it escalates and becomes more severe.

Only when victims stop suffering in silence will the cycle of violence be broken.

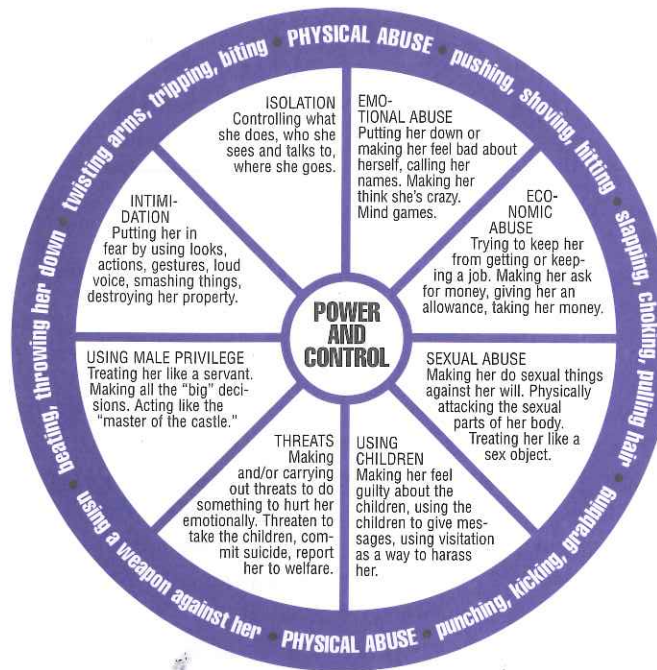
There Is Help

The Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Program of Family Counseling and Children's Services offers a compassionate and supportive atmosphere for growth and change for the family. Family members are encouraged to accept the challenge to change. Respect (for self and others) underpins the learning or relearning of positive interpersonal skills. Problem solving, conflict resolution, and improved stress management contribute to the creation of a non-violent family environment.

The Catherine Cobb program is the pivotal point of connection with other families whose experiences are similar. In an atmosphere of equal exchange, victims learn that they are not alone and expand their self-awareness.

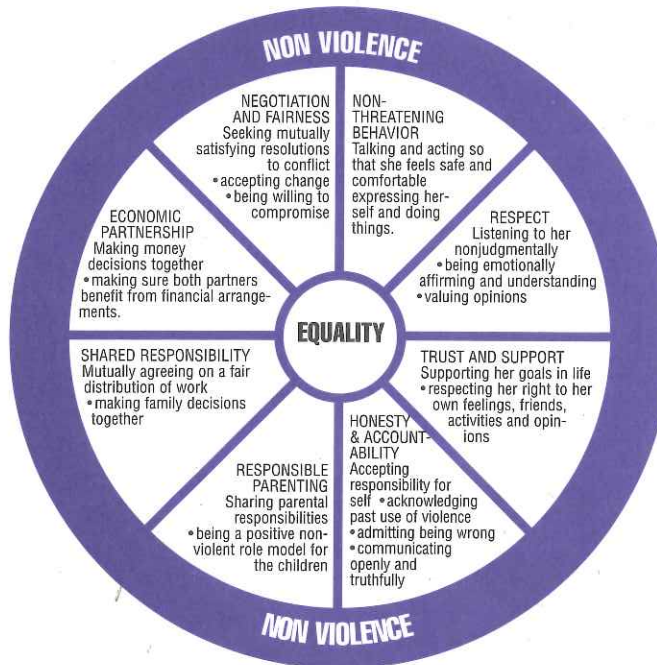
An understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence is the first step towards a healthy family life.

Domestic violence is a social problem. Our society is only as healthy as its basic unit: the family. The Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Program of Lenawee County addresses this problem by networking with a broad base of systems – social, legal, criminal justice, medical and educational.



“The home is actually a more dangerous place for a woman than the U.S. city streets.”

(A. Novello, Surgeon General)



Am I in a Battering Relationship?

YES, you may be a battered woman:

- If you are frightened of your partner's temper and change your behavior so as to not make him angry.
- If you have seen your family and friends less since you met him.
- If you have to ask permission to go out, spend money, or take classes.
- If you express your opinions and state your needs less and less.
- If you are afraid that your partner would kill himself or you if you left him.
- If you believe that it doesn't matter how he treats you as long as the kids are okay.
- If you do what he says in order to avoid trouble.
- If you have been forced to have sex against your will.
- If you have been hit, choked, locked up, slapped, shoved, threatened, tied up, burned, or bitten.

Concerned citizens of Lenawee County first recognized the need to tackle the issue of domestic violence in 1978. Since then the program has developed and expanded to meet the ever-increasing need.

Community support through volunteer and financial assistance is critical to the success of the program. Won't you join us in our efforts to create and maintain a healthy family atmosphere in Lenawee County?