



**ADVOCACY CENTER
OF WINONA**



Our Mission

EMPOWERING VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF
DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.



Services the ACW Provides

Crisis Advocacy	Direct Support	Support Group Networking	Accompaniment
Intervention	Emergency Shelter	Relocation Services	Legal Advocacy
Justice Assistance	Assistance With OFP/HRO paperwork	WSU Campus Advocacy	Bilingual Advocate



Crisis Advocacy and Direct Support

- Active and Empathetic Listening to Survivors
- Helping Survivors with Safety Planning
- Helping Survivors Brainstorm Options
- Connecting Survivors to other Community Resources
- Crisis line is routed through Rochester to filter out non-emergency calls from 4:30pm-8:30am (Weekends 4:30pm Friday-8:30am Monday)
- Bilingual Advocate (Spanish)



Emergency Shelter and Relocation Services

- Emergency Safe homing
- Master lease on a local apartment for individuals who need a longer stay than hotel/motel
- Connecting Survivors to Family Members and/or Support Networks
- Nearest DV Shelters are in Rochester MN and La Crosse WI
- Housing advocacy including breaking lease

Support Group Network

- Support Group for individuals who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Can give contact information on local counseling services

Legal Advocacy and Justice Assistance

- Help Survivor coordinate with law enforcement, prosecution, and courts
 - Reporting new incidents, following an arrest, ongoing cases, etc
- Attend court with or on behalf of Survivor
- Assist Survivor with protection order paperwork



Accompaniment and Intervention

- Accompany Survivor to:
SANE Exams, Reporting to Law Enforcement, Prosecution Interview
- Interventions include:
Meeting with landlords, school officials, employers, and other community research

Funding (pending approval)

- 1st month's rent
- Gas
- Emergency housing supplies (food, clothes, toiletries)
- Assistance with transportation with regards to coming to/from ACW, court, or safe housing
- Safety Planning supplies (lock changes, door stops, window alarms, Tasers, etc.)
- Other funding based on individual needs

Campus Advocacy

- Confidential advocacy on WSU campus
- All general services are available to students
- Provide advocacy and support through Title IX process, Housing and Residence Life, Campus Security, etc.
 - A student DOES NOT have to report to have access to advocacy and support services

How to Connect in
the Community:
Have
Survivor/Victim
contact ACW
directly

Office Phone (Monday-Friday,
8:30am-4:30pm): 507-452-4440

24/7 Crisis Line: 507-452-4453

Email:
program@advocacywinona.org

How to Connect on Campus

Office Phone (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm): 507-452-4440*

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Office Hours are posted door