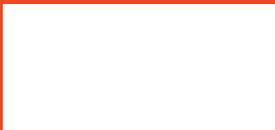


YWCA OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

The YWCA of Palm Beach County began in 1917 and was officially chartered by the National YWCA in 1925. Our mission is to eliminate racism and empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Our mission remains timeless, as women of today are continually challenged with the need for quality child care, employment and job skills, affordable housing, and freedom from gender-based violence. We strive daily to bring balance to the lives of women and to empower them in all aspects of their daily lives. Our SAFEhouse Rapid Re-Housing program is just one way we empower women seeking freedom from domestic violence to develop the courage to leave the abusive relationship. Knowing she has a resource that will prevent homelessness for her and/or her children, empowers her to make the decision to leave.



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IT TAKES COURAGE

Requirements

In order to be eligible for the SAFEhouse Rapid -Re-Housing program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- * Recent Victim of Domestic Violence
- * Homeless or facing homelessness
- * Employed or gaining employment to remain housed upon completion of the program

Referrals

Referrals are accepted from AVDA and YWCA's Harmony House domestic violence shelter.

YWCA of Palm Beach County is responsible for administration of SAFEhouse, visit www.ywcapbc.org to learn more about this and our other domestic violence programs.

Contact Rapid Re-Housing Case Manager

Name: _____

Phone: 561-640-0050 ext. _____



SAFEhouse Rapid Re-Housing



HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness among women. Affordable housing has been identified as a pervasive unmet need of domestic violence survivors. The lack of affordable housing is just one barrier to permanent housing that domestic violence survivors face, survivors also tend to:

- * Have no or poor rental history
- * Struggle with the lack of available housing
- * Experience difficulty with making deposits
- * Have low or no income
- * Have no friends or family to assist them temporarily financially

As a result of these issues, domestic violence survivors are at high risk of homelessness.

In an effort to prevent homelessness, Rapid Re-Housing was created. Rapid Re-Housing is a concept, funded largely by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services. Rapid Re-Housing is ideally for those facing homelessness that don't need intensive and ongoing supports to quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing.

YWCA of Palm Beach County offers a Rapid Re-Housing program specifically for domestic violence victims and it is designed to prevent homelessness of a domestic violence survivor and their family. Our program also provides the supportive resources necessary to assist the survivor in securing and maintaining gainful employment, budgeting, and planning for a lifetime of safety and self-sufficiency.

DOES YOUR PARTNER

- Embarrass or make fun of your friends or family?
- Put down your accomplishments or goals?
- Make you feel like you are unable to make decisions?
- Use intimidation or threats to gain compliance?
- Tell you that you are nothing without him or her?
- Treat you roughly—grab, push, pinch, shove or hit you?
- Call you several times a night or show up to make sure you are where you said you would be?
- Use drugs or alcohol as an excuse for saying hurtful things or abusing you?
- Blame you for how they feel or act?
- Pressure you sexually for things you aren't ready for?
- Make you feel like there "is no way out" of the relationship?
- Prevent you from spending time with your friends or family.
- Try to keep you from leaving after a fight or leave you somewhere after a fight to "teach you a lesson?"

DO YOU

- Sometimes feel scared of how your partner will act?
- Constantly make excuses to other people for your partner's behavior?
- Believe that you can help your partner change if only you changed something about yourself?
- Try not to do anything that would cause conflict or make your partner angry?
- Feel like no matter what you do, your partner is never happy with you?
- Always do what your partner wants you to do instead of what you want?
- Stay with your partner because you are afraid of what your partner would do if you broke up?

If you answered yes to at least one of these, you may be experiencing domestic abuse. If you need to talk someone about your situation. The YWCA of Palm Beach County is here to talk with you. Please call our outreach coordinator at 561-640-0050 ext. 127. If you are in crisis or immediate danger, please call the 24-Hour Crisis Line at 561-640-9844 or 1-800-973-9922.

RAPID RE-HOUSING

The YWCA's SAFEhouse Rapid Re-housing Program offers utility deposit, rental deposit, and rental assistance up to 3 months to victims of domestic violence who have become homeless. SAFEhouse Rapid Re-Housing also provides the following supportive services:

- Basic needs (i.e. food, clothing)
- Information and referrals
- Safety planning
- Advocacy
- Case management

To find out if you are eligible for the program, please contact our SAFEhouse Rapid Re-Housing case manager by calling:

561-640-0050 ext. 120 or ext. 123

With the assistance of the YWCA in seeking permanent housing and supportive services, victims of domestic violence and their children can become independent and experience a lifetime free of abuse.

