## Our Impact

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence and needs emergency shelter, counseling, legal support, or other resources, please contact CAWC's 24/7 services hotline.



# **CAWC**

Rebuilding lives, renewing hope.

CAWC supports around 1,000 individuals and families seeking refuge from abuse each year, equating over 20,000 invested hours of direct service and over 14,000 nights of shelter.

By partnering with Cook County for the After Hours Court Program, we expanded accessibility of survivor legal assistance.

CAWC educates thousands of community members each year, including clients, healthcare providers, and corporate professionals.

Want to learn more? Visit our website for additional information about our services or ways you can help us end domestic violence.



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### **About Us**

**Our Mission:** Connections for Abused Women and their Children (CAWC) is committed to ending domestic violence. Using a self-help, empowerment approach, we provide a shelter for adults and children, counseling, advocacy, and a 24-hour hotline for people affected by domestic violence. We work for social change through education, service collaboration, and institutional advocacy.

## **Our Services**

CAWC provides **free**, confidential, traumainformed, client-led services in both English and Spanish.

Since 55% of CAWC clientele have no income source and 78% live below the federal poverty level, our work ensures victims and survivors have access to essential domestic violence support services including individual and group counseling for adults and children, legal advocacy, life skills classes, crisis intervention, and more.

In our communities, we provide professional domestic violence education to build new and enhance current response systems.

#### Humboldt Park Outreach Program (HPOP)

CAWC'S HPOP services are available at a walk-in or appointment basis, providing culturally sensitive, bilingual counseling and education to survivors in need.

Our HPOP Legal Advocacy team is equipped with a lawyer and experienced advocates to help clients secure emergency orders of protection or assist with divorce court and child custody agreements.

#### **Greenhouse Shelter**

Housing 30% of Chicago's available domestic violence shelter beds, Greenhouse Shelter offers immediate relief to adults and families fleeing dangerous relationships.

With comprehensive services in-house including housing and employment assistance, shelter staff help pave a path towards long-term healing and independence.

#### **Children's Services**

Children's services are a core part of CAWC's mission to end the cycle. From behavioral therapy to safety planning, we foster a safe space for children to explore their emotions and trauma.

#### Hospital Crisis Intervention Program (HCIP)

Located at both John H. Stroger and Northwestern Memorial Hospitals, HCIP staff work towards a domestic violenceinformed healthcare system. By educating healthcare providers and providing bedside assistance to patients experiencing domestic violence, HCIP plays a major role in crisis intervention.

#### Domestic Violence Services at Haymarket Center

Targeting the intersection of domestic violence and substance abuse, CAWC brings our transformative services to Haymarket Center to provide quality care in-house.

CAWC advocates also provide professional training to Haymarket staff to ensure they are well-equipped to meet all residents' psychosocial and rehabilitative needs.