

## WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors that one person uses to control another person. Domestic violence can occur between partners, ex-partners, or family members. It can include physical, sexual, emotional and financial abuse, in addition to other coercive or controlling behaviors.

## DOES YOUR PARTNER EVER...

... control what you do and whom you see in a way that interferes with your work, education, or personal life?

... use technology to track, monitor, or frighten you?

... deny your basic needs such as food, housing, clothing, or medical and physical assistance?

... hit, kick, shove, or injure you? Threaten to use weapons or objects against you?

... threaten to hurt you or others, have you deported, disclose your sexual orientation, or other personal information?

... steal or destroy your belongings?

... force or coerce you to engage in unwanted sexual acts?

...tell you that you are a bad parent or threaten to harm or take away your children?

...prevent or discourage you from seeing friends or family, or demonstrate extreme jealousy of your friends and family?

... pressure you to use drugs or alcohol?



### YWCA Women's Center

4410 Hardy St. Līhu'e, HI 96766

### YWCA Admin Office

3094 Elua St. Līhu'e, HI 96766

**(808) 245-5959** Office

## **YWCA IS ON A MISSION**

YWCA of Kaua'i is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.



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Kaua'i

## **Free & Confidential DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES**

*Serving Kaua'i since 1921*

**24 HOUR HOTLINE:**

**CALL: (808) 245-6362**

# Services for Those Impacted by Domestic Violence

Free and Confidential Support

## IMMEDIATE SUPPORT

### 24 HOUR HELP IS HERE FOR YOU

Our 24/7/365 hotline, (808) 245-6362, is supported by specially trained staff who can assist with requests for YWCA services, medical treatment, reporting, general questions, and referrals related to domestic violence. Crisis Intervention Specialists are also available 24/7 for phone or in person crisis response, including crisis counseling and advocacy.

### WEB CHAT & TEXT SUPPORT SERVICES

Making a phone call to a support line or leaving the house is not always possible when you are experiencing abuse. For many, an online chat might feel more comfortable than a phone call or meeting with an advocate in person.

Go to [ywcakauai.org/chat](http://ywcakauai.org/chat) or text (808) 245-6362.

Available daily

9 am - 10 pm



## OTHER SERVICES

### FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER

YWCA Kaua'i's Shelter offers safety and services for all survivors, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. These include: room and board, counseling, 24-hour crisis advocacy, housing support, and advocacy for children.

The location and all services offered by the Shelter are free and confidential.

### TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS

Assistance is available for those seeking legal protection from abusive partners or family members. Our Advocate will assist you with completing and filing a restraining order as well as providing emotional support and accompaniment to court.

### HOUSING ADVOCACY

Housing is a critical need for many of our clients. Our Housing Specialist assists and connects individuals and families with other agencies and businesses who provide transitional and permanent housing on Kaua'i.

### COUNSELING SERVICES

The trauma of domestic and intimate partner violence can have a lasting impact on individuals and families. Our highly qualified staff use evidence-based practice to help develop the skills necessary to heal and maintain healthy relationships.

### CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY

Children who experience or witness abuse can be affected in many ways. Children of all ages can be impacted and may experience fear and anxiety, instability, confusion, isolation, hopelessness, and sadness. Our Children's Services Specialist is here to help children cope with the stress of domestic violence and work with parents to connect them to resources.

### ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE

A batterer intervention program with the goal of keeping victims safe and providing a means for abusive partners to start on the path of truly changing their violent behavior.

## YWCA IS HERE FOR YOU

YWCA of Kaua'i services are available to survivors of all ages, genders, and sexual orientations.

Our facilities are ADA-compliant and interpreter services are available free of charge.

We support survivors of domestic violence experiencing various forms of power and control in their intimate or familial relationships, not just physical abuse.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of domestic violence regardless of age, economic status, education, race, sexual orientation, or religion. 30-50% of transgender people will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

## Additional Resources

Child and Family Service - (808) 245-5914

KPD Domestic Violence Coordinator - (808) 241-1695

Hawai'i State Coalition Against DV - [hscadv.org](http://hscadv.org)

National Coalition Against DV - [ncadv.org](http://ncadv.org)

National DV Hotline - [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org)