

24–Hour Helpline

Confidential Helpline staffed by trained domestic and sexual violence staff and volunteers.

Companion Services

Accompaniment to the hospital for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Legal Advocacy & Representation

Since its inception the SARC Legal Services Program, has helped thousands of victims of domestic and sexual violence as well as stalking. We provide:

- information,
- legal representation, and
- advocacy,
- court accompaniment,
- in Protective Order, Peace Order, and other family law matters including divorce and child custody.

All Legal Services are provided free to victims. You can reach a member of SARC's Legal Services Program by calling 410/836-8431 during our normal business hours.

Shelter

Many times, the only way a victims can stay safe from the violence in her home is to enter our confidentially located Safehouse. SARC's Safehouse opened in 1996 and has been called home by 150 women and children, on average, each year.

To assist victims the residential staff provides:

- case management
- crisis intervention
- individual counseling sessions
- one weekly group session
- limited transportation
- shelter for pets in collaboration with the Humane Society of Harford County
- information and referrals
- food assistance

Our twenty-eight (28) bed Safehouse provides shelter for battered women and their children for up to six (6) months. Adult male victims are sheltered off-site and offered the same services as female victims

Volunteer opportunities

- Answering our 24 Hour Helpline - Your voice, on the phone, could be the first a victim hears, and the most important.
- Providing Hospital Accompaniment - Companions accompany victims of domestic or sexual violence at the hospital. (requires additional training)
- Professional Services – Whether you are a doctor, lawyer, accountant, dentist, veterinarian, or translator,

we can put your special talents to work!

All of your donated services are tax deductible.

- General Maintenance – We can use your expertise in plumbing, painting, landscaping, electrical work or assistance providing general fix-it repairs.
Services may be tax deductible.
- Office and Fundraising Assistance - Dedicated volunteers help with special mailings, and other office assistance. During fundraisers, volunteers help setting up for and facilitating the event.
- Anything else you can think of - We are always looking for new ideas, including professional services.

Volunteers must complete an entire training session on the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence prior to having client contact. The next training will be held in January.

SARC recently introduced a new Helper position. This opportunity allows you to volunteer without having direct client contact.

Community Outreach & Education

Trainings, presentations, and community education on both domestic violence and sexual assault, prevention, cyberbullying, and healthy relationships.

Clinical Services

- Victim's Counseling - Individual counseling and crisis intervention for victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence as well as stalking. Group counseling available for adults molested as children, sexually abusive relationships, rape survivors, and domestic violence victims.
What is Domestic Violence
Safety Planning
Power & Control and Cycle link
Sexual Assault
Stalking
- Abuser Intervention Program
Group counseling for men and women who use abusive behaviors to control their partner.
- Children's Counseling
Individual counseling is available for children who witness violence in their home.
The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children
- Crisis Intervention
- Information and Referral

Call SARC's 24 Hour Helpline at
410-836-8430 for help.

"We work to end domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking, to aid its victims, and to create a society free from abuse and fear."