

Open Arms has group and individual services for children experiencing these situations. If you have a child or know a child who has experienced violence in their life, please contact Open Arms to schedule an appointment.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

Findlay Police Department

419-424-7150

Hancock County Sheriff

419-422-2424

Who is eligible for services at Open Arms?

Anyone who has been affected by domestic violence or rape should call Open Arms to speak to an advocate. We offer programming for victims of domestic violence and rape, domestic violence offenders, children in violent homes, and any interested family, friends, or community members.

Services available at Open Arms

- 24 hour crisis hotline **419-422-4766**
- Confidential crisis shelter for victims of domestic violence and rape.
- Support groups for women and children survivors of domestic violence and adult survivors of rape.
- Individual support and education about domestic violence and rape.
- Court accompaniment, advocacy, and legal referrals for victims of domestic violence and rape.
- Prevention/education programming related to domestic violence and rape.
- The Violence Recovery Project for Offenders.
- Harmony House – A supervised visitation and exchange program.
419-420-9261

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Child Advocacy

Open Arms Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Services



Forgotten victims of domestic violence...



Contact Us At: 419-420-9261

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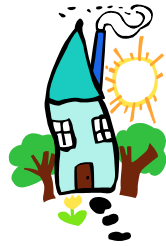
Children in homes where domestic violence occurs do not understand the violence and are therefore unaffected by it.

Reality:

Although parents minimize the presence of children during the time of the battering incident, children of battered women report having seen and heard the assault taking place. In addition, children can vividly describe the violent acts that their parents never realized they had observed.

*-Jaffe, Wolfe, & Wilson,
Children of Battered Women*

Did You Know That...



- Children in homes where domestic violence occurs are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate that is 1500% higher than the national average.

National Women Abuse Prevention Project.

- In general, 70% of men who abuse their female partners also abuse their children.

Yllo & Bogard, 1988 "Feminist Perspectives on Wife Abuse"

- 80% of violent juvenile offenders and adult prisoners come from homes where domestic violence occurred.

*Ohio Physician's Domestic Violence Project,
Ohio DHS, 1991*



Characteristics of Children in Abusive Homes:

- Feel fear
- Feel powerless
- See, hear violence
- Experience emotional abandonment
- Experience depression and/or flashbacks
- Feel isolated
- Develop low self-esteem
- Develop problems with anger

There is Hope...

Child abuse, whether by fathers or mothers, is likely to diminish once the battered mother is able to gain access to safety services and achieve separation from the violent parent.

*-Jean Giles-Sims, "A Longitudinal Study of Battered Children of Battered Wives,"
in Family Relation*