

Quick Notes

Have we mentioned we're on social media?

What's the easiest way to get in touch with us in between newsletters? Check out our social media pages!

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Instagram: TWC_19_47

LinkedIn: The Women's Center, Inc.

Facebook: The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia and Montour Counties

YouTube: TWC Education Dept.

Upcoming Events:

Baby Shower Drive
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Summer Gateways

www.thewomenscenterinc.org
OR

Visit us on Facebook at
"The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia and Montour Counties"



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Similar to last year our agency took our Healthy Relationships photo booth to various high schools throughout Columbia and Montour Counties.

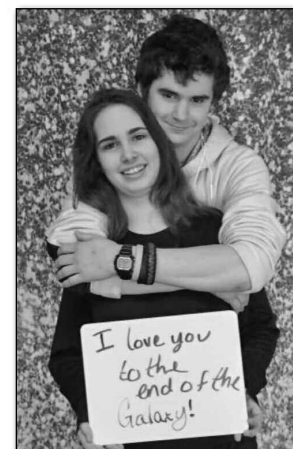
This year we reached a record five out of eight school districts in our area including: Benton High School, Bloomsburg High School, Danville High School, Millville High School, and Columbia/Montour Area VoTech. At each school we discussed qualities of healthy relationships, what to do if you know someone who is in a relationship where dating violence is present, and how to help a friend. Using the hashtag #Selfies4SaferTeens students were able to post their own photos to various social media platforms. Total, we reached over 350 students. Check out some of our favorite photos below.

Furthermore, each of these school districts also participated in the National Respect Announcement, organized by Love is Not Abuse to raise awareness about healthy relationships during the week of Valentine's Day. The announcement read as follows:

With Valentine's Day around the corner, we'd like to remind you that everyone deserves a safe and healthy relationship. Remember love has many definitions, but abuse isn't one of them. If you or someone you know has a question about a relationship, healthy or unhealthy visit loveisrespect.org, text "loveis" to 22522, or contact our local Women's Center at 570.784.6631.



Students from Benton High School.



Students from CMAVTS.

DONATION DRIVES

North Central Secure Treatment Unit

A huge thank you to North Central Secure Treatment Unit who helped organize a coat drive for our participants to help keep our clients safe and warm this winter.

Donations included winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, snow outfits, snow boots, etc.

We are grateful for the donation!

Baby Shower Drive

We are hosting a baby shower drive in Columbia and Montour Counties throughout the month of February. We are specifically in need of baby wipes, diapers (sizes 3-6), shampoo, lotion, wash cloths, powdered formula, cereal, baby food, bottles, spoons, bibs, blankets, teething toys, etc.

You can drop off donations at:

111 N. Market St.

Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Between the hours of 9am-5pm.



HOLIDAY PHOTOS

This holiday season our Legal Outreach Advocate helped organize a holiday photo shoot for any of our mothers and children looking for holiday family photos. Often times, holidays are very difficult both financially and emotionally for victims of domestic violence and their children.

In hopes of offering some holiday cheer we offered free family photos in front of a holiday backdrop and provided print copies to each of families that participated. This event proved to be a huge success!



OUTREACH COUNSELING

Bring our counseling services to a library, church, or community agency/business near you! It's no secret Columbia/Montour Counties can seem very rural at times. It's not always easy for participants to come to us, so we're attempting to expand our services to be closer to them! We are now offering in-person, scheduled counseling services at several school districts in our area and at various outreach locations. These services are free for victims or significant others affected by domestic and sexual violence. If you have an appropriate space and think your business or area is in need of services, please contact us at (570)-784-6632.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE SHELTER?

We have a variety of new programs for our clients coming up this spring.

- Enactus, an organization from Susquehanna University, has started a group that helps our women with their career goals. This group will run on Monday nights and offer Mock Interviews, Resume-Writing and Dress for Success Workshops!
- Taylor Teichman, an employee for the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and former Women's Center employee, is running yoga groups at our local YMCA.
- Activity Nights which include a variety of interactive games and prizes are taking place every other weekend.
- Our Natural Healing through the Arts group, offered in conjunction with The Exchange's Art Cart, is being offered on Sundays. It is our hope that the majority of the art work created will be utilized in our spring exhibit at the Exchange.
- Self-Compassion workshops are run on various dates and times for any of our participants.

If you're interested in volunteering to help out at any of our Shelter events or are curious about dates and times because you would like to participate call 570-784-6631 to sign up today! Space is limited

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