



ABOUT WOMEN IN DISTRESS

Women In Distress is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center serving Broward County, Florida. **Our mission is to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education and advocacy.** Our confidential services are offered free of charge to victims of domestic violence no matter their age, gender, race or socio-economic status.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

At Women In Distress, we know that at the heart of a community are the families that live there. That is why we are committed to providing the highest level of quality programs and services to help keep families safe in Broward County. All of our services are free of charge, completely confidential, and open to everyone. Each of our services are offered in English, Spanish, Creole and Portuguese.

Emergency Shelter

Victims of domestic violence and their children in our shelter program are provided with a safe environment and supportive services such as basic necessities, advocacy and children's services. Ultimately, our goal is to help them to build and sustain independence in a violence free life.

24-Hour Crisis Hotline

The 24-hour crisis hotline is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. This service is available to victims of domestic violence and the community as a source of information and support.

Outreach services

Outreach services include counseling, therapy, advocacy and case management. Advocates assist participants in learning about their rights as victims of domestic violence, and facilitate access to public resources. These services are offered at the Jim & Jan Moran Family Center, as well as multiple satellite locations throughout Broward County.

Children's Services

The children's program seeks to improve the lives of youth who have been exposed to domestic violence through a variety of services including respite care, parenting classes family strengthening counseling, individual counseling, adolescent groups and children's groups.

Education & Prevention

The Education & Prevention team works toward a community free of domestic violence through educational programs, awareness and prevention activities targeted to diverse groups such as schools, community groups, faith-based communities, men and boys groups and multicultural groups.

Women In Distress Thrift Store

The Thrift Store, located at 1372 N. State Road 7 in Margate, provides clothing, furniture, and household items to all Women In Distress participants at no charge. In addition, it also generates income to support our critical programs & services through sales to the general public.



“I owe my life and the lives of my children to Women In Distress. I will forever be grateful to them – not only for giving us a safe place to stay, but for giving me hope, support and the respect I deserve.”

- Women In Distress Participant

