

~ MISSION STATEMENTS ~

The **YWCA of Kitsap County** is dedicated to ensuring the personal safety, rights, welfare, and dignity of those who experience domestic abuse while building partnerships and increasing community awareness to create positive social change.

The **YWCA U.S.A.** is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

YWCA COMMUNITY CENTER

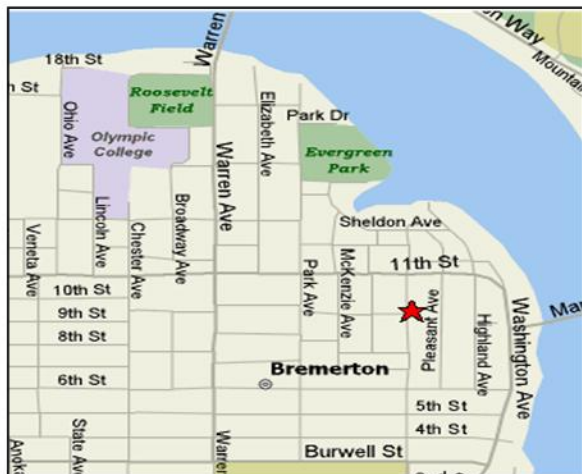
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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00am to 5:00pm
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Donations of new/gently used clothing and household items are accepted during office hours. Thank you for your support!



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The YWCA of Kitsap County provides programs and services aimed towards enriching lives, providing hope, supporting empowerment, and helping families overcome obstacles.



- ALIVE Shelter
- ALIVE Legal Advocacy
- ALIVE/DSHS WorkFirst
- ALIVE Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap
- ALIVE Family Services
- WRAPS (Professional Clothing Closet)
- Eli's House (NK Transitional Housing)
- HomePlus (Housing First Program)
- Kids KAMP

**24 Hour Crisis Line:
 1 (800) 500-5513**

Programs and Services

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior used by an individual to establish and maintain control over an intimate partner. It can include physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse. It is a problem that affects everyone in the community, and knows no economic, ethnic, or social boundaries. Children are often the hidden victims. Without effective prevention and intervention, domestic violence tends to escalate in frequency and severity. Annually, over 6,000 Kitsap County community members access **YWCA ALIVE** services for domestic violence survivors and at-risk families.

YWCA ALIVE (Alternatives to Living in a Violent Environment) SHELTER PROGRAM provides temporary emergency housing and a comprehensive range of support services for domestic violence survivors and their children. Services include: advocacy-based counseling, children's support, parenting education, housing and employment advocacy, assistance through weekly support groups, food, clothing and transportation. **Call (360) 479-1980 or (800) 500-5513.**

YWCA ALIVE LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM provides assistance and support to survivors of domestic violence as they navigate the criminal or civil legal system. This includes safety planning, advocacy-based counseling, court accompaniment, assistance obtaining orders for protection, filing for crime victims' compensation, enrollment in the Address Confidentiality Program, and referral services. Community outreach and education are also offered. **Call (360) 479-0491.**

YWCA ALIVE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND/NORTH KITSAP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM offers the full range of services that our Legal Advocacy Program provides for those residing in the North Kitsap area. Local support groups are also available. **Call (206) 780-2931 or (360) 551-3140.**

YWCA WRAPS (Women's Resources and Program Services) PROJECT provides clothing and accessories for families, with an emphasis on professional clothing. **Call (360) 479-0522.**

YWCA KIDS KAMP (Kids Are Making Progress) provides fun and educational activities for youth ages 6-12. **Call (360) 479-0522.**

YWCA ALIVE/DSHS WORKFIRST PROJECT partners with the Department of Social and Health Services as a responder to families experiencing difficulties due to domestic violence. An ALIVE Advocate assists WorkFirst program participants in addressing the issues of domestic violence identified as barriers to successful welfare-to-work transitions. This program is housed at the DSHS Bremerton Community Services Office. **Call (360) 473-2282.**

YWCA ALIVE FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM provides continued advocacy for families transitioning from the **ALIVE Shelter**, and ongoing outreach and case management services for other families who may be at risk due to domestic violence, socio-economic difficulties, parenting issues, or language and cultural barriers. Services include: advocacy-based counseling, support groups, goal setting, case management, food, clothing, and rental/utility assistance. Family Services Advocates also coordinate the Back-to-School Project and Holiday Adopt-A-Family Project. **Call (360) 479-0522.**

YWCA ALIVE COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT GROUPS can help survivors of domestic violence process what they have been through and learn how to build new and healthy relationships. Issues addressed include power and control in relationships, parenting, assertiveness, and goal-setting. Weekly groups facilitated by ALIVE advocates are held throughout Kitsap County. Childcare is provided at no charge. **Call (360) 479-1980 for Bremerton or (206) 780-2931 for North Kitsap.**

YWCA HOMEPLUS PROGRAM helps eligible families access and maintain permanent housing through financial assistance and ongoing advocacy. **Call (360) 479-0522.**

VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING. YWCA Staff organizes and facilitates two 30-hour Victim Services Trainings annually. Topics include: identifying and understanding the dynamics of domestic violence, effects of domestic violence on children, law enforcement and criminal justice system responses, and advocacy-based counseling skills. Sliding scale fee. **Call (360) 479-0491.**

VOLUNTEER SERVICES. Volunteers are gladly welcomed. **Call (360) 479-0522.**

SERVICES IN SPANISH are available. Para la ayuda en español, llame por favor **(360) 479-0522.**

~ YWCA Special Events ~

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT Recognition Luncheon is an annual event that honors women whose contributions through their careers, volunteerism, philanthropy, and mentorship have made them role models in our community. Nominations are accepted from the community-at-large in January and February, and the luncheon is held in April.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH is October. During the 3rd week of October, the YWCA observes "A Week Without Violence" in conjunction with YWCA's throughout the USA. Events include a faith forum, children's project, and the distribution of educational information throughout Kitsap County.