

**YWCA ALIVE (Alternatives to Living In a Violent Environment) SHELTER PROGRAM** provides temporary-emergency housing for women and children affected by domestic violence. Residents receive advocacy-based counseling, children's activities, housing and employment advocacy, support groups, food, clothing, and transportation. Confidentially located. **For additional information, contact: (360) 479-1980 or the Toll-Free Crisis Line at (800) 500-5513.**

**YWCA ALIVE LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM** offers support for domestic violence victims through the judicial process, court accompaniment, safety planning, advocacy-based counseling, information and referral services, assistance obtaining restraining/protection/anti-harassment orders, filing Crime Victims Compensation Claims, and enrollment in the Address Confidentiality Program. Bi-lingual (Spanish speaking) service also provided. **For additional information, contact: (360) 479-0491.**

**YWCA ALIVE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND/NORTH KITSAP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM** is a YWCA satellite program offering crisis response, safety planning, legal advocacy, advocacy-based counseling, children's support services, and weekly community-based support groups. Confidentially located. **For additional information, contact: (206) 780-2931 or (360) 551-3140.**

**YWCA ALIVE/DSHS WorkFirst PROJECT** provides Domestic Violence case management services for clients referred by the DSHS Bremerton Community Services Office. An ALIVE Advocate assists WorkFirst program participants in addressing the issues of domestic violence identified as a barrier to successful welfare-to-work transitions. **For additional information, contact: (360) 473-2282.**

**YWCA ALIVE COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT GROUPS** held weekly at several different times and locations throughout Kitsap County. Facilitated by ALIVE domestic violence advocates, participants address issues including, but not limited to: conflict resolution, power and control in relationships, parenting, assertiveness, and goal setting. Childcare is provided at no charge. **For additional information, contact: (206) 780-2931 for Bainbridge Island/Poulsbo or (360) 479-1980 for Bremerton.**

**VICTIMS SERVICES TRAINING** YWCA Staff organizes and facilitates two (2) 30 hour Victim's Services Trainings, annually (generally in the Spring and Fall). Topics include, but are not limited to: Dynamics of Domestic Violence, How to Identify Domestic Violence, Advocacy-based counseling skills, the effects of domestic violence on children, etc. Upon completion of training, certification is received. Sliding scale fee. **For additional information, contact: (360) 479-0491.**

**YWCA FAMILY OUTREACH AND YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM** provides a "safety net" of supportive services for individuals and families who are in need of YWCA resources and/or referrals to other community resources. Targeted populations include: families with children at-risk for abuse and neglect, and at-risk youth. Family Outreach Advocates meet individually with participants at the YWCA Community Center or during 'home visits'. Services include, but are not limited to: parenting education, advocacy-based counseling, monthly support groups, goal setting, case management, stress management, food and clothing. The Family Outreach Program also coordinates the Holiday Adopt-A-Family and the Back-to-School Projects. **For additional information, contact: (360) 479-0522.**

**YWCA KIDS KAMP (Kids Are Making Progress)** provides educational and fun activities and field trips for youth ages 8-12. **For additional information, contact: (360) 479-0522**

**YWCA PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING CLOSET PROJECT** provides professional and dressy attire for women and men. **To donate to the Professional Clothing Closet and for additional information, contact: (360) 479-0522.**

**VOLUNTEER SERVICES.** Volunteers are gladly welcomed. For additional info contact (360) 479-0622. **Please also contact the YWCA for a "Wish List" of needed items for program participants.**

*The YWCA is an EOE, and further forbids discrimination on the basis of sex, age, disability, race, creed, national origin, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, veteran status, marital or family status.*

## YWCA SPECIAL EVENTS

Every April the "Women of Achievement" Recognition Luncheon honors women whose contributions through their careers, volunteerism, philanthropy, and mentorship have made them role models in our community. Nominations for "Women of Achievement" are received from the community-at-large. Nominations can be submitted in January and February.

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** During the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October, the YWCA observes "A Week Without Violence" in conjunction with YWCAs throughout the USA. Events include the "Unity Luncheon", a Faith Forum, a children's project, and the distribution of educational information throughout Kitsap County. **For additional information, contact: (360) 479-0522.**

The "Strawberry, Chocolate, and Champagne – Evening of Fun" Fundraiser is an exciting summer event. The festivities include Silent and Live Auctions and Entertainment...and of course...strawberries, chocolate and champagne. All proceeds directly benefit YWCA Programs. For additional information contact (360) 479-0522.



ANNUALLY, the **YWCA of Kitsap County** provides supportive services to over 5,000 women, men, and children.

Our effectiveness is directly attributed to the many volunteers and supporters who join us in serving our community.

Domestic Violence is a community problem, affecting all of our lives. Domestic Violence is progressive, cyclical, and generative in nature. Domestic Violence knows no economic, ethnic, or social boundaries. Children are often the hidden victims. Without effective prevention and intervention, patterns of family violence can escalate in frequency and severity.

**It is the responsibility of the YWCA of Kitsap County to join with others in working towards a coordinated response to domestic violence.**

The **YWCA of Kitsap County** encourages you to join us in working towards our goals through membership, volunteering, serving on sub-committees or as a member of the Board of Directors.

The **YWCA of Kitsap County** is an open door activist organization providing continuity in its programs and community outreach, by a diverse professional staff, in order to build bridges, provide a safe haven, and empower the community towards individual and family wholeness and wellness.

## YWCA Community Center

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**Office Hours  
Monday through Thursday  
8:00am to 5:00pm  
Friday  
8:00am to 12:00pm**

**The YWCA Community Center invites community members to make use of its spacious multipurpose room and/or business meeting room available to reserve and rent for a minimal fee.**

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**The YWCA of  
Kitsap County  
is dedicated to  
eliminating  
discrimination,  
and to the spirit  
of inclusion,  
positive social  
changes and  
Response-Ability**



The YWCA is a Member Agency of the  
United Way of Kitsap County

Since 1948, the YWCA has provided programs and services aimed towards **enriching lives, providing hope, supporting empowerment, and helping families** to overcome obstacles.



**Mission Statement:**

*The Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America is a women's membership movement nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by the richness of many beliefs and values. Strengthened by diversity, the Association draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.*

*The Association will thrust its collective power towards the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary.*

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