

Program Overview

The Sexual Assault Center of Family Services provides services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for victims of sexual assault and their families and friends. Services are confidential and free of charge, and provided to anyone regardless of age, race, or gender. Support services include crisis intervention, supportive counseling, follow-up assistance, support groups, medical and legal advocacy, and community education to reduce the occurrence of sexual assault.

Who We Serve

Men, women, and children of any age throughout Brown, Door, and Oconto Counties whose lives have been affected by sexual abuse or assault. **2006: 1,525 primary and secondary victims assisted.**

A Story of Success

A volunteer advocate from the Sexual Assault Center was called to a local hospital to help a woman in her late 40 s who had been sexually assaulted. Danni had been at a bar with friends when she became suddenly ill. She walked to the bathroom and the next thing she remembered was waking up at the hospital. After a series of examinations, it was determined that she had been the victim of a date rape drug. Her advocate supported her through the SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) exam and provided her with information about the services offered by the Sexual Assault Center.

Three days after their first meeting, Danni came to the Sexual Assault Center in an extremely emotional state. A counselor worked with her to set up an ongoing support system and treatment plan. Danni met with the counselor on bi-weekly basis as she was beginning to remember pieces of the assault and was very distressed. Her counselor referred her to a Therapist for on-going therapy.

Three weeks after the assault, Danni was asked to leave her friend s house where she was currently residing. With little money and no where to go, she contacted the sexual assault hot line for assistance. A volunteer advocate met with Danni to provide emotional support and connected her with other community resources that could provide temporary assistance with food and shelter.

Throughout this time, Danni suffered from anxiety and depression caused by the uncertainty of her situation. She was increasingly having flashbacks of the assault. However, with hard work and persistence, she continued to attend her therapy sessions and worked hard with her Sexual Assault Advocate to remain positive and stay focused on her future. After a month of transitional living through local churches and non-profits, Danni was approved for an apartment. She now has a safe place to live and is able to continue on-going therapy to help her manage the effects of the abuse.

The Sexual Assault Center has offices at 300 Crooks Street in Green Bay, 827 N 8th Avenue in Sturgeon Bay, and 1201 Main Street in Oconto.

The above story is an example of the type of children, individuals and families we serve. Names, ages, and other personal information have been changed to protect the client's confidentiality.

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