

Carrel House

Program Goal - The goal of Carrel House is to assist women and children who are homeless due to domestic violence. They will obtain knowledge and skills that will enable them to understand their situation while providing a safe environment in which they can obtain necessary tools that will empower them to lead successful lives.

Program Information

- Carrel House is a two-unit transitional home for women and children who are homeless due to fleeing a domestic violence situation.
- Apartments are two-bedrooms, unfurnished, with appliances provided.
- Women may reside at Carrel House for up to twelve months while they engage in supportive services to become more independent, financially self-sufficient and look to obtain permanent housing (Extensions may be granted in extenuating circumstances at the discretion of program staff).



Program Guidelines

- Residents must be 18 years of age or older and must be homeless due to fleeing a domestic violence situation.
- Residents will be able to have no more than two children living at the residence and children must be under 18 years of age.
- Residents will attend and participate in weekly individual counseling sessions and support group.
- Residents are responsible for finding gainful employment or enrolling in an educational training program within six weeks of occupancy (minimum of 25 hours per week).
- Rent is determined on a sliding scale based on the resident's income.
- Residents will be required to attend a variety of programs, workshops and children's programs available at the YWCA of the Tonawandas.
- Pets are not permitted at Carrel House.

Facts

Our nation's lack of affordable housing can dramatically reduce options for women experiencing domestic violence, trapping them in abusive situations or forcing them and their children to become homeless if they leave. Women living in poverty are especially vulnerable. Despite this, domestic violence often becomes so severe that women leave their homes, even when they have no place to go. In fact, domestic violence is a major cause of homelessness in this country.

- Ninety-two percent of homeless women have experienced severe physical and/or sexual assault at some point in their lives.
- In a 1998 study, 22 percent of 777 individuals surveyed stated that they had fled their home because of domestic violence.
- In a 2002 report by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 44 percent of the cities surveyed identified domestic violence as the primary cause of homelessness.
- Victims and survivors of domestic violence have trouble finding apartments because they may have poor credit, rental, and employment histories as a result of their abuse (Statistics provided by the Family Violence Prevention Fund).



YWCA Programs

Individual Counseling – A professional counselor can help you achieve safety, independence, and increased self-confidence

Support Groups – Provides women with a supportive environment for planning a non-violent future. Domestic violence education, enhancing self-esteem, combating anger and depression, are addressed.

Advocacy – We can accompany you to Criminal, Family or Supreme Court; to the police, Department of Social Services, to help you through the system.

Child Care – Available free of charge to allow women to attend vocational programs and participate in supportive services.

Community Education – We provide speakers to any group or organization interested in learning about family or dating violence.

Community Referrals – We make referrals on your behalf to other local agencies, ensuring all your needs are met.

Housing – We can arrange for you to receive temporary emergency shelter at the nearest available shelter. Referrals also made for permanent housing.

Follow Up – We continue to support clients of our program through continued contact.

Career & Education – We can assist you in preparing a resume and filling out admission and financial aid forms for school.

Parenting Education – 6-week classes.



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