

# 50 REASONS TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES

Domestic violence affects 1 in 4 families	Alternatives provides a dating violence prevention program	Domestic violence can be an inter-generational cycle
Alternatives sheltered 335 women & children in FY 2009/2010 (169 women and 166 children)	3,415 teens participated in Alternatives' dating violence prevention program in FY 2009/2010	Alternatives has served three generations of three families during our 32-year history
Since opening the doors of the original shelter in January 1981, Alternatives has sheltered 11,014 women & children	Alternatives staff trained 318 professionals about domestic violence in FY 2009/2010	Studies show that children are being physically abused in approximately half the families where the mother is a known victim of domestic assault
The oldest woman sheltered was 79 years of age	12,048 individuals attended presentations about Alternatives in FY 2009/2010	Of the 169 women sheltered last year, 91 were also abused as a child
Indiana has 28 domestic violence shelters to serve all 92 counties	Volunteers donated 2,570 hours of service to Alternatives in FY 2009/2010	44 of the abusive husbands/partners were abused as a child
Alternatives' primary service area is Madison, Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, and Tipton Counties	Alternatives provides an afterschool and summer program for children residing in all of this community's shelters—Kid Connection—a partnership with Anderson Community School Corporation	When a victim leaves the abuser, violence does not always stop
Non-Shelter programs are important—only 2% of domestic violence victims seek shelter	24 children participated in Kid Connection in FY 2009/2010	74% of domestic violence victims report their abusers harass them at work
251 victims were served through Alternatives' non-shelter (Outreach) program in FY 2009/2010	Alternatives completed construction of a new facility on the campus of Community Hospital in October 2005	Employers can be held liable for injuries or deaths in their workplace caused by domestic violence
26 of the victims served in non-shelter programming were males	The new facility has 30 emergency beds and 5 units of transitional housing	Alternatives offers a domestic violence training program for employers—FREE!
96 victims received our assistance in filing a protective order in FY 2009/2010	The new facility includes an Employment Training Center in partnership with several community agencies	Animal abuse is often a precursor to domestic violence
Alternatives' staff responded to 5,121 calls on the crisis line in FY 2009/2010	The Madison County Sexual Assault Treatment Center is located in Alternatives' facility	Nearly half of women entering shelters say their pets were threatened, injured or killed by their abuser
30% of all domestic violence battering begins during a pregnancy	Alternatives has a full-time office in Greenfield to serve Hancock County—317-462-8777	Alternatives trained 143 healthcare professionals in FY 2009/2010
Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and families	Alternatives has a full-time office in Elwood to serve that city and Tipton County—765-552-1038	30% of women presenting with injuries in Emergency Departments are the result of domestic violence
Domestic violence is one of the least reported crimes—the FBI estimates only ¼ of domestic violence cases are reported	"No Room for Domestic Violence" is a partnership with 15 Madison County law enforcement departments	Community donations help Alternatives leverage state and federal grant funds
64% of Americans say it is hard to recognize domestic violence—Alternatives can help you know the signs!	Through this partnership, Madison County law enforcement departments have increased their domestic violence arrest rate from 29% in 1997 to 74% in 2009—50% is the national average	Donations of at least \$100 to Alternatives are eligible for a 50% tax credit from the Indiana Department of Revenue
20% of teenage girls have experienced dating violence	Research concludes arrest is the single greatest factor in preventing domestic violence injuries and deaths	<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!</b>
40% of teenage girls age 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend	Alternatives trained 387 law enforcement officers in FY 2009/2010	<b>SPEAK OUT!</b>