

100 Reasons to Support Alternatives

1. Domestic violence affects 1 in 4 families
2. Without a doubt, YOU know someone who is a victim or a survivor
3. There is **NO** excuse for domestic violence
4. 56 persons will become a victim of domestic violence every hour
5. Since opening the doors of the original shelter in January 1981, Alternatives has sheltered 10,288 women and children
6. Indiana has 31 domestic violence shelters to serve all 92 counties
7. Alternatives' primary service area is Madison, Marion, Hamilton, Hancock and Henry Counties
8. Alternatives sheltered 393 women and children in FY 2007/2008
9. 198 of those sheltered were adult women
10. The oldest woman sheltered was 79 years of age
11. 82 of the women sheltered were also abused as a child
12. 51 of the abusive husbands/partners were abuse as a child
13. 195 of those sheltered were children
14. 4 of the children sheltered had been physically or sexually abused and required medical treatment
15. Women and families enter the shelter 365 days a year, 24 hours a day
16. Domestic violence has no socio-economic boundaries
17. Domestic violence is one of the least reported crimes—the FBI estimates only ¼ of domestic violence cases are reported
18. Seven out of ten domestic violence victims tell someone they are being abused
19. 4 of the women served by Alternatives in FY 2007/2008 were victims of human trafficking
20. Each year an estimated 14,500-17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the United States
21. Non-Shelter programs are important—only 2% of domestic violence victims seek shelter
22. 174 victims were served through Alternatives' non-shelter (Outreach) program in FY 2007/2008
23. 7 of the victims served in non-shelter programming were males
24. 45 victims received our assistance in filing a protective order in FY 2007/2008
25. Alternatives' outreach staff are on-call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to respond to victims
26. The Women's Fund of Central Indiana says domestic violence, caregiving stress and poverty are the top three issues of concern for Central Indiana women
27. Donations of at least \$100 to Alternatives are eligible for a 50% tax credit from the Indiana Dept. of Revenue
28. At least 3 women are murdered by their husband or boyfriend in this country every day
29. Alternatives' staff responded to 10,828 calls on the crisis line in FY 2007/2008
30. 30% of all domestic violence battering begins during a pregnancy
31. Each year over 324,000 pregnant women are victims of domestic violence in this country
32. One in six pregnant women report physical or sexual abuse during pregnancy
33. An investigation into the suicides of women within one year of their giving birth found that there was a known or suspected history of domestic violence in two out of five cases
34. Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and families
35. 64% of Americans say it is hard to recognize domestic violence—Alternatives can help you know the signs!
36. 69% of Americans say they would take action if and when they recognize domestic violence—would you?
37. 20% of teenage girls have experienced dating violence
38. Date rape accounts for 70% of the sexual assaults reported by teens and college students
39. 40% of teenage girls age 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend
40. Only 16% of date rapes are reported
41. Alternatives provides a dating violence prevention program with funding Indiana Department of Health
42. 2,349 teens participated in Alternatives' dating violence prevention program in FY 2007/2008
43. Community donations help Alternatives leverage state and federal grant funds
44. Alternatives staff trained 408 professionals about domestic violence in FY 2007/2008
45. Alternatives is certified by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as a domestic violence trainer for police officers
46. Alternatives trained 514 law enforcement officers in FY 2007/2008
47. 14,638 individuals attended presentations about Alternatives in FY 2007/2008
48. Volunteers donated 2,380 hours of service to Alternatives in FY 2007/2008
49. Woman abuse is child abuse!
50. The U. S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse suggests that domestic violence may be the single greatest precursor to child abuse and neglect fatalities in the United States
51. Fire stations in Anderson, Alexandria and Elwood serve as Safe Haven sites for children in partnership with Alternatives
52. The Pendleton Police Station serves as a Safe Haven site for the Pendleton area



53. Alternatives was the first Indiana domestic violence shelter to implement programs for children—the in-shelter preschool, Kids' Place, was launched in 1986
54. 28 preschoolers attended Kids' Place in FY 2007/2008
55. 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
56. 34 children participated in Kid Connection in FY 2007/2008
57. In 1999, the late Governor Frank O'Bannon designated Alternatives as one of the top three Indiana shelters for services to children
58. Alternatives has been in operation since November 1978
59. Alternatives operates the statewide toll-free crisis line for domestic violence—800-332-7365
60. Alternatives completed construction of a new facility on the campus of Community Hospital in October 2005
61. The new facility has 30 emergency beds and 5 units of transitional housing
62. The new facility includes an Employment Training Center in partnership with several community agencies
63. The Madison County Sexual Assault Treatment Center is located in Alternatives' facility
64. Every 41 seconds an adult woman is raped
65. Only 16% of rapes are reported to police
66. 1 in 10 men are raped in their lifetime
67. Alternatives is a certified member of the United Way of Madison County, United Way of Central Indiana and United Fund of Henry County
68. Alternatives has a full-time office in Greenfield to serve Hancock County—317-462-8777
69. Alternatives has a part-time office in Elwood and an Elwood crisis line—765-552-1038
70. You can support Alternatives by donating used cellular telephones
71. Alternatives and United Way of Madison County received national recognition for the program "There's No Room for Domestic Violence in Madison County"
72. "No Room for Domestic Violence" is a partnership with 15 Madison County law enforcement departments
73. Through the partnership, Madison County law enforcement departments have increased their domestic violence arrest rate from 29% in 1997 to 71% in 2007—50% is the national average
74. Research concludes arrest is the single greatest factor in preventing domestic violence injuries and deaths
75. Domestic violence is a major concern for employers
76. Alternatives provided 554 employment managers with domestic violence training in FY 2007/2008
77. 74% of domestic violence victims report their abusers harass them at work
78. Domestic violence costs employers from \$3 to \$5 billion annually in lost work time and reduced productivity
79. Homicide is the leading cause of death for women on the job, and 17% of those were murdered by their husband or partner at the workplace
80. Employers can be held liable for injuries or deaths in their workplace caused by domestic violence
81. Alternatives offers a domestic violence training program for employers—FREE!
82. Employers can file a protective order for their workplace if an employee is being harassed at work by their abusive spouse, ex-spouse or partner
83. Alternatives assists employers in filing the protective orders—FREE!
84. Domestic violence can be an inter-generational cycle
85. Alternatives has served three generations of three families during our 29-year history
86. Slightly more than 1/2 of domestic violence victims live in households with children under the age of 12
87. Studies show that children are being physically abused in approximately half the families where the mother is a known victim of domestic assault
88. Men who as children witnessed their parents' domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own wives than sons of nonviolent parents
89. Children who witness domestic violence may suffer acute and long-term emotional disturbances, including nightmares, depression, learning difficulties, and aggressive behavior
90. When a victim leaves the abuser, violence does not always stop
91. One in four domestic violence attacks involve persons who are divorced
92. Current or former husbands are the perpetrators 38% of the time in stalking cases
93. One in five domestic violence incidents involve a weapon
94. Animal abuse is often a precursor to domestic violence
95. Nearly half of women entering shelters say their pets were threatened, injured or killed by their abuser
96. Domestic violence is a crime—and a healthcare issue
97. Alternatives trained 1,177 healthcare professionals in FY 2007/2008
98. 30% of women presenting with injuries in Emergency Departments are the result of domestic violence
99. The AMA reports that every year, domestic violence results in almost 100,000 days of hospitalizations, almost 30,000 emergency department visits, and almost 40,000 visits to a physician
- 100. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!**