Who We Are

Since 1948, the YWCA has provided programs and services aimed at enriching lives, providing hope, supporting empowerment, and helping families and individuals build tools for self-reliance.

We are an open door organization encouraging all members of our community to be active in eliminating discrimination, promoting equality, and to supporting community efforts that improve the lives of Kitsap families. We are proud of our diversity reflecting the make-up of our community, through our staff, our Board of Directors, our volunteers and our base of supporters.

We are a lead agency in the Kitsap Community in the areas of domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, including our longest running program—the YWCA ALIVE Program.

The strong link between family violence, child abuse and child neglect cannot be ignored. Our YWCA Family Outreach Program offers multiple components working with at-risk youth, pregnant and parenting teens and families with children at-risk for neglect and abuse.

YWCA Locations and How to Contact Us

All programs sites are handicap accessible. If special provisions are needed, please call us at 360.479.0522 or for hearing and speech impaired, call TTY 1.800.833.6388.

24 Hour Crisis Line
Toll Free 1.800.500.5513 Local 360.479.1980

YWCA Community Center
905 Pacific Avenue
PO Box 559
Bremerton, WA 98337
PH: 360.479.0522  FX: 360.479.0484
Legal Advocates: 360.479.0491
Email: ywca@dono1.net
Hours: M-F 8:30AM—4:30PM

YWCA ALIVE Shelter
Confidentially Located
PH: 360.479.5118 FX: 360.479.2460

YWCA ALIVE North Kitsap/Bainbridge Island Domestic Violence Program
Confidentially Located
PO Box 137
Rolling Bay, WA 98061
PH: 206.780.2931 or 360.551.3140
FX: 206.855.8434

DSHS WorkFirst/YWCA ALIVE Family Interventionist
PH: 360.478.4816  FX: 360.478.6475

I want to feel SAFE - my current or former partner has hurt me or has threatened to hurt me.

I am STRUGGLING to care for my children and need resources.

I am a pregnant or parenting teen and don’t know where to turn for HELP.
YWCA ALIVE Program provides services and resources to individuals and their children affected by domestic violence in order to increase their safety.

- The YWCA ALIVE Emergency Shelter provides 24-hour, 365 days a year emergency shelter for female victims of domestic violence (DV) and their children. The shelter's 17 beds are often at capacity and is handicap accessible. During their stay, residents receive advocacy-based counseling, coping skills and assertiveness training, housing, medical, and legal advocacy services and health information and actively work on Individual Plans. Phone: 360.479.1980; Toll Free Crisis Line: 1.800.500.5513.

- YWCA ALIVE Children's Support Services serves a special need in our shelter for programs targeting children who have witnessed and/or been victims of abuse. These programs include video and pizza parties, arts and craft projects, birthday and holiday celebrations, field trips, and more. These activities help provide respite care and also allow the children to participate in safe, fun, structured activities during their stay at the shelter.

- YWCA ALIVE Legal Advocacy offers victims support through the criminal process with advocacy-based counseling, appearing in court with victims, help with community resources, obtaining restraining orders, anti-harassment orders, protection orders and assist with Crime Victims Compensation claims, and enroll persons in the Advocacy Confidentiality Program. Also offered are safety planning, assistance in obtaining shelter, and community education. Phone: 360.479.0491.

- Our satellite programs serving the north end of Kitsap County, the YWCA ALIVE Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap Domestic Violence Program, offers crisis response, safety planning, advocacy-based counseling, legal advocacy, community referrals, and community education. Phone: 206.780.2931 or 360.551.3140.

- YWCA ALIVE Community Based Support Groups are for women only and meet in several locations at various times in Kitsap County. These are facilitated meetings helping women discuss issues of power and control in relationships, assertiveness training, support and referrals for those currently experiencing DV or for survivors of DV. These are free and offer free child care. Pre-screening is required. Phone: 206.780.2931 (Poulsbo); 360.479.5118 (Bremerton and Port Orchard).

- WorkFirst/YWCA ALIVE Family Interventionist Program provides DV case management services from the DSHS Bremerton Community Services Office. Our advocate there helps WorkFirst program participants to address the issues of DV which has been identified as a major barrier to successful welfare to work transitions. Phone: 360.478.4846.

YWCA Family Outreach Program provides targeted services and resources to struggling families and at-risk youth to strengthen the foundation for a strong and healthy future.

- The YWCA Family Visitor Program works with families who are struggling with making ends meet, who may need resources to improve parenting skills, who may need basic needs assistance or who may need an advocate to help them negotiate what resources are needed. Family Advocates work with families to set goals, to help work through self-esteem issues, stress management, and housing information. Phone: 360.479.0522.

- There are few avenues for a pregnant and parenting teen to learn about available resources, get support from peers and par-