

A user-friendly GUIDE TO

# Domestic Violence

FOR FAMILIES in Macomb County



## About This Book

This *Small Book* is designed to assist families in locating free or low-cost community services in Macomb County and is designed to be user-friendly.

The book first lists a "SITUATION" followed by a short descriptive phrase about each of the known services listed for that situation, an explanation of the services and eligibility requirements (if applicable), and finally, the telephone number for the service.

This book lists services by a service category, not by agency. This helps to speed the finding of needed services. For the most part, only Macomb County resources are listed. Exceptions to this are out-of-county resources included if a Macomb County facility is filled or county or state services that may be accessed in Macomb County.

To aid you in your use of this book, you will notice the following format: Each "*Situation*" is enclosed in a black box to differentiate it from other situations.

The symbol (~) is placed in front of each new service under that category. All known services for a situation are grouped under it regardless of what agency offers those services.

As names of agencies and programs frequently change, please note that the former name is indicated in brackets { }.

Every effort has been made to assure that the information is up-to-date and accurate. Due to the dynamic nature of organizations, information changes often.

We hope that you enjoy this resource and that you are able to locate help more quickly. For your information, *Small Books* are available on the following topics:

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**SITUATION: A female is a victim of domestic violence and wants to report the situation.**

The procedure for a female who has been domestically assaulted is:

1. Get herself (and her children) to a safe place.
2. Contact the police department in the city where the assault took place to file a complaint.
3. Seek medical treatment, if necessary. If there has been sexual abuse, it is extremely important to seek medical attention.
4. Obtain information about emergency shelter, counseling services and legal rights as a victim of domestic violence from Turning Point\*, (586) 463-6990.
5. Legal rights include the right to go to court and file a petition requesting a Personal Protection Order\* (PPO\*) which is an injunctive order to prohibit a person from specified conduct, including "*stalking*" which is defined as "*a willful course of conduct involving repeated or continuing harassment of another individual . . .*" (MCLA 650.411h). A PPO restrains or prohibits the respondent from certain behaviors such as:
  - a. *Following or appearing within proximity of her person.*
  - b. *Approaching her in any fashion, such as a public place, workplace, residence, or on private property.*
  - c. *Entering onto or remaining on property she owns, leases or occupies.*
  - d. *Contacting her by telephone, mail, or electronic communications.*

*e. Placing an object on, or delivering an object to property she owns, leases or occupies.*

f. Threatening to kill or inflict physical injury on her.

g. Remove children if she has legal custody.

(More and specific details on PPOs can be obtained by calling Turning Point, (586) 463-6990 or the Macomb County PPO Assistance Center, (586) 469-7494.)

6. If financial loss has been experienced due to a personal injury as a result of being a victim of crime, crime victims compensation may be available. Call (586) 469-5675.
7. Obtain a copy of the police incident report for the case by contacting the local law enforcement agency.
8. Contact the police agency to ascertain the status of the complaint.
9. If the suspect has been arrested, a bond may be set and the suspect may be released. Call the local police agency or the Macomb County Sheriff's Department at (586) 469-5151 to find out if the suspect is still in custody.

**SITUATION: A female is a victim of domestic violence and needs shelter.**

- ❖ **Free temporary emergency shelter for female victims of domestic violence and their children, advocacy and counseling services** are available from Turning Point\*, (586) 463-6990 (24-hour line).

**SITUATION: A female victim of domestic violence needs support.**

- ❖ **Group counseling for victims of domestic violence** is available from Turning Point\*, (586) 463-6990 (24-hour line).
- ❖ **Educational support group to female residents of Turning Point\*** on such issues as safety, court procedures, etc. is available at Turning Point\*, (586) 463-6990 (24 hour line).

**SITUATION: A perpetrator of domestic assault needs services.**

- ❖ **Comprehensive services for batterers** are available using the Alternative to Domestic Aggression (ADA) model. Five levels of care are provided: assessment; referrals for detoxification; inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services; monitoring of outpatient substance abuse treatment; intensive outpatient group treatment with educational and therapeutic components; and individual outpatient treatment.

*With male perpetrators of battering, it has been recognized that the preferred service modality involves group treatment. Individual treatment may be provided in cases of exception, where individuals have a medical or mental impairment, an acute psychiatric disorder, or significant language barrier which would interfere with group participation (Source: Governor's Task Force for Batterer Intervention Standards for Michigan). Referrals may be made through the courts; Macomb County Crisis Center\*, (586) 307-9100; Turning Point\*, (586) 463-6990; or self-referral. Available from:*

Macomb Family Services*	(586) 226-3440
Catholic Services of Macomb	(586) 416-2300
New Haven Community Services	(810) 734-4082







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For the complete Resource Directory, please go to [www.misd.net/connection](http://www.misd.net/connection)





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