

# 2023 Year In Review

## Project Woman

### MISSION-DRIVEN

Since 1974, Project Woman has been dedicated to ending domestic violence and sexual assault in Clark and Champaign Counties by providing survivor-centered, trauma-informed services and programs to protect, educate, and empower.

### IMPACTFUL

In 2023 Project Woman staff provided thousands of vital services, safe shelter nights, and crisis call responses to those affected by domestic or sexual violence

### Numbers Served

**849** Survivors Served  
**6,941** Shelter Bed Nights  
**7,027** Transitional Bed Nights  
**1,079** Crisis Line Calls Received

Type of Service	# Served	# Times
Hospital/ Law Enforcement Response	160	175
Protection Order Assistance	155	164
Other Criminal Justice Advocacy	273	860
Safety Plans	613	1008
Housing Advocacy	211	717
Transportation	325	605
Empowerment/Support Groups	397	130
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>3,659</b>

### ENGAGED

Project Woman extends its impact by engaging with partners and stakeholders to address the complex issues of domestic and sexual violence as well as to provide community awareness and prevention education.

### Young Women's Mission Receive Purple Ribbon Award

Project Woman honored the Young Women's Mission during DIVA Night Out, awarding them the Purple Ribbon Award for their ongoing commitment to the mission of Project Woman, unwavering advocacy for survivors, and the long history of volunteerism the YWM members have given to Project Woman!

### Erin's Law

Erin's Law, mandates all public schools provide sexual abuse prevention education for grades K-6 and sexual violence prevention education for grades 7-12. Project Woman offers prevention education to local schools to fulfill the requirements of Erin's Law. The prevention team utilizes the All Ready curriculum developed by the Community Health Foundation and Project Woman, and the Safe Dates curriculum, an evidence-based program published by Hazelden Publishing. Topics in each curriculum include: effective communication, healthy relationships, dating abuse recognition and prevention, and sexual violence prevention.



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# WHAT SURVIVORS HAVE TO SAY.....

"The care I was given was great  
Thank you for the time to process  
what happened to me"

"They [advocates] listened to me and  
they did everything they could to help me  
in my situation."

"I was able to get shared custody  
of my son and housing because  
of your amazing team!"

"Everything about this program  
was extremely helpful. From my  
advocate always helping me  
anytime I needed anything, to the  
shelter staff, always making us  
feel welcome and comfortable."

"How helpful all of the staff was,  
that I was not turned away.  
My advocate explained everything  
in a way that was easy to  
understand. She is very caring!"

Quotes collected from the Attorney General Survey given to survivors in services including shelter, transitional housing, and advocacy services in 2023.

## ACCREDITED

Project Woman achieved full national accreditation with a perfect score from the New York-based Council on Accreditation (COA) through December 31, 2025. COA is the independent, not-for-profit accreditor of community-based behavioral health care and social service organizations for the United States and Canada. All staff participated in a detailed review and analysis of Project Woman's administration, management, programs, and service delivery against standards of best practices.

The accreditation standards ensure that services are well-coordinated, culturally competent, evidence-based, outcomes-oriented, and provided by a skilled and supported workforce. "COA accreditation lets our stakeholders and the community know that we have demonstrated accountability in the management of our resources and have met the standards for best practices in our programs, services, and administration," said Laura Baxter, Project Woman executive director.

