

A center support and crisis intervention in Wałbrzych

Address: Wałbrzych, Ogrodowa Street 2a

Domestic violence is intentional, and use the advantage of force operation directed against family members, violating rights and personal interests, causing pain and psychological damage, physical, and material.

Domestic violence under the Act of 29 July 2005 on combating domestic violence is:

“Single or repeated act or omission intentionally violate the law or the personal interests of family members, especially those that expose persons to danger of loss of life, health, affecting their dignity, physical integrity, including sexual freedom, that cause damage to their physical or mental health, and also causes suffering and moral damage to persons affected by violence”.

A center support and crisis intervention in Wałbrzych lead in their structures, two centers:

- Specialist support center for victims of domestic violence from October 1, 2006;
- Crisis intervention center from January 1, 2007

Crisis intervention center

- Aid is granted to residents of the county Wałbrzych;
- Crisis intervention centre is a fixed base by providing assistance through crisis intervention and provides guidance on the people and families in crisis in order to restore mental balance and self-coping skills, thus preventing the passage of crisis response in chronic mental insufficiency and mental state;
- The crisis intervention shall be granted immediate specialist psychological support and, depending on your needs - social and legal counseling;
- In justified cases of crisis intervention center provides shelter to people and children in the hostel for three months (all day);
- Crisis intervention center provides interim stay all day for no more than forty people;
- Crisis intervention includes individuals and families regardless of their income.

Specialist Support Centre for Victims of Domestic Violence provides the following services on an intervention:

- providing shelter to a victim of domestic violence and children who in her care, without referral and without regard to income, for up to three months with a possible extension in cases justified by the victims of domestic violence;
- Protecting victims of domestic violence against the person using violence in the family;
- providing immediate psychological and legal assistance and arranging immediately an access to medical care if the state of health of the victim of domestic violence requires it;
- The diagnosis of the situation of victims of domestic violence and risk assessment of threats to security of the victim or her children in her care, and assistance other than the above.

Centre provides the following services in the therapeutic and supportive fields:

- diagnosing the problem in the family;
- develop an individualized plan for aiding the victim of domestic violence taking into account: the needs, objectives, methods and duration of assistance;
- providing counseling: medical, psychological, legal, social;
- conducting support groups or therapy groups for victims of domestic violence;
- conducting individual therapy aimed at supporting victims of domestic violence and the skill of protection against the violent person in the family;
- providing access to medical care;
- assessment of the situation of children in this family based on community interview and provide them with support and counseling and specialist and therapeutic help;
- providing educational consultation.

In order to provide clients with comprehensive assistance of a therapeutic-support and intervention the center employs the following staff:

- child psychologist;
- psychologist for adults;
- educator;

- sociotherapist;
- therapist;
- therapist support group;
- specialist work with families;
- lawyer;
- nurse;
- police officer.

Assistance is provided to adults and children 24 hours a day throughout the year

INITIAL DIAGNOSIS

- **accommodation in the hostel ;**
- **allocation of specialist employed by the facility responsible for individual work with the client;**
- **diagnosis expanded to review the psychological, educational, family, community;**
- **preparation of work plan with the client in the following areas: psychological, familial, social, therapeutic, educational**

OR

Emergency assistance in the form of individual and group consultations, without staying in a hostel

Centre realizes the impact of correctional and educational for people using violence to:

- rest rain the violent person in the family from further use of violence;
- develop the skills of self-control and co-existence;
- recognition by the violent person in the family of its responsibility for the use of violence;
- gain and increased knowledge about the mechanisms of domestic violence;

- the skills to communicate and resolve conflicts in the family without the use of violence;
- obtain information about the possibilities of therapeutic action.

Correctional and educational activities for people using violence take place outside the facility:

- at the headquarters of the District Family Assistance Center in Wałbrzych, Street Limanowskiego 9,
- in the seat of OPS Mieroszów,
- in custody in Wałbrzych,
- in custody in Świdnica.

The number of domestic violence involved in the corrective and educational activities:

YEAR	The number of the participants	Women	Men
2007	50	12	38
2008	135	14	121
2009	111	29	82
2010	144	15	129
2011	130	8	122
Total	570	78	492

Stay in the Centre and use of specialist help is free

Thank you for your attention

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