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## ASIAN TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description:

The mission of the *Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence* is to eliminate family violence and to strengthen Asian families and communities. Founded in 1987, the Task Force represents a group of diverse Asian community leaders concerned about the incidence of domestic violence in Asian communities. Initially, the Task Force worked to educate Asian communities and battered women's service providers and develop culturally appropriate resources for battered Asian women. In 1994, the Task Force expanded its services when it opened the first battered women's shelter in New England specifically for Asian women.

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## BOSTON AREA RAPE CRISIS CENTER (BARCC)

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description:

*BARCC* provides direct services to survivors of rape and their significant others through individual and group counseling, a 24 hour confidential hotline, and medical and legal advocacy. We also provide education and training in the community to increase awareness of rape and decrease the tolerance of sexual violence. All services are free, confidential, and available in English, Spanish, French and Haitian/Creole. Currently BARCC has 11 staff members and over 100 volunteers. This past year, BARCC provided services to 15,600 women, men and adolescents throughout the greater Boston area.

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## CASA MYRNA VASQUEZ

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description:

The goal of this program is to provide a safe place for battered women and their children, as well as providing access to community resources and support.

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## EMERGE

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category:

Description: Founded in 1977, *Emerge* was the first abuser education program in the nation. Since its creation, Emerge has been a national leader in working to end violence in intimate relationships.

Emerge's *mission* is to eliminate violence in intimate relationships. In working toward this goal, Emerge seeks to educate individual abusers, prevent young people from learning to accept violence in their relationships, improve institutional responses to domestic violence, and increase public awareness about the causes and solutions to partner violence. With the development of parenting education groups for fathers, Emerge has recently expanded its mission to include a goal of helping men to become more responsible parents.

Emerge teaches that domestic violence is a learned behavior, not a disease or a sickness. Emerge supports grassroots, institutional and cultural efforts to stop partner violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Emerge recognizes that other oppressive life circumstances such as racism, poverty and homophobia create a climate that contributes to partner violence.

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## LATINA Y NINOS CENTER

Address: 263 Eustis St.  
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Contact Title: Latina Y Ninos Center  
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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category:

Description: We are an agency that serves Latino/a persons recovering from substance abuse. We service women and children. Our agency has four sites, two residential treatment centers (for women and children and for men) and two graduate supportive houses.

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## MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description: The mission of the *Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women* is to provide a permanent, effective voice for women across Massachusetts. The Commission stands for fundamental freedoms, basic human rights and the full enjoyment of life for all women throughout their lives.

The Commission Is Empowered To:

- Study, review and report on the status of women in the Commonwealth;
- Inform leaders of business, education, health care, state and local governments and the communications media of issues pertaining to women;
- Serve as a clearinghouse for information on issues pertaining to women;
- Identify and recommend qualified women for appointive positions at all levels of government, including boards and commissions;
- Promote and facilitate collaboration among local women's commissions and among women's organizations in the state.

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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE REPEAL OF ABORTION LAWS (NARAL)

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description:

*The NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts* mission is "to develop and sustain a grassroots constituency that uses the political process to guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices, including preventing unintended pregnancy, bearing healthy children and choosing safe, legal, accessible abortion."

In the face of severe national threats to our right to choose, NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts is working on many fronts to protect reproductive freedom - in elections, at the State House, at the community level, and in the media. We will need you to stand with us in the coming months as we fight restrictions proposed at the State House, work to pass the Emergency Contraception Bill, build an active and vocal pro-choice base, and prepare for the 2004 elections.

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## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW)

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description:

Our purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. This purpose includes, but is not limited to, equal rights and responsibilities in all aspects of citizenship, public service, employment, education, and family life, and it includes freedom from discrimination because of race, ethnic origin, age, marital status, sexual preference/orientation, or parenthood.

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## THE WOMEN'S CENTER

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description:

Since 1877, The Women's Union has been an advocate for women and their families. The Union's diverse programs are connected by one goal: economic self-sufficiency. Union initiatives include: supportive housing for battered women and their children; job-readiness training and mentoring for low-income women; home health care training and services for elderly and disabled adults; and statewide advocacy for economic self-sufficiency.

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## TRANSITION HOUSE

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description:

*Transition House* works towards the prevention and cessation of domestic violence (DV) through education, outreach and intervention. To achieve our mission we provide long and short-term shelter/housing services, supportive services, youth violence prevention services and empowerment skills. Our goal is to provide these services in a diverse and culturally sensitive setting that supports and empowers families to choose lifelong freedom from domestic violence. We develop innovative programs to meet the changing needs of those affected by battering. We offer safe shelter and supportive services to women and children escaping domestic violence, including housing and legal advocacy, employment and education readiness, and children's services.

Our 24-hour confidential hotline is staffed by people who speak English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole, and offers crisis intervention, supportive listening, information, and referrals.

Our Transitional Living Program (TLP) houses women for 9 to 18 months, and is often the best next step to normalization, self-sufficiency and permanent safety. The TLP provides an additional continuum of care to women and children who: have stayed at an emergency shelter, are safe enough to live in a non-confidential location, are unable to locate permanent affordable housing, and are not yet stable enough to be fully independent.

As part of our prevention efforts, the Dating Violence Intervention Program provides school-based programs designed to reach students who are involved in abusive dating relationships or who have been affected by domestic violence in their homes. The Respect Line is a statewide hotline for teens to talk to other teens about relationships or other matters.



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## WOMEN IN COMMUNITY SERVICE (WICS)

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Primary Category: Women Issues

Other Category:

Description:

*WICS* is a national, private nonprofit organization. Its mission is to reduce the number of women and youth living in poverty by promoting self-reliance and economic independence. WICS provides support to youth in transition. WICS works with youth ages 16-24 who have participated in in the Job Corps Program.

We are looking for volunteers to assist us in a variety of areas. These areas include career exploration and planning with youth, expanding our resource library, and doing some administrative work. We are always looking for volunteers that are able to work in our Boston office.

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## CASA ESPERANZA INC.

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Primary Category: Womens Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description:

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## ROSIE'S PLACE

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Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description: *Rosie's Place* is a sanctuary for poor and homeless women in Boston. Our mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment to help poor guests maintain their dignity, seek opportunity, and find security in their lives.

Founded in 1974 by Kip Tiernan, Rosie's Place was the first drop-in and emergency shelter for women in the United States. During the past 23 years, we have evolved from simply providing shelter to offering solutions: from the immediate needs of food, clothing, and shelter to the long-term needs of education, advocacy, and health care.

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## ELIZABETH STONEHOUSE

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Primary Category: Womens Issues

Other Category:

Description: *The Elizabeth Stone House (the Stone House)* is a feminist alternative mental health program, providing both residential and community-based services. It is run by women, for women. It is an environment where families heal, women grow, and reclaim control over all of the decisions which affect their lives.

We are committed to breaking cycles of violence, disempowerment and institutionalization of women in emotional distress and their children. Since our founding in 1974 by a group of former mental patients and other community women, the Stone House has served women and children from all over the country through an ever-widening array of comprehensive services. The core of the Elizabeth Stone House philosophy is that women can succeed when empowered to maintain control over their own lives.

Societal pressures, such as poverty, racism, sexism, homophobia, and single parenthood subject women to emotional distress. Violence against a woman in forms such as rape, incest, child abuse and assault further jeopardize her mental health.

Acknowledging these problems in an environment of peer support is necessary for healing. Here, with the support of other residents, staff, and volunteers, a woman learns to work step-by-step on practical goals and life skills that foster growth toward greater autonomy and reduce reliance upon government institutions and other social service providers. Upon leaving the Stone House, women are better prepared, with emotional courage and practical skills, to make and maintain permanent changes in their lives.

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## ON THE RISE, INC.

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Primary Category: Womens Issues

Other Category: Domestic Violence

Description: *On The Rise* has a unique approach to helping women who, in addition to homelessness, often face a variety of issues including physical illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental health issues. Almost every woman using On The Rise has a history of profound trauma and abuse, which often began in her childhood. Because of their past histories, many of these women have difficulty making full use of highly structured programs that are so helpful for others.

On The Rise is one of the few organizations in our area that works with women who face a multiplicity of concerns simultaneously. We help each woman develop a sense of herself that is not rooted in pathology, while we also help her address the underlying causes of her homelessness. As women slowly build trusting relationships with each other, our staff, and the larger community, they develop a sense of personal agency that is critical to their exploring new opportunities and increasing their quality of life. Over a period of time, women are able to address the complicated issues that brought them to the streets and can then move out of homelessness, permanently.

In spite of great obstacles, these women have tremendous inner strength that helps them survive. We help women channel this energy into moving beyond their day-to-day struggles. Our work is based on a woman's needs and desires as she expresses them, not as we assume them to be

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