

## PREPARING TO LEAVE!

YOU are not powerless or locked into a battering relationship forever. YOU can prepare to leave at the right time. It often takes time, mentally and emotionally to end violent relationships. While YOU are thinking about "Getting Out".

GATHER TOGETHER ORIGINALS OR COPIES OF AS MANY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS AND ITEMS:

- Birth certificates for yourself and your children
- Deed or lease to your home
- Checkbooks, extra cash and bank statements
- Car registration, title, extra keys
- Social security cards
- Marriage License
- Tax returns– W-2s
- Insurance policies and premiums
- Paycheck stubs, yours and your spouses
- Picture ID
- Joint credit cards
- Documentation of household possessions

Many of these documents will be necessary in order for you to obtain housing, public assistance, or free/ inexpensive legal services. However, if you are in immediate danger and find a chance to leave, **DO SO.**

**DELLA GILL/ JOYCE H. WILLIAMS HOTLINE**

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**METRO HOTLINE**

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**Giving Women & Children Hope**



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*Embracing the Community*



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**Della Gill/ Joyce H. Williams  
Center**

**for Battered Women & their Children**



Violence against women is more than a physical assault. It is an attack on a woman's dignity and freedom.

## HISTORY

In 1980, Friends of Yates received a grant from the Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration and also from United Way to open the first and only battered women's shelter in Wyandotte County. Within 24 hours of its opening, the shelter was full.

In January of 1983, the Wyandotte County Battered Women's Shelter officially changed its name to the **Rebecca Vincson Center** who was a prominent African-American political leader who was vested in issues affecting women and children. The shelter proudly carried this name until March 18, 1994, when it was again renamed **Joyce H. Williams Center**, who as well was invested in women's issues.

Friends of Yates, is a participant of a collaboration, known as the Metropolitan Family Violence Coalition (**MFVC**), which represents the six domestic violence programs in the Greater Metropolitan Area. The coalition is committed to provide a safety net for domestic violence victims across the Metroplex.

## PURPOSE & GOALS

### OUR PURPOSE

To provide a safe, warm and caring environment to victims of domestic violence. Further, we are committed to a comprehensive program that promotes and empower domestic violence victims in establishing "violence free" lives.

### OUR GOALS

- To expand services for victims of domestic violence, with a focus on women and children.
- To build a coalition among service providers that will promote effective communication and ensure quality comprehensive services for victims.
- To conduct and/or participate in informational seminars and workshops designed to educate the public regarding the nature of domestic violence and its effect and impact on individuals, families and the community.
- To support and affirm ideas that empower victims of domestic violence.
- To embrace combined community support/effort that reduce the psychological and emotional effects of domestic violence which impedes the victims ability to regain self worth and self empowerment.

Honeymoon

Acute Incident

BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

Tension Building

## SERVICES

By coming to the Della Gill/ Joyce H. Williams Center, women and their dependent children have taken a big step towards a "Violence Free" future. The steps ahead may not be easy, but we are here to provide a safety net. While residing in the shelter families receive:

- Individual and group counseling
- Strength based case management
- Support Groups
- Referrals to community agencies
- Information on the cycle of violence
- Emergency transportation
- Substance Abuse Program
- Client centered educational seminars
- Children's Program
- Court Advocacy
- Orientation, Assessment, Referral Service (OARS)
- Bridge/Span Program (Health Advocacy Program)
- Community Outreach

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

We as a community may feel a need, or a duty, to stand together to provide assistance to our fellow citizens. **The Della Gill/ Joyce H. Williams Center for Domestic Violence** could use your help in one or more of the following areas:

- Volunteer to answer 24hour crisis Hotline
- Donate furniture, household, paper and personal items
- Monetary donations to help families start their lives over.

If you would like to send a cash donation, please make checks payable to "Friends of Yates, Inc.". If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the bottom portion:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_