

“Where after all do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home — so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any map of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person: The neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, help is available.

**In case of emergency, call 911
For other City services, dial 311
NYC Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-621-HOPE (4673)
1-866-604-5350 (TDD)**

All of the above offer 24-hour assistance in all languages.

Partners Include:

- Barrier Free Living
- Bronx County District Attorney’s Office
- Center Against Domestic Violence
- CAMBA
- Dwa Fanm
- The Financial Clinic
- Good Shepherd Services Safe Homes Project
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- inMotion, Inc.
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- Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services
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- Mount Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program
- Neighborhood SHOPP
- New York Asian Women’s Center
- New York City Department of the Aging
- New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications
- New York City Department of Probation
- New York City Anti-Violence Project
- New York City Police Department
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Queens Legal Services
- Safe Horizon
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- Sanctuary for Families
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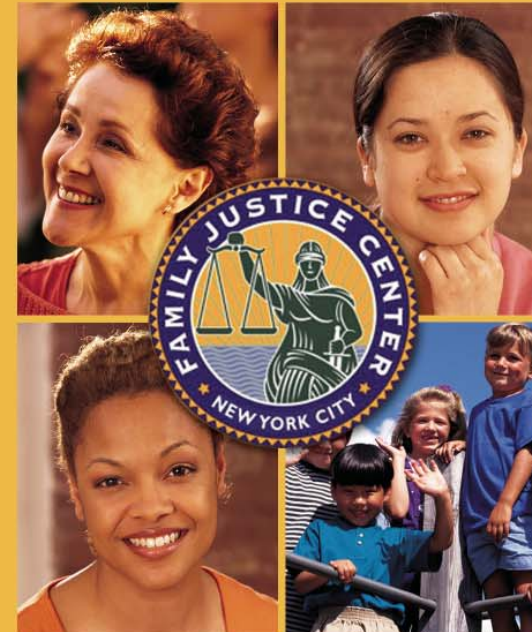
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What is the New York City Family Justice Center Initiative?

The New York City Family Justice Center Initiative reduces barriers faced by domestic violence victims seeking help. The program gives victims easy access to comprehensive services by placing dedicated domestic violence prosecutors, City agency and community services staff under one roof. With both public and private support, these innovative centers help domestic violence victims break the cycle of violence by providing essential safety planning, case management, and civil legal assistance in just one visit – all in their native language while their children play safely in the Children’s Room. This model of working with multiple City agencies, civil lawyers, criminal prosecutors, and community partners has become the cornerstone of coordinated service delivery for domestic violence victims in New York City.

The City’s first Family Justice Center, in Brooklyn, opened in 2005. Based on the success of the first center, Mayor Bloomberg committed to opening more centers. The second Center, in Queens, opened in 2008, and a third Center in the Bronx opened in 2010.

Why are Family Justice Centers needed in New York City?

Domestic violence can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, sex, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status. In an average year, New Yorkers will report over 200,000 incidents of domestic abuse to the New York City Police Department.

The Family Justice Centers streamline the process of receiving supportive services to encourage domestic violence victims to seek and receive the help they need. By offering services in one central facility, victims can avoid the challenges faced by having multiple appointments in various locations throughout the City, often with their children in tow.

How do I donate to the New York City Family Justice Center Initiative?

Donations can be made through the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. 100% of your donation goes to the New York City Family Justice Center Initiative.

By mail:

Checks should be made payable and forwarded to:

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City
253 Broadway, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10007

In the memo field of your check, please note "NYC Family Justice Center Initiative"

By Phone:

For more information call the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City through **311**.

Online:

Instructions to donate can also be found at:

www.nyc.gov/fund

Your contact information is confidential and will not be shared with any other organization.

How do the Centers help victims?

Victims receive immediate and caring treatment and a full range of assistance. The Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence and the District Attorneys' Offices are the primary partners. Representatives from City and State agencies, community organizations, including civil legal organizations, and universities provide support to the Centers.

The ultimate goal of this collaborative is to co-locate comprehensive criminal justice and community services in order to reduce the number of family violence incidents, recidivism, and homicides, by making it easier for victims of domestic violence to seek assistance.

What services are provided?

Victims can access a wide range of services, including:

- Safety planning
- Counseling for victims and their children
- Civil legal information on immigration and family court matters
- Meeting with a prosecutor
- Assistance with accessing shelter and applying for housing
- Assistance in filing Police and Probation reports
- Children's Room with organized play activities
- Support groups
- Services for elderly/disabled domestic violence victims
- Language interpretation
- Voluntary spiritual support
- English as a Second Language classes and other self-sufficiency services

How is the New York City Family Justice Center Initiative funded?

New York City was initially awarded a two-year \$1.2 million grant in 2004 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to create the City's first Family Justice Center in Brooklyn. Currently the City supports most of the administrative costs of the Centers and encourages private support for additional program development, such as self-sufficiency services, children's programming, and providing cell phones to victims.

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Domestic Violence Facts

- Nationally, one in four women will be physically or sexually assaulted by an intimate partner in her lifetime.
- The health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking, and homicide by intimate partners exceed \$5.8 billion each year.
- More than one-third of all women who sought care in hospital emergency rooms for violence-related injuries were injured by an intimate partner.
- Studies show that children exposed to domestic violence may become anxious, depressed, or aggressive.

Since the Centers opened, the New York City Family Justice Center volunteers have donated over 30,000 hours of service.

“The volunteer work I do at the Center makes me feel extremely hopeful. I see clients that come into the Center broken and abused and leave with a renewed sense of self. Helping others realize their self-worth is truly gratifying for me.”

Loretta, Volunteer at the New York City Family Justice Center in Brooklyn