# **Allied Agencies**

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"Not for a moment did we doubt that we were supported as we made our way through each step of the process."



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY · MARYLAND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

600 Jefferson Plaza, Rockville, MD 20852

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For more information on directions, parking or donating to the Montgomery County Family Justice Center, please visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/FJC or give us a call at 240.773.0444.

### **About the Family Justice Center**

The Montgomery County Family Justice Center is a co-location of government and non-profit organizations who work together to assist and support victims of domestic violence and their children. There is no need for an appointment, walk-ins are welcome.

#### Fees

All services are free of charge, can be provided in any language and are offered in a safe and family-friendly environment.

#### **Getting Here**

**Driving:** There is free parking in the building's garage, located on the Jefferson Plaza side.

**Public Transportation:** The Center is also walking distance from the Rockville Metro Station - Red Line and several bus lines.



# **On Site Services**

#### **Support Services**

**Client Assistance Services:** Client Assistants provide victims with support and resources. Client Assistants also work with victims to create a plan to enhance their safety and the safety of their children.

**Counseling:** Therapists are available to respond to the emotional needs of victims and provide tools and support during the healing process. Counseling is also available for children who witness domestic violence.

**Career Counseling:** Employment and job skills counseling is available at the Center.

**Forensic Medical Consults:** Forensic Nurses are available to discuss injuries and answer questions related to further evaluation and treatment.

**Basic Needs Referrals:** Client Assistants provide victims with referrals to agencies that can provide direct assistance for shelter, food, clothing and other basic needs.

#### **Legal Services**

**Legal Advice and Representation:** Pro bono legal assistance is available for Protective Orders and family law matters.

**Immigration Legal Services:** Direct legal immigration services are available for foreign-born victims and their families.

**Virtual Protective Order Hearings:** Client Assistants help with completing Protective Order Petitions, and the hearings for Temporary Protective Orders can be held at the Center using a video conferencing system.

**Law Enforcement and Criminal Services:** Police Detectives and staff from the State's Attorney's Office assist victims seeking to file charges.

# What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in a current or former intimate relationship. This can take many forms including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, technological abuse and/or stalking.

Are you afraid of your partner? Does your partner:

- Physically hurt you?
- Strangle or choke you?
- Control who you see, where you go, or what you do?
- Insult, demean or shame you?
- Take your money or refuse to give you money for necessary expenses?
- Monitor your texts, social media or demand your phone passcode?
- Threaten to harm or take away your children?
- Prevent you from working or attending school?
- Destroy your property?
- Intimidate you with guns, knives or weapons?
- Pressure you to have sex when you don't want to?
- Pressure you to use drugs or alcohol?
- Threaten to kill themselves if you leave?
- Threaten to kill you?

These are just a few examples of abusive behavior.

# Is someone you know being abused?

 ${f A}$ cknowledge their situation and listen to them

 ${f C}$ onnect them to the Family Justice Center

 ${f T}$ ell them it's not their fault