

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Violence Prevention Resources



Welcome to the Violence Prevention Task Force brochure.

If you are in crisis and don't know where to turn this brochure will guide you to help. You will find information about organizations that offer a wide range of emergency services to victims of violence 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each organization is staffed with professionals trained to provide confidential support, referrals and crisis intervention.

The Violence Prevention Task Force developed this resource as a comprehensive source of information for your use.

If you would like more copies of this brochure, please visit the United Way website at www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org.

MISSION STATEMENT:

“TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THE REGION BY IDENTIFYING STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF HATRED AND VIOLENCE OF ONE GROUP TO ANOTHER. THESE STRATEGIES WILL BE MADE EFFECTIVE BY THE COLLABORATION OF PUBLIC, PRIVATE, EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE COMMUNITY STRENGTHENED BY THE RECOGNITION OF OUR DIFFERENCES.”

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IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY...

Every four days, someone is murdered.

Every three days, someone commits suicide.

Every day, someone is forcibly raped.

Every 2 hours, someone is the victim of robbery or aggravated assault.

If you are the victim of or witness to violence, this guide will provide you with a list of organizations ready to help.

ALLEGHENY CRISIS EMERGENCY SERVICES (ACES)

SERVICES:

1-888-424-2287

- Telephone crisis intervention
- Mobile crisis intervention
- Referral to an appropriate social service provider, support network or Crisis Residential facility
- Consultation with either the on-call Adult or Child Psychiatrist and/or the Child/Adolescent team
- Referral to an acute care psychiatric hospital for further evaluation
- Provision of assistance with the psychiatric commitment process
- Coordinate services with the current treatment team
- Planned follow-up visits or telephone calls

DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION:

- 24 hours
- staffed by trained crisis clinicians

CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME

Center Services:
(412) 392-8582

- **Help and Crisis Response to Communities, Schools, and the Workplace**
- **Crisis Intervention**
 - Helping Homicide Survivors
 - **24-hour Support**
 - Advocacy
 - Court Accompaniment
 - Counseling
 - Victim Impact Statements Assistance
- **Victim Financial Compensation**
- **Individual, Family, and Group Therapy**
 - Homicide Survivor's Group
 - Trauma Survivor's Group
 - Child/Adolescent Group
 - School-based Grief Support
 - Insight Group
 - After a violent crime—Hope and Help

CHILD ABUSE REPORT AND INFORMATION

1-800-932-0313

24 hours

Toll Free

- Serves all of Allegheny County
- For individuals to report suspected child abuse
- Referrals to social service agencies
- Investigation of reported abuse

COMMUNITY HOTLINE

CONTACT PITTSBURGH Crisis and Suicide Hotline (412) 820-HELP

- A confidential, supportive listening line.
- Professionally trained volunteers answer crisis and suicide calls as well as anti-hate calls.

Both hotlines have
24 hour service

United Way HelpLine (412) 255-1155

- Professional, certified information & referral specialists offer callers information about and referral to over 5000 services in our community.
- Staff are familiar with all area resources for abuse, domestic violence, emergency shelter, food and clothing, medical needs, rape, legal resources, housing, drug and alcohol & mental health resources and more.

PITTSBURGH ACTION AGAINST RAPE

CRISIS INTERVENTION

1-866-END-RAPE (363-7273)

- Emergency Medical Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Information and Referral
- Crisis Counseling

COUNSELING

- Short and Long Term Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Assessment and Referral
- Child Counseling and Play Therapy
- Support for Parents

▼
24-hour free hotline
All calls confidential
Building is Handicap accessible

UNITED WAY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

▶ www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org

Visit our web site to find out where to turn for answers to these problems and many more! *(Also see Community Hotline page)*

- Rape
- Abuse
- Family Violence
- Hate Crimes
- And thousands of other topics:
 - Quick reference lists on hotlines and other topics
 - Complete list of support groups
 - Guides and Directories section with downloadable directories
 - Life Management Centers with consumer tips
 - Information on over 5,000 programs in Allegheny County

▶ United Way's web site, www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org, is the Pittsburgh region's ultimate online destination for health and human services information. The information is free and updated daily.

To add a group to the HelpConnections database, send an e-mail to helpconnections@uwac.org

QUICK GUIDE TO SERVICES

	Mental Illness	Crisis Intervention	Sexual Assault	Victim Advocacy	Homicide/Suicide	Senior Services	Children's Services
Allegheny Crisis Emergency Service	X	X			X	X	X
Center for Victims of Violent Crime		X	X	X	X	X	X
Child Abuse Report and Information	X	X	X	X			X
Community Hotline	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pittsburgh Action Against Rape		X	X	X		X	X
United Way of Allegheny County	HELP FINDING ANSWERS TO ALL PROBLEMS AND REFERRALS TO PROGRAMS						
Police	X	X	X		X		

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