

SPRING NEWSGRAM 2022

In fiscal year 2020-2021, Center for Domestic Peace assisted thousands of individuals impacted by domestic violence:



7,274: Hotline calls answered (in both English and Spanish), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We provided crisis intervention, safety planning, emotional support, referrals, and information.

22,440: Total number of bed nights of emergency shelter and transitional housing for 110 adults and 133 children, along with personal and economic empowerment activities, food, clothing, transportation, accompaniment, group therapy, childcare, and help securing permanent housing.



Educated **93** men through ManKind and



45 women through WomanKind/Mujer Gentil to teach them skills to stop their violent behavior.



440: Individuals provided with advocacy within the civil and criminal justice system, improving victims' ability to achieve effective results with restraining orders, police reports, and more.

124: Children and their non-abusing parents provided with individual therapy and "In This Together" child/parent therapy to heal the trauma caused by witnessing domestic violence and to build family unity.



37: Youths, teens, and young adults provided with age-appropriate services through Marin Youth Services.



4,456: Community members educated through outreach event.



114 volunteers donated
4,120 hours of their time,
the equivalent of 1.98 full-time staff.

4,086: Professionals, community members, youth service providers, and prevention specialists trained.



Here's a Twist: Survivor Safety Amplified by Online Access

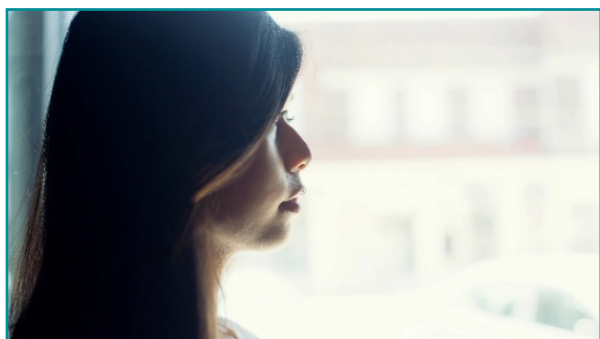
As we witnessed firsthand, the pandemic had far-reaching and dangerous consequences for individuals experiencing domestic violence. C4DP has reported on the increased opportunities to abuse, the increase in intensity and severity of abuse, and the use of COVID-19 as a weapon to control and coerce one's partner. While COVID was devastating in so many ways, one silver lining is the pivot C4DP made to online services. This new way to access our services has in many ways removed barriers for survivors to obtain legal advocacy, as well as counseling, support groups, and therapy, which C4DP now offers virtually.



We have found that through technology, advocates can now come into survivors' homes even when survivors can't leave their homes. As a C4DP legal advocate noted, through COVID, "we came home" – into survivors' kitchens, backyards, closets, workplaces, and more." Survivors no longer have to get in a car, pay for gas, find parking, and visually be seen at our office or at the courthouse (unless ordered to appear in person).

Accessing services online helps increase survivor safety, reduces survivor intimidation in court proceedings, and provides victim service providers like C4DP the ability to help more survivors than before – a silver lining for sure.

Bringing Sexual Assault Exams Back to Marin County Is a Matter of Justice and Empathy



Imagine being a young person who has just experienced sexual assault. You are scared, confused, and you may be in pain. You are afraid you will be blamed for this because of who you were with, what you were doing, or what you were wearing. Do you call the police? Do you tell your parents?

Contrary to popular belief, two thirds of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows, not by a stranger. This contributes to the complexity and difficulty for survivors to report sexual assault, especially for young women who are at the highest risk (80% of survivors are under age 30). From Jan 2021

to Sept 2021, there were 60 reported juvenile sexual assault cases in Marin.

Good news! Finally, survivors can be assisted here locally at Kaiser Permanente San Rafael. Through the efforts of Marin County's District Attorney Lori Frugoli, these exams have now returned to Marin from Vallejo. This was a key issue in the race for district attorney four years ago. Doing exams locally will remove an additional barrier to reporting, allow for evidence collection close by, provide a better path for healing, and hopefully decrease the stress and trauma of asking for help. If you know of anyone needing support as a result of sexual assault, please refer them to Community Violence Solutions, Marin County's sexual assault organization, at 1-800-670-7273.

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Working Together to End Domestic Violence

24-Hour English/Spanish Hotline 415-924-6616
ManKind Program, M - F, 9 am - 5 pm 415-457-6760
Marin Youth Services Text Line, M - F, 9 am - 5 pm 415-526-2557

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