

What is Response?

Mission

Response is a Shenandoah County community organization dedicated to preventing, and helping people overcome, the problems of sexual and domestic violence and other forms of abuse through outreach, advocacy and supportive services.



Milestones in the History of Response

1980 Response begins as a grassroots organization formed by concerned citizens to aid victims of domestic violence and their children.

1994 Response given space at the Shenandoah County Farm to operate a 14-bed shelter.

1997 Response receives funding to implement a Court Advocacy Program.

1999 Sexual Assault Program begins.

2000 Awarded funding to begin providing prevention and intervention to teens.

2001 Response moves into its new location, a 28-bed shelter and is awarded funding to begin providing services to children.

2005 Response begins the Child Assault Prevention Project in Shenandoah County Schools.

Response Funding

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Services for Adults

CONFIDENTIAL 24-HOUR HOTLINE

The 24-hour hotline provides crisis intervention, advocacy and support, safety planning and information and referral to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse.



EMERGENCY SHELTER

Immediate, safe and short-term shelter for women and children affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness.

RESPONSE VOLUNTEER COMPANION PROGRAM
Trained staff and volunteers respond to the immediate crisis and safety needs of victims and their families and are available to support and accompany women during a sexual assault exam.

COURT ADVOCACY AND ACCOMPANIMENT
Staff provides accompaniment, advocacy and information/referral for victims throughout the legal process.

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
Staff provides employment counseling, financial planning, advocacy, resources and referrals to assist clients with their plans and goals.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
Staff provides short term intervention, advocacy, education and support to adults affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. This is not meant to replace a need for licensed therapy or counseling.

SUPPORT GROUPS
Response offers various support groups to victims and their families.



PARENTING EDUCATION
Parenting support and information/referral.

Services for Children & Youth

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Youth and Children's Services Coordinators provide short-term support and education to child and teen victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Response staff facilitates various support groups to children and teens and co-facilitates groups in the area schools.

SCHOOL OUTREACH/INTERVENTION PROGRAM
Staff provides educational presentations on domestic violence, sexual assault and teen dating violence to students in the local middle and high schools.

CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION PROJECT (CAP)
Response conducts this nationally accredited program for second grade students in Shenandoah County Schools. CAP provides assault prevention skills to children, their parents and teachers.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)
Response coordinates Shenandoah County's only volunteer group for teenagers that seeks to spread awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault and teen dating violence through peer education.

ACCOMPANIMENT AND ADVOCACY
Provides accompaniment, support and information/referral throughout court proceedings and during hospital sexual assault exams.

