Model Facilities

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District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH)

DASH DISTRICT ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOUSING

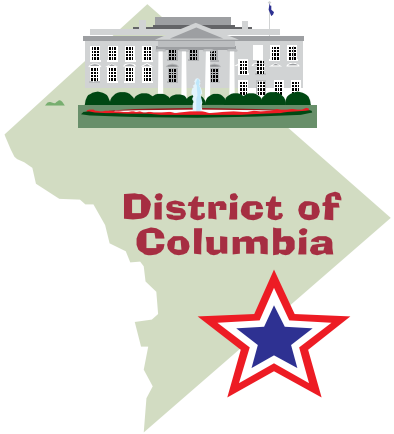
<u>Mission</u>: To ensure access to safe and sustainable refuge for victims of domestic violence through the development and management of safe housing and related services, while increasing the capacity of other community-based organizations to expand housing for victims throughout the District of Columbia.

DASH's Goals

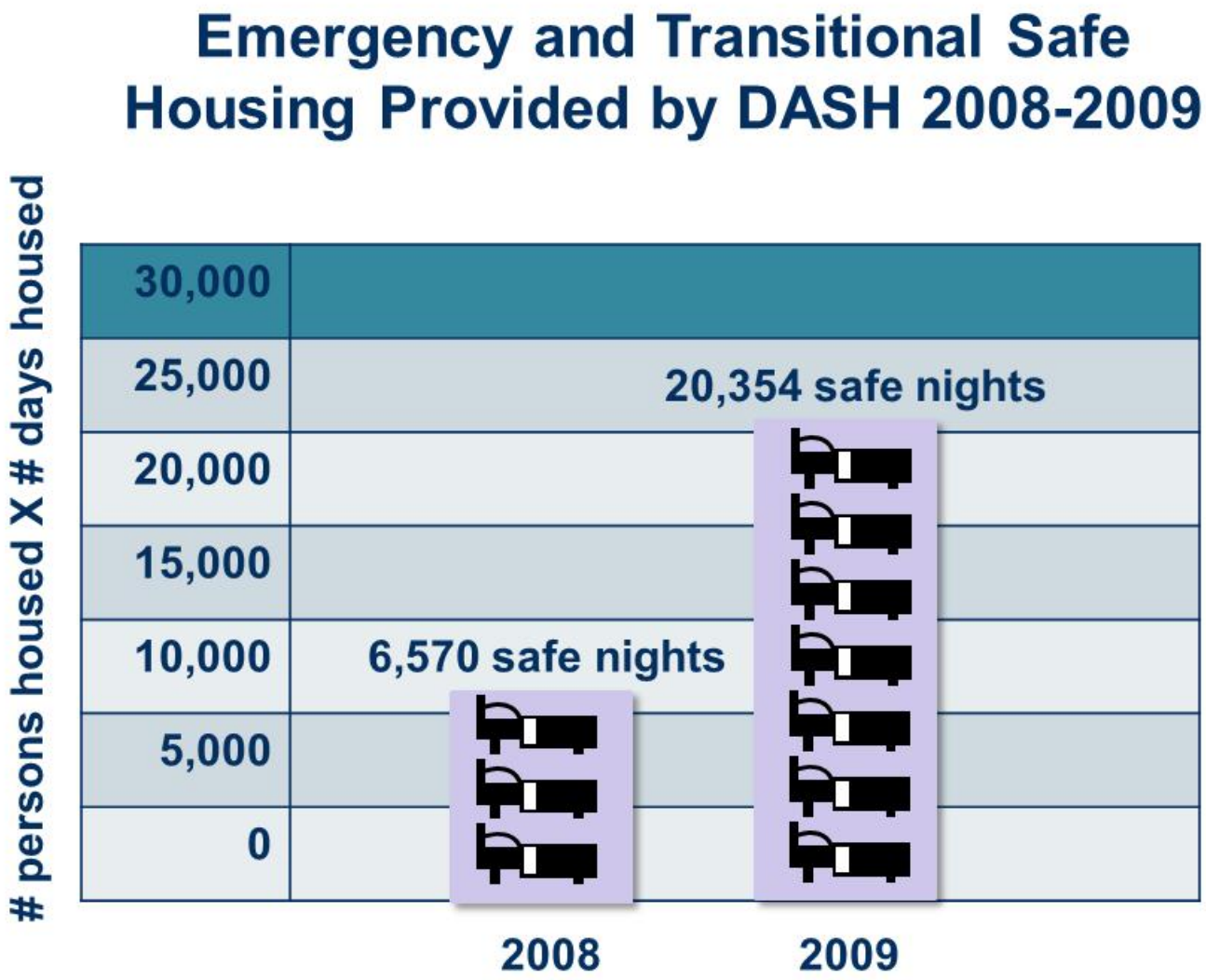
- Develop safe housing for domestic violence victims and their families to ensure safety from violence and promote living without fear of abuse.
- Deliver targeted housing resources to victims and their families to improve access to safe, affordable housing.
- Provide training and technical assistance among community-based programs to increase safe housing for victims and enhance the overall well-being and safety for women and children in the district.

How DASH Began

- Started in 2007 as phone-based advocacy group.
- Now serves as D.C.'s largest domestic violence safe housing provider.



Tripled Services in 1 Year



Huruma Place

- Allows stays for 90+ days
- Serves:
  - Women with 3+ children
  - Women with male children over 12
  - Women with substance addictions
- Serves as many as 100 women and children a year

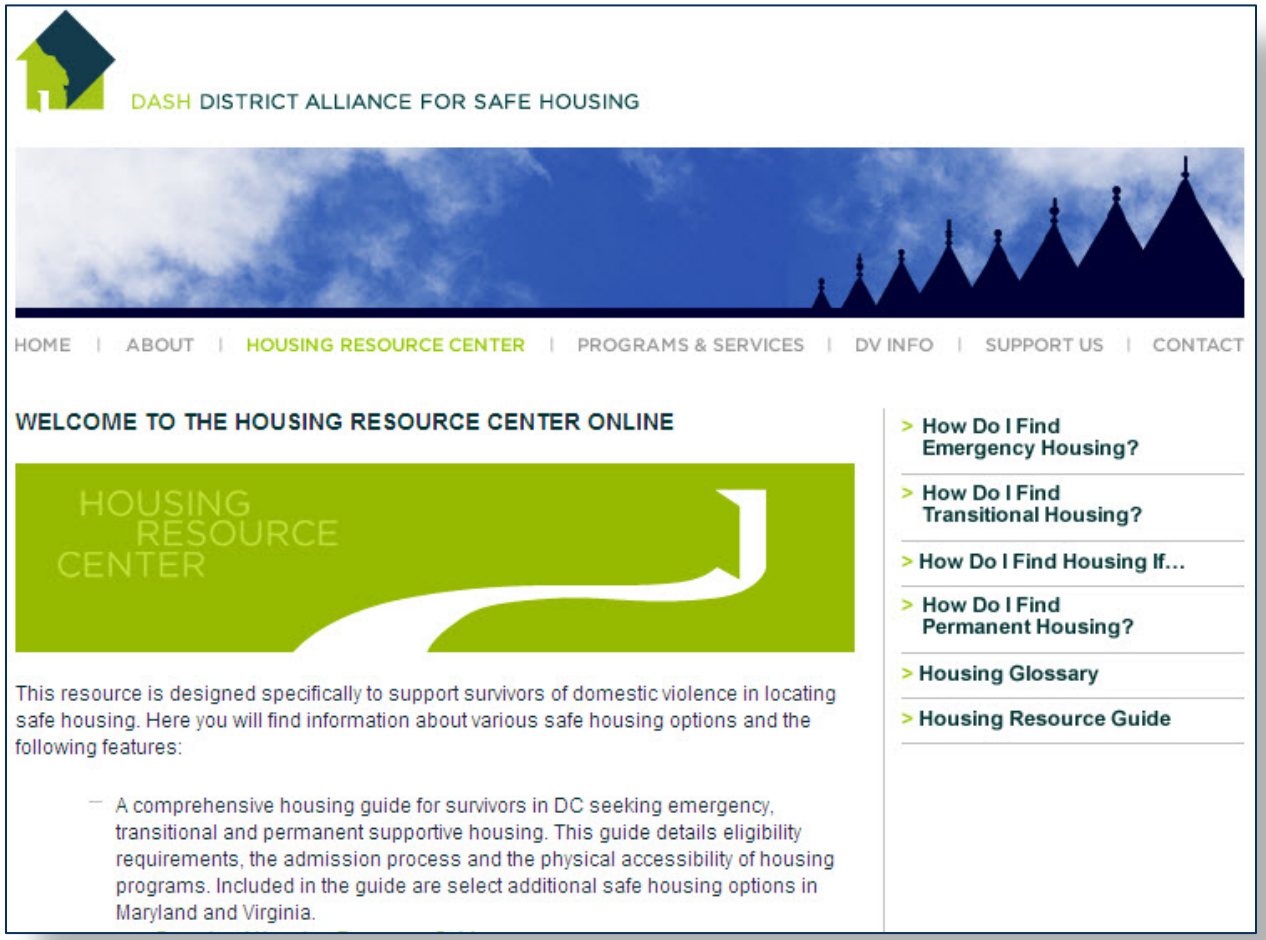
Empowerment Project

- Assists survivors in moving from transitional to permanent housing.
- Provides help with leasing, subsidies, and supportive services.
- Works with survivors to restore credit/focus on financial goals.

Housing Resource Center

- Acts as DASH's hub to prevent homelessness among domestic violence survivors.
- Helps survivors:
  - Complete housing applications.
  - Obtain safety transfers.
  - Navigate the public housing system.
  - Make connections to community services.

Housing Resource Center Online



Housing Resource Center Online

HOW DO I FIND HOUSING IF…

HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

- I Am Deaf or Have a Disability
- I Am a Senior Citizen
- I Am Undocumented
- I Am LGBTQI
- I Have an Addiction
- I Have a Criminal Background

Housing Resource Center Online

The Cornerstone Housing Program

- Provides access, safety, and acceptance to victims of domestic violence.
- Provides “low barrier” housing.
- Accommodates victims regardless of:
  - Disability.
  - Chemical addition.
  - Immigration status.
  - Sexual orientation.

The Cornerstone Building

- Collaborative project
- 47 apartment-style units
- Co-located emergency and transitional housing

Important Points To Consider

- Find an architect and project manager who are committed to universal design.
- Develop the support of area professionals.
- Work with the community.
- Balance cost with accessibility.

The Cornerstone Building

Safe, accessible entrance

Original main entrance

New main entrance

The Cornerstone Building Modifications

- Fire sprinkler system
- New elevator
- All new electrical and fire safety systems
- New plumbing
- Remediation of lead-based paint and asbestos

The Cornerstone Building

Signage with Braille

The Cornerstone Building

Incandescent lighting

The Cornerstone Building

Parquet flooring

The Cornerstone Building

Visual and audible fire alarms

The Cornerstone Building

Accessible kitchens

The Cornerstone Building

Bathrooms

The Cornerstone Building

Closets

Shelving 48” from floor

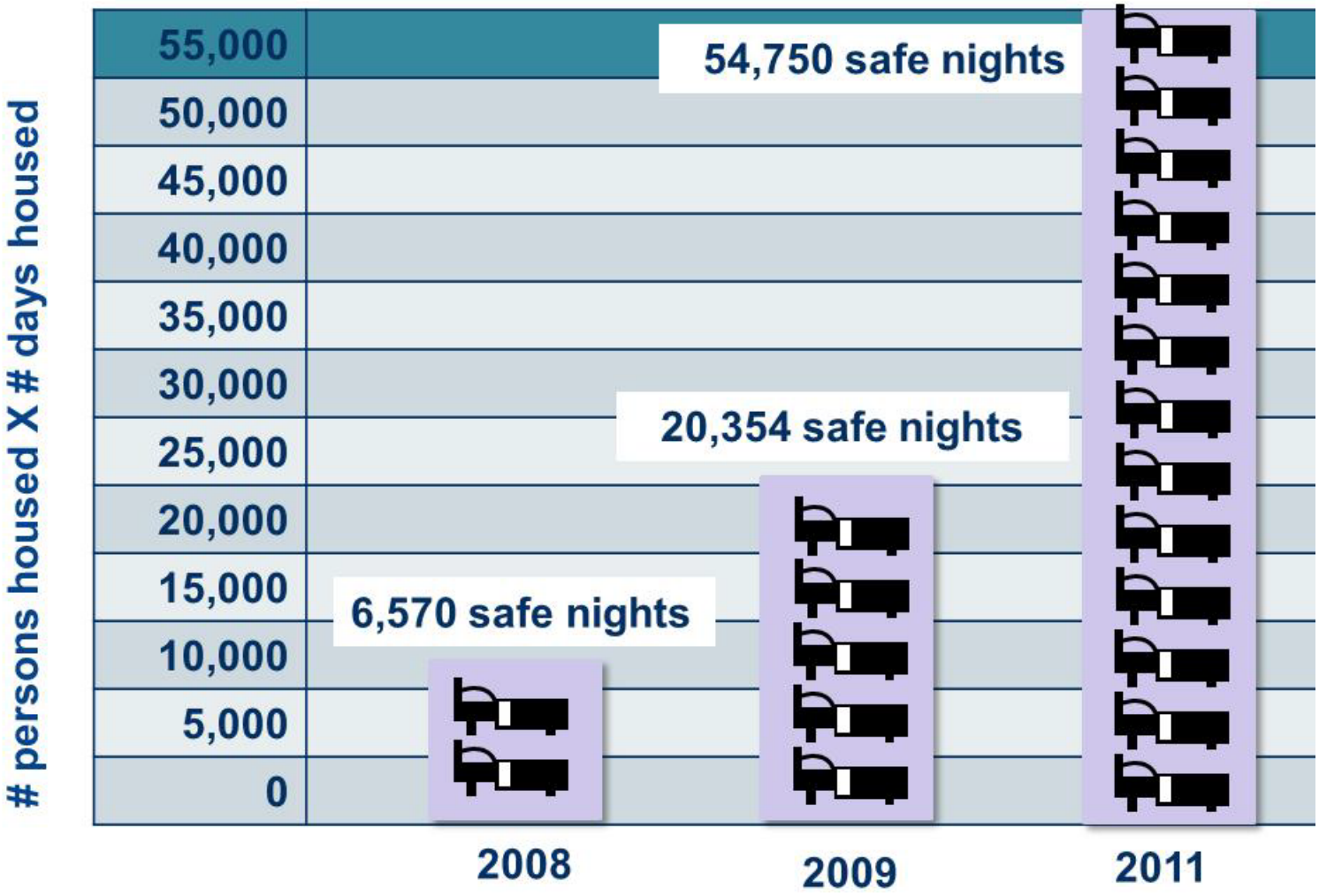
The Cornerstone Building

No thresholds

The Cornerstone Building

Lower light switches

Service Projections 2011



Programs

In addition to accessible buildings:

- **Programs must be accessible.**
- **Programs must not screen out victims with disabilities.**
- **Programs must not pose barriers that victims with disabilities can't overcome.**
- **Staff are adequately trained and receive support to serve victims with disabilities.**

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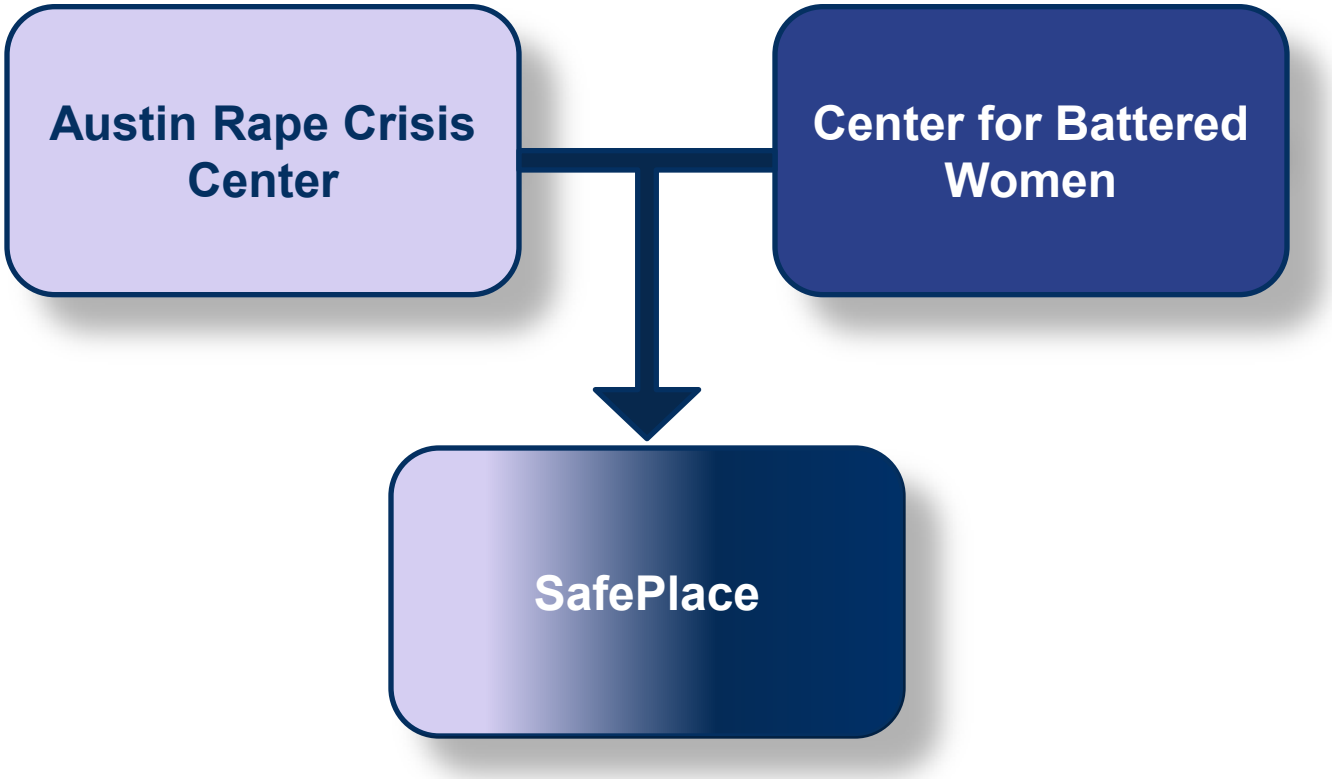
SafePlace

- Provides safety or individuals and families affected by sexual and domestic violence.
- Helps victims in their healing so they can move beyond being defined by the crimes committed against them, and become Survivors.
- Promotes safe and healthy relationships for the prevention of sexual and domestic violence.
- Works with others to create change in attitudes, behaviors and policies that perpetuate the acceptance of, and impact our understanding and responses to, sexual and domestic violence.

How SafePlace Began



SafePlace Services

- 24-hour hotline
- Hospital accompaniment
- Shelter and counseling services
- Programs to:
  - Educate
  - Build awareness
  - Provide support in accessing resources
  - Work with children of survivors

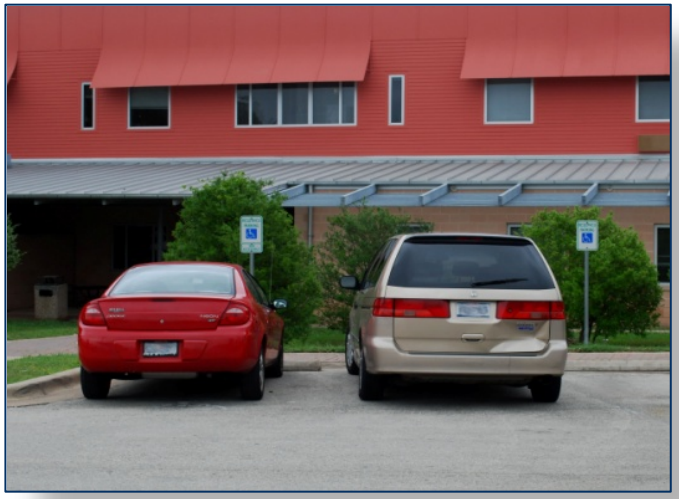
Services are Offered To:

- Anyone suffering from the trauma of sexual abuse, rape and/or domestic violence, including:
  - Women
  - Children
  - Teens
  - Men
- No one who has been victimized by violence is turned away.

ADA Policy

- SafePlace's ADA policy demonstrates a commitment to be barrier-free and accessible.
- All facilities meet ADA inspection standards.
- 20% of emergency shelter bedrooms are designed to be fully accessible.

Accessible Parking

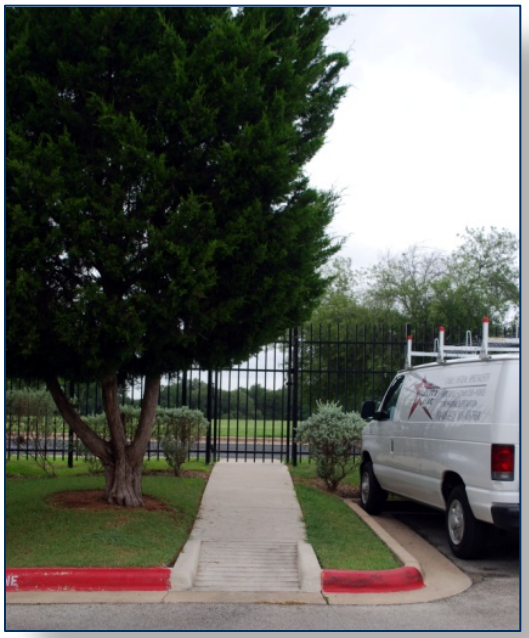


Accessible parking at the emergency shelter

Accessible parking with transition area

Curb Cuts and Pathways

Accessible ramp from external sidewalk and bus stop to entrance



Accessible path from daycare and charter school to emergency shelter

Entrance to Building

Extra wide gate entrance to building

Accessible security gate entrance/exit to building

Interior Access

Switch plate entrance to areas where non-residential services are provided

Levered door handles

Brochure Racks and Waiting Rooms

Accessible brochure rack

Accessible entrance to private waiting room

Group Meeting Areas

Support group room with accessible path

Fire Extinguishers and First Aid Kit

Accessible fire extinguisher and first aid kit

Clutter-free hallway

Alarms and Signage

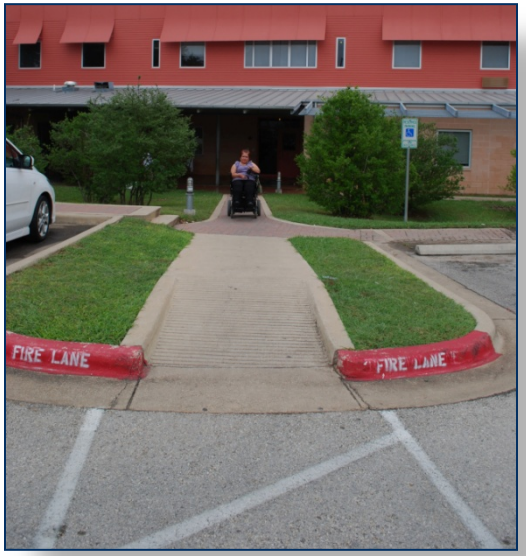
Fire alarm with strobe lights

Restroom sign in Braille

Non-Residential Restrooms

Child's restroom with low toilet and grab bars

Emergency Shelter Entrance



Accessible path from the emergency shelter

Accessible counter cutout at front desk

Emergency Shelter Welcome Video

Welcome video to emergency shelter in ASL

Emergency Shelter Interior Access

Wide hallway with turnaround space in emergency shelter

Elevator to second floor at emergency shelter

Emergency Shelter Kitchens

Accessible sink and under counter area

Lower cabinet in emergency shelter kitchen

Other Accessibility Features

Accessible dining room

Accessible front-open washing machine

Emergency Shelter Bedrooms

Levered door handles

Individually-controlled air-conditioner unit in emergency shelter bedroom

Emergency Shelter Bathrooms

Roll-in shower with grab bars and shower wand

Accessible restroom with cutout sink and grab bars

Other Emergency Shelter Features

Fire alarms with strobe lighting

Uncarpeted hallways

Incandescent hallway lighting

Other Emergency Shelter Features

Accessible counter at emergency shelter food commissary

Ramp to emergency shelter patios

Efficiency Apartment

Kitchenette

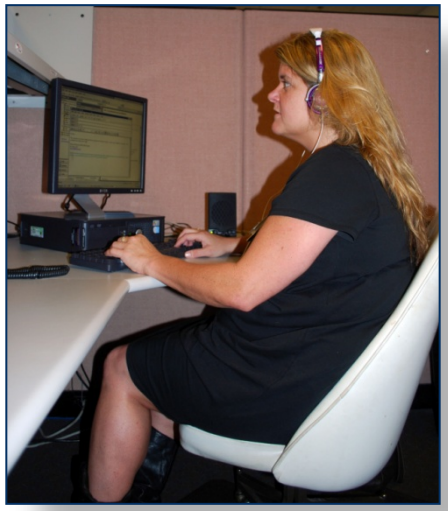
Accessible restroom

School and Day Care

Assistive Technology

ADA equipment for Deaf survivor use

Videophone



Assistive computer technology

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SafePlace
Ending Sexual & Domestic Violence

Deaf Services ASAP
Informational Fact Sheets

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	For the Deaf Community:
☐	Caregiver Abuse
☐	Personal Safety Planning for Dangerous Situations
☐	When Your Partner Hurts You-Safety Planning for Deaf People who Want to Leave
☐	Tips for Staying Safe from Sexual Assault
☐	What is Domestic Violence?
☐	What is Sexual Assault?
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- ☐ A Story of Murder Committed by a Family Guardian (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ ABC's for Providing Sexuality and Abuse Prevention Education to People with Developmental Disabilities (English)
- ☐ Accessibility within Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agencies (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ The Americans with Disabilities Acts – What They Mean for Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services (English)
- ☐ The Americans with Disabilities Acts – Who is Covered? (English)
- ☐ Checklist for People with Disabilities - What to Take with You When You Leave an Abusive Relationship (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Dynamics of Caregiver Abuse (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Facts about Guardianship (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ General Facts about Sexual Abuse and People with Cognitive Disabilities (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ General Information about Domestic Violence & Persons with Mental Illness (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Home Visits and Suspected Domestic Violence (English)
- ☐ How to Communicate with People with Atypical Speech (English/Spanish)
- ☐ Identifiers of Caregiver Abuse (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Indicators or Reactions to Abuse and Neglect (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Inquiring About Abuse Experiences (English)
- ☐ Internet Harassment – How to Stay Safe (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Internet Safety (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ People First Language (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ People with Disabilities Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Personal Safety Planning for Explosive Incidents (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Red Flags for an Abusive or Potentially Abusive Caregiver (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Responding to Disclosures of Abuse (English)
- ☐ Risk Factors to Abuse/Neglect Faced by Many People with Disabilities (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Safety of Your Child with a Disability (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Safety Planning for Persons with Disabilities Preparing to Leave an Abusive Situation (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Screening Practices for Hiring People to Work with Individuals with Disabilities in Need of Support (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Sexual Abuse of Deaf Children and Youth (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Similarities and Differences in Domestic Violence for People With and Without Disabilities (English/Spanish/Audio)
- ☐ Staying Safe from Sexual Assault (English/Spanish/Audio)

Handouts on accessibility and interpersonal violence against people with disabilities.

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Assertive Communication

ASSERTIVENESS IS

Standing up for yourself

Saying no like you mean it

Asking for what you need

Telling people how you feel

Respecting the rights of others

AGGRESSIVENESS IS

Pushing people around

Being disrespectful

Hurting others

Not the same as being strong

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Safer Sexuality

Know Yourself
- Are you ready to have sex?
- Respect your feelings and the other person's feelings.
- Decide what you are comfortable with.

Know Your Partner
- How long have you known this person?
- Can you trust this person?

Testing for Diseases
- HIV/AIDS
- STDs

Consent
- Both of you can say yes or no.

Safer Sex
- Condoms
- Dental dams

Family Planning
- Preventing pregnancy
- Choosing to have children

Communication
- Talk to each other.
- Listen.
- Show respect.

Emotional Safety
- Do you feel safe?
- Does your partner listen when you say no?

Privacy

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Handouts in simplified language.

Commitment to Accessibility

Icons on the website to identify SafePlace's commitment to accessibility

Deaf Services

- Staff fluent in ASL
- Services include:
  - Counseling
  - Parenting classes
  - Safety planning
  - Assistance at hospital/court
  - Case management

Disability Services

- Provides training/education focused on reducing abuse for:
  - People with disabilities
  - Their families
  - Caregivers
  - Professionals in sexual assault, domestic violence, disability and criminal justice fields.
- Provides resource materials and a national library.

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