

Through CalWORKs, victims of domestic violence now have many resources made available to them to help end domestic violence, repair the damage and rebuild their lives.

CalWORKs providers:

EMERGENCY HELP- help with leaving an abusive household, safe short-term housing, food, clothing, referrals for health and/or counseling needs;

GETTING SETTLED & STARTED- help with securing housing, child care, counseling, job assistance, budgeting, meal planning, transportation, medical care, checking and savings accounts, educational stability, resources for setting and keeping schedules;

COUNSELING- individual and group counseling for adults and children, battered women's support groups;

LEGAL SERVICES- help with providing legal services for Restraining Orders and other related legal issues; and

PARENTING- help with education, discipline, child development, development of healthy parent-child relationships.

WHAT DOES COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDE?

CLINIC SERVICES

Community Legal Services provides legal services Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Superior Courts in Norwalk and Compton to help people fill out papers to obtain restraining orders in Domestic Violence, Civil Harassment, and already-filed family law/paternity cases. The program is staffed by paralegals and volunteers, under the supervision of licensed attorneys.

ADDITIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

- Filing a divorce
- Filing a paternity action
- Modification of child custody and child visitation orders
- Restraining Order Representation
- Referrals for counseling and additional domestic violence services

Community Legal Services
11834 E. Firestone Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650-2901
(562) 864-9935
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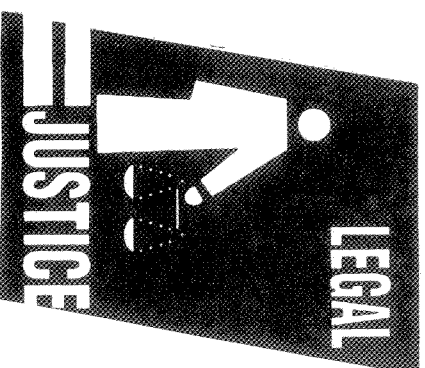
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Compton, CA 90222
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COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES

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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
SUPPORTIVE
SERVICES PROGRAM**



The term "Domestic Violence" means actions or threats, usually made by an adult, against a spouse or ex-spouse, children, other relatives or boyfriend/girlfriend.

Domestic Violence is described as:

-Physical abuse- hitting, punching, shoving, biting, restraining, throwing things, using weapons;

-Sexual abuse- forcing sexual activity on an adult or having any sexual activity with a child;

-Mental abuse- threatening violence or suicide, belittling others, mocking others, criticizing every little thing, tearing down another's self-worth, threatening to kidnap a child;

-Medical abuse- withholding or denying medical care, aid or support;

-Economic abuse- maintaining complete control over the family finances in order to keep the other powerless;

-Stalking- following someone around wherever they go; and

-Other abuse- damaging or destroying property or injuring or killing family pets.

If you identify any of these abusive behaviors as being present in your life, you may be a victim of domestic violence.

If you identify any of these abusive behaviors as being present in a friend or loved ones life, you may know a victim of domestic violence.

HOW CAN YOU GET HELP?

All information given is confidential.

-Apply for cash aid with the Department of Public Social Services. An Eligibility Worker will review a Domestic Violence information form with you. If you are having problems in any of the areas described in this brochure or on the form, tell your Eligibility Worker. As a result, your case should be handled more quickly, and you will be referred for professional assistance.

-If you are already receiving CalWORKS, you can tell your Eligibility Worker, at any time, that you are having problems in these areas. You will immediately be referred for specialized help.

-Call our Hotline for assistance at 1-800-834-5001 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, if you live in the following areas:

- Adams, Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Central Avenue, Crenshaw District, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Exposition Park, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, Hyde Park, Jefferson Park, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, La Mirada, Leimert Park, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South Gate, South Vermont, Vernon, Watts, West Adams, Whittier

-Advise the Hotline paralegal that you are receiving CalWORKS and have been a victim of domestic violence.

-If you live outside our area, need assistance after 4:00 p.m., or need assistance during the weekend, call the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-978-3600 at any time for more information.