

The Shelter has a 20-bed capacity and is fully furnished; and is supplied with food, clothing, and personal hygiene items. The shelter networks with other shelters for emergency and overflow situations. Shelter for adult male victims is provided in a local motel/hotel with full shelter services offered. Residents may stay at the shelter for two weeks. Extended stay will be considered.



Immediate crisis assistance, safety planning and support are available to both adults and children **24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.**

Emergency legal advocacy and Criminal Justice support. Victims will be assisted in filing protective orders, and will receive court accompaniment and support.



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~Sexual Assault Intervention/Advocacy Crisis Services~

If you have been sexually assaulted and are seeking help or information, you can contact WWS for free and confidential services. Crisis intervention and Advocacy are available on a walk in basis 24 hours 7days a week call our Crisis Hotline at:

1-800-363-9441
24 Hour Hotline

~Direct Victim Services~

WWS provides transportation and accompinment to hospitals & law enforcement offices, information & referrals to community resources, and assists victims in accessing financial assistance and housing.

~Training Program~

WWS makes trainings accessible, and secure continuing education credits for law enforcement, attorneys, judges, social workers, the clergy, nurses and other allied professionals.

~Volunteer Program~

WWS offers opportunities for citizens to assist and help in various capacities in the program. Volunteers are the lifeline to many of WWS activities. There are always openings.

~Prevention Education Programs~

WWS provides Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention Education sessions to Children ages 3-9 and 6th & 9th grade students in the counties of Dimmit, Zavala, LaSalle and Maverick. Parents & teachers are also educated on prevention of interpersonal violence to keep children safe & healthy.

~Silent Witness Exhibit~

In memory of ladies who were killed by their husbands or intimate partners, 13 silhouettes have been constructed and are displayed throughout the WWS service area to bring awareness to the domestic violence and sexual assault issues in the communities we serve.



~WWS HISTORY~

In 1994 the Hondo-based Southwest Family Life center was forced to close the women's shelter in Carrizo Springs, Texas. Women who depended upon the shelter from the four-county area it served were denied services. At the time of the closing, several women were sent back to their abusers, including one woman who was later killed by her spouse. This led a diverse group representing businesses, the ministry, and social services in Carrizo Springs (Dimmit County) to re-open the shelter with a grant from the Ewing Halsell Foundation.

Reorganized as the Wintergarden Women's Shelter, Inc., the facility opened on February 1, 1995, with one full-time employee and four part-time assistants.

Today, WWS continues to operate a 24/7 shelter facility and two outreach offices located in Maverick County, employing a total of 12 full-time and 1 part-time employees.

