Alice Paul House offers services to all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, other serious crimes, and juvenile offenses.

- 24-hour Crisis Hotline assistance
- Emergency shelter for victims & their children
- Individual and group trauma-focused empowerment counseling for victims, their children, and significant others
- Medical and Legal Advocacy to victims, their children, and their significant others
- Protection From Abuse, Sexual Violence Protection, and Protection from Intimidation Orders assistance
- 24-hour, On-Call Victim Advocacy
- Crime Victim’s Compensation assistance
- Prevention Education and Community Awareness Programs
- Crisis Intervention Volunteer Training

Penns Manor teams up with APH for Healthy Relationship Programming

Do you know what elements make up a healthy relationship? Do you think your children know? Alice Paul House has partnered with Penns Manor School District to help answer these critical questions by offering The Healthy Relationships Project to grades sixth through eighth. A curriculum developed by Prevent Child Abuse Vermont, these programs are developmentally appropriate, trauma informed, and focus on both victim and victimization prevention. Sixth graders are participating in the We Care Elementary Program, which focuses on understanding sexual harassment. The six lesson program focuses on using children’s capacity for generalizing information and reflecting on their emotions and experiences. Seventh and eighth grade students are receiving programing through the SAFE-T (Sexual Abuse Free Education for Teens) curriculum. This ten session program allows students to continue the process of developing pro-social emotional skills, and introduces age-appropriate information about sexual harassment and sexually abusive behaviors.

Young children and early teens begin making independent decisions about their sexuality and relationships. They also can become highly vulnerable to sexual harassment, violence, risky influences from peers, drugs and alcohol, and the media. These programs help students create a safe space to talk about issues or questions they may have, while allowing themselves to become aware of the violence that they could face as they grow up.

Alice Paul House is also providing ninth grade students with education on Adolescent Relationship Abuse. This program explores teen dating violence which can include sexual misconduct, harassment and abuse, along with bystander intervention. Students are provided information through lecture, discussion, and hands-on activities.

To receive more information about providing programming at your school, church or organization please contact Alice Paul House Education Department at 724-349-5744.

BARK AGAINST VIOLENCE
SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS
OCTOBER 2019

RAISING AWARENESS about the “CRUELTY LINK” Between DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANIMAL ABUSE

Join us on this SOCIAL MEDIA!
The Grandparents & Caregivers Support Group was created to aid guardians serving as parental figures in a child’s life. A “self help” mechanism, this group gains support and understanding as they are “not alone” in the monumental commitment they have selflessly undertaken. Members enjoy the ability to share experiences, strength, and hope; they collaborate to find greater opportunities and help each other address similar problems, thus providing enhanced empowerment, and common sense of community. The small, dedicated core share true connection. When a speaker was welcomed from ARIN to present a variety of additional resources, several clients had the same response; “It gives me someone to talk to. It’s nice to have someone listen to you and have someone to vent to, so it’s nice to come here.”

The Grandparents & Caregivers Support Group meets every other Wednesday. For more information contact APH Counseling Department at 724-349-5744 or email tim.smith@alicepaulhouse.org

The Prevention and Education Department at Alice Paul House was awarded a grant from the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) to provide rape prevention education throughout Indiana County. This grant enables us to instruct Parents In the Know, a program for engaging parents developed by Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR). This program engages parents in the prevention of child abuse and child sexual abuse. A 4 session program, Parents In the Know administers education regarding boundaries, bystander intervention, healthy relationships and healthy sexuality. The goal is to provide knowledge that will empower parents to have confidence to dialogue with their children about these important and critical topics. At the conclusion of Parents In the Know, attendees will have raised awareness and assurance to identify and confront questionable adult behaviors which will aid in preventing sexual abuse in children. Parents In the Know will be offered at APH on Tuesdays from August 2019 to January 2020. If you have a child, birth to age 15 and want to know more about this program, contact APH Education Department at 724-349-5744, or email jamie.boyles@alicepaulhouse.org

A law which amends Pennsylvania’s PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ACT took effect April, 2019. The changes modify some provisions that deal with the possession of guns and firearms by an abuser. Those convicted of misdemeanor crimes of Domestic Violence or subject to protective orders now must IMMEDIATELY RELINQUISH GUNS and FIREARMS within 24 hours. ACT 79 also states that service must be made by the Sheriff’s Department and WEAPONS MUST BE RELINQUISHED TO POLICE, GUN DEALER, OR LAWYER for safekeeping. ACT 79 is viewed by many as a great step forward in Pennsylvania gun safety regulation.
We accept donations of gently used or new clothing, furniture, toys, dry good food items, and gift cards. Not sure what to donate?

**We are currently in need of:**
- Walmart, Sheetz, Lowe’s gift cards
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Disinfectant wipes and spray
- Toilet bowl cleaner, Comet, bleach
- Magic Erasers
- Tall Kitchen and small trash bags
- Hand soap and hand sanitizer
- Chapstick
- Laundry detergent, baskets, dryer sheets

Please call us before dropping off donations as this assists in maintaining our clients’ confidentiality!

**Thank you for your support!**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**OCTOBER 2019**
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Purple Light Nights Project
- Bark Against Violence
- Social Media Awareness

**FEBRUARY 2020**
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

**APRIL 2020**
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Child Abuse Awareness Month

**MAY 2020**
- May 2nd; 4th annual CASH BASH!

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**United Way Kickoff**

Members of Alice Paul House staff attended the Indiana County United Way 2019 kickoff event on August 8th at the Home Farm Barn in Indiana, Pa. The theme of the “kickoff” was a football tailgate party. APH has been privileged to be a long standing Partner Agency with The United Way of Indiana County. **Pictured left to right:** Jamie Boyles, Whitney Carmichael, APH Executive Director Audia Boyles, Erin Smyers, Kayla Marshall, and Tim Smith.

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**Laila Clifford** presented APH with a donation from her Kingdom Assignment through Grace United Methodist Church. “I decided to do my assignment on my love of reading. With the help of my mom, I made bookmarks which I sold at Grace United Methodist. I chose APH because I feel children deserve to be safe.” Laila presented Alice Paul House with $400 to buy stuffed animals and other items needed for the children that use our services. A big THANK YOU to Laila and her family for this generous donation! It is caring individuals in our community like her that make it possible for Alice Paul House to provide crucial services for Indiana County’s children and families! **THANK YOU LAILA CLIFFORD!**

**Pictured below from left to right:** Roxie Johnston, APH Direct Service Coordinator, Lori Clifford, Patrick Clifford, and Laila Clifford.
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