

Advocacy for Women and Kids in Emergencies (AWAKE)

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Advocacy for Women and Kids in Emergencies (AWAKE), a program of the Child Protection Team at Children's Hospital, and the Human Services Department of The Martha Eliot Health Center, advocates for battered women and their children in conjunction with other hospital/health center staff and community agencies. All AWAKE services are available for adolescent patients, parents/caretakers of patients and hospital and health center staff members who are or have been victims of domestic violence.

Members of the AWAKE staff work in a collaborative manner with hospital/health center and community resources in order to develop a plan that helps mothers and children remain together and safe.

Services provided:

- * initial and ongoing risk assessment and safety planning;
- * individual counseling in-person and by telephone;
- * assistance in seeking and securing emergency shelter;
- * criminal justice advocacy, including escorting women to police departments, probate and district court hearings;
- * public agency advocacy, including child protection workers; housing, welfare, immigration, and others, as needed;
- * assistance in accessing legal representation;
- * referrals for medical care, supportive counseling, child witness to domestic violence services, and others as needed;
- * walk-in group for battered women which meets weekly for 90 minutes;
- * group for battered women in substance abuse treatment which meets weekly for 90 minutes;
- * weekly group for women whose native language is Spanish ;
- * time limited education/intervention group for women seeking prenatal care at the Martha Eliot Health Center;
- * time limited education/prevention groups for adolescent girls; and
- * supportive child care during group sessions.

Services are fully accessible and are offered in English and Spanish by AWAKE staff. Interpreters are utilized to accommodate other languages and those with ASL needs. All services are free and are not time limited. AWAKE staff members also provide consultation and training to hospital/health center staff and to providers in the community and nationwide.

If you would like to speak with a staff person at the hospital location, please call (617) 355-6369 and ask to speak with the AWAKE advocate on-call. At The Martha Eliot Health Center please call the advocate at (617) 971-2348. For more information on the program or to request a training session, please call the AWAKE director at (617) 355-4760.

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Intervencion Para Mujeres y Ninos en Emergencias (AWAKE)

Intervencion para Mujeres y Ninos en Emergencias (AWAKE) (siglas en ingles), un programa del Equipo de Proteccion para el Nino, en Children's Hospital, y el Departamento de Servicios Humanos del Centro de Salud Martha Eliot, interviene a favor mujeres victimas de maltrato y sus ninos, en combinacion con el personal de otro hospital/centro de salud y agencias de la comunidad.

Miembros del personal de trabajo de AWAKE trabajan de modo colaborativo con el hospital/centro de salud y recursos comunales para el desarrollo de un plan que ayude a madres y ninos a permanecer juntos y seguros.

Servicios Ofrecidos:

- * evaluacion de riesgos iniciales y presentes y planeamiento de seguridad;
- * consejeria individual en persona y por telefono;
- * asistencia en la busqueda y obtencion de un refugio de emergencia;
- * intervencion en justicia criminal, incluyendo el escoltar mujeres a departamentos policiales, y audiencias de cortes criminales y de probatoria;
- * intervencion ante agencias publicas, incluyendo vivienda, Bienestar Social, inmigracion, y otras, de acuerdo a la necesidad;
- * asistencia para obtener representacion legal;
- * referimiento para asistencia medica, consejeria de apoyo, servicios para ninos testigos de violencia domestica, y otros, de acuerdo a la necesidad;
- * grupo sin citas para mujeres abusadas que se reune semanalmente por 90 minutos;
- * ingreso a un grupo de mujeres abusadas las cuales se reunen semanalmente por 90 minutos;
- * asistencia a reuniones semanales de grupos de mujeres que hablan espanol como idioma nativo;
- * grupos de tiempo limitado de educacion/prenencion para ninas adolescentes; y apoyo de cuidado de ninos durante las reuniones de los grupos de apoyo.

Los servicios son ofrecidos en ingles y espanol por el personal de AWAKE. Se utilizan interpretes para traducir a otros idiomas y para los que necesiten servicios de ASL (Lenguaje Americano de Senas). Todos los servicios son gratis y no tienen tiempos limitado.

Los miembros del personal de AWAKE tambien proveen consultas y entrenamiento para personal del hospital/centro de salud y para proveedores en la comunidad y a nivel nacional.

Si desea hablar con un miembro del personal en el hospital, llame al (617) 355-6369 y pida hablar con el mediador de servicio de AWAKE. En el centro de salud Martha Eliot llame al mediador al (617) 971-2348. Para mas informacion sobre el programa o para requerir una sesion de entrenamiento, al director de AWAKE al (617) 355-4760.