

ANNUAL REPORT

MEASURING ACHIEVEMENT

2024-2025



THE WOMEN'S CENTER INC. COLUMBIA & MONTOUR COUNTIES OF PA

OUR THOUGHTS

It is with both pride and gratitude that I present the FY 2024–2025 Annual Report for The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia/Montour.

This report reflects a year defined by resilience, courage, and unwavering commitment. The accomplishments you will read about are grounded in stories of extraordinary strength and perseverance from the individuals we serve, as well as the compassion and dedication of our staff and volunteers who walk alongside them every day.

This year also brought significant challenges. Flat funding from key grant sources, combined with delays in reimbursement, created substantial strain on our operating budget and resulted in a \$200,000 funding gap. Despite these obstacles, we remained steadfast in our mission. Our commitment to survivors never wavered, and we continued to provide critical services without interruption.

In times like these, community support is not only meaningful—it is essential. Every contribution, whether through financial support, volunteer time, or donations of basic necessities, plays a vital role in sustaining our work. As economic pressures grow, so too does the risk of domestic and sexual violence, making our services more necessary than ever.

I am deeply grateful for the generosity and commitment of our supporters. Your partnership sends a powerful message to survivors across Columbia and Montour counties: they are not alone. Together, we are building a safer, more compassionate community where all individuals have the opportunity to live free from violence.

Thank you for standing with us.

Sincerely,

Christy Roberson
Executive Director

2024/2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Collaborated with Geisinger's Wellness Center to develop a SharePoint site (housing domestic violence resources) and Office Hours for Geisinger Employees experiencing domestic violence.
- ◆ Maintained a private, safe place with the resources/supplies and equipment necessary for survivors and their children to safely access medical and mental health care utilizing telehealth services.
- ◆ Maintained a Healthy Survivor Support Fund to support survivors' healthcare-related needs, including COVID support bags, food, personal care items, cleaning supplies, and gift cards.
- ◆ Provided accompaniment services for 44 survivors in the medical setting and 218 survivors in the legal setting.
- ◆ Maintained Children's Counseling services in the school setting, providing counseling services to five children.
- ◆ Strengthened relationship with the Columbia County Prison and establish group/individual counseling with incarcerated survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- ◆ Collaborated with one of the senior centers to host the Warm Safe Home Project, an initiative that utilizes the decorating of small houses to spark conversations about what a safe home means and the ways in which a home can become unsafe.
- ◆ Expanded our safety planning tools by partnering with More Than a Phone, a program that provides smartphones for survivors, along with SIM cards and chargers.
- ◆ Hosted a successful toy drive, collecting over 350 toys and raising \$1,600 for the purchase of toys for families in need. In addition to our emergency shelter residents and their children, we helped 18 families, 36 children had a wonderful Christmas.
- ◆ Held our Annual Participant Holiday Event as a meal and toy pick-up, serving over 80 meals to adults and children.
- ◆ Partnered with local businesses to provide Thanksgiving meals to 4 families as well as our shelter residents and 42 Easter baskets to survivors and their children.
- ◆ Provided 403 instances of emergency financial assistance (emergency food, cleaning supplies, and personal care items).
- ◆ Maintained partnership with the Columbia County Housing Authority to provide transitional housing to women and children through the Bridge House Program.
- ◆ Assisted 10 survivors and their children to secure permanent safe housing.
- ◆ Maintained two staff trained to provide the Mandated Reporter Training and presented Mandated Reporter training to community organizations.

2024/2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Enhanced relationships with local law enforcement including provision of training on the impact of domestic violence on survivors, barriers survivors face when interacting with law enforcement, victim-centered interviewing, criteria for a Protection from Abuse Order, and the intersection of domestic violence and sexual assault; training 11 additional law enforcement officers.
- ◆ Two staff trained as trainers for the Lethality Assessment Program. Facilitated partnerships with one Law Enforcement Agency in Columbia County and one Law Enforcement Agency in Montour County to begin implementation of Lethality Assessment Program.
- ◆ Hosted a Traumatic Brain Injury conference, focusing on the intersection between brain injuries and domestic violence.
- ◆ Participated in community events including Take Back the Night, National Night Out, Art Fest, Out-Fest, Pride-Fest, Montour DeLong Fair, Community Health Fair, and Montour Senior Expo.
- ◆ Presented education and prevention programs (Be the Change, Care for Kids, Weird Series, Expect Respect) at local school districts, NCSTU, N4C's, Berwick and Bloomsburg Teen Centers, and Danville Child Development Center (172 programs; 2,216 reached).
- ◆ Continued to cultivate relationships with local EMS to enhance services to survivors.
- ◆ Maintained partnerships with Commonwealth University Bloomsburg Campus's Women's Resource Center and LGBTQ Resource Center.
- ◆ Enhanced partnerships with community organizations that serve marginalized/culturally specific populations including CMSU, North Central Secure Treatment Unit, and Columbia County Jail.
- ◆ Increased outreach and relationship building within community-related health care fields such as dentists, eye doctors, chiropractors, nursing homes/personal care homes, and adult day programs.
- ◆ Participated in Bloomsburg University's internship program, hosting three students.
- ◆ Obtained funding to enhance prevention education programs for school-aged children and facilitate parent workshops throughout the service area.
- ◆ Continued our Healthy Workplace Initiatives through our Fifth Healthy Workplace Grant.
- ◆ Continued DEI and pay equity initiatives.

STATISTICS

THE WOMEN'S CENTER, INC.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS= 1,252 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



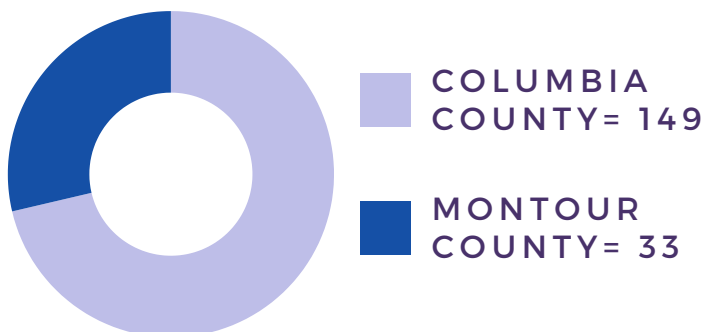
- ADULTS= 615
- CHILDREN= 226
- SIGNIFICANT OTHER= 123

SEXUAL ASSAULT

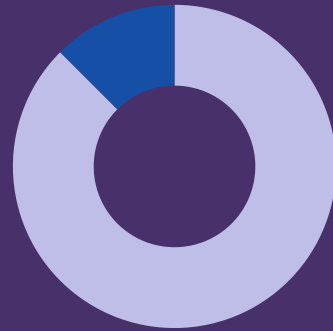


- ADULTS= 133
- CHILDREN= 14
- SIGNIFICANT OTHER= 141

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROTECTION FROM ABUSE PETITIONS= 182



TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNSELING HOURS= 7,164



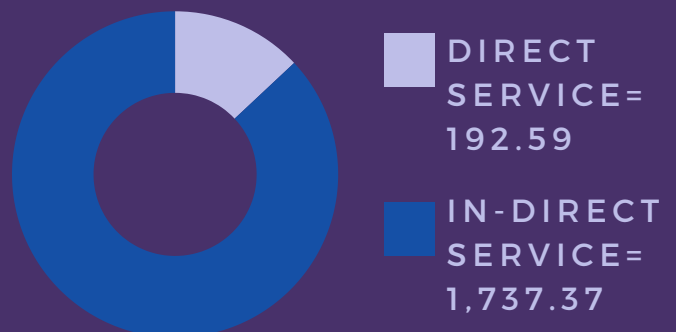
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE= 6,236
- SEXUAL ASSAULT= 928

TOTAL NUMBER OF SHELTER DAYS= 3,465



- ADULTS= 1,632
- CHILDREN= 1,833

VOLUNTEER HOURS= 1,929.96



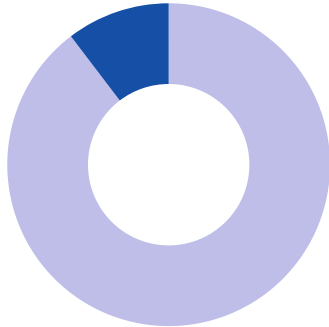
- DIRECT SERVICE= 192.59
- IN-DIRECT SERVICE= 1,737.37

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THE WOMEN'S CENTER, INC.

EXPENSES & REVENUE

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOTLINE CALLS= 2,068



- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE= 1,747
- SEXUAL ASSAULT= 321

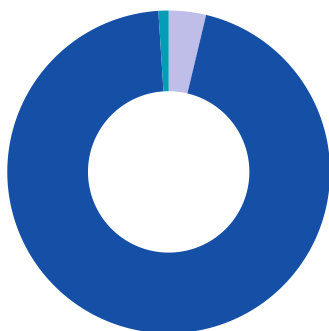
35,173 INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COLUMBIA COUNTY



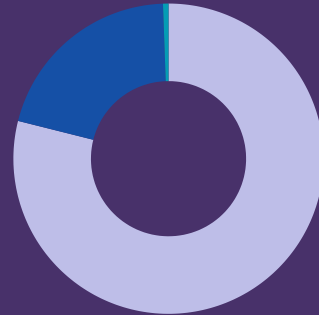
- COMMUNITY= 1,309
- PROFESSIONALS= 130
- SCHOOLS= 589

MONTOUR COUNTY



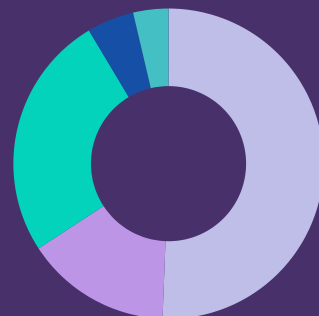
- COMMUNITY= 747
- PROFESSIONALS= 31,085
- SCHOOLS= 1,313

EXPENSES TOTAL \$1,256,422



- PROGRAM SERVICES= \$986,846
- MANAGEMENT & GENERAL= \$263,661
- FUNDRAISING= \$5,915

REVENUE TOTAL: \$1,178,668



- PA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE= \$582,913
- PA COALITION TO ADVANCE RESPECT= \$230,932
- OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNDING= \$242,930
- LOCAL SUPPORT= \$82,748
- FUNDRAISING= \$39,060
- INVESTMENT RETURN= \$85

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Mission:

The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia/Montour provides direct services for all victims & survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse, education & prevention activities, advocacy, and leadership in partnership with the community in their efforts aimed at eradicating domestic violence and sexual assault both individually and systemically.

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