

eliminating racism
empowering women

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**ACCESS York &
Victim Assistance Center**

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Our Community Education Department envisions a diverse world in which people from all genders, races, ethnicities, abilities, ages, languages, locations, and every other demographic distinction live in a safe environment, free from oppression and with the opportunity to thrive within healthy relationships and communities of choice. We believe that domestic and sexual violence will end only when individuals, institutions, and every segment of society are educated and empowered to take a stand against abuse and to embrace healthy, safe, respectful, and peaceful interpersonal relationships. We recognize that a “one size fits all” approach to community education does not work, that diverse communities such as ours require diverse strategies, and that addressing diversity and inclusion is everyone’s responsibility.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million people.¹
- 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.²
- Every 98 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted and every 8 minutes, that victim is a child.³
- Only 6 out of every 1,000 perpetrators of sexual assault will end up in prison.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Our Community Education Department works to eliminate domestic and sexual violence, as they co-occur with other forms of oppression, through:

- Conducting consistent, effective, and culturally-competent outreach on the array of services YWCA York's Victim Services offers to victims of domestic and sexual abuse in all geographic and demographic parts of York County.
- Promoting healthy, safe, and respectful attitudes and beliefs about gender and sexuality.
- Educating children, teens, and their caregivers through effective school-based programs that teach individuals to respect themselves and each other.
- Educating and empowering people who work in various systems (such as healthcare, human services, law enforcement, etc.) to recognize and understand the dynamics of domestic and sexual abuse, treat victims with compassion, and appropriately refer victims to local sources of help.
- Facilitating productive relationships and collaborations with other service providers that encounter victims in order to ensure an effective, coordinated community response to victims in need of interventions.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A HIGH-CONTENT, IMPACTFUL TRAINING, PLEASE CONTACT COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT 717.845.2631. TRAININGS CAN BE CUSTOMIZED TO FIT YOUR NEEDS.

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