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**ACCESS York &
Victim Assistance Center**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Community Outreach Advocate is primarily responsible for outreach, advocacy and education to the victims of domestic and sexual violence as well as to the ones supporting them through their healing.

In addition, the advocate provides programming and systems advocacy to underserved populations such as to the rural communities, Hispanic population, faith-based communities, and the LGBTQ population throughout York County. YWCA York has a long and proud history of serving our most vulnerable populations.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Bystander Intervention

Although only 5% of sexual assault cases are reported to law enforcement, two thirds of people tell either a family member or a friend. This makes them the front line to prevention, and they possibly could be the first ones to intervene. Bystanders can often interrupt behaviors that can lead to sexual violence if they are given the proper tools.

Finding Support

If you cannot come into our main location, but would like to talk with an advocate and receive information about our services please visit the outreach site closest to you or contact Community Education Department to set up an appointment to meet at your closest outreach site.

- Dillsburg Public Library
- Red Land Community Action Center

- YMCA Shrewsberry
- Mason-Dixon Community Services, Delta Location
- YWCA Hanover, Safe Home

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Bystander Intervention Bystander intervention is about showing how everyone can play a role in prevention. This program identifies observable behaviors that indicate a situation could lead to violence and empowers individuals with the skills and strategies necessary to safely intervene.

Sexual Harassment This training will equip agencies and businesses with the knowledge and ability to combat sexual harassment. This program will provide in person training as well as an online component.

Understanding Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Sexual Assault This training equips the audience with the tools and knowledge to support victims and survivors with a trauma-informed approach. It highlights the varying needs of survivors and avoids a “one size fits all” approach to giving support.

Beyond the Bar This program was developed to initiate bystander intervention in the context of bartenders and servers who could potentially be first responders to a sexual assault or domestic violence incident. It empowers those individuals to develop skills to successfully and safely intervene.

Cut It Out With this program, we visit schools, salons, continuing education classes, and beauty events to train salon professionals to recognize the warning signs of abuse as well as safely and confidently refer victims to local resources for help.

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.