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What is Hiatus House?

Hiatus House is a social service agency offering confidential intervention for families experiencing domestic violence. Our goal is to provide accessible services in a culturally sensitive manner. These services include:

Crisis Intervention Program

Crisis intervention services are available on the phone and in person 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Residential Program

- Emergency shelter (26 rooms providing 42 beds) for abused women and their children from Windsor and Essex County
- The shelter is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Services are also provided to abused women in a same sex relationship
- A Child and Youth Program is available to children in the shelter
- Crossroads Program is offered to women while living in the shelter

Transitional & Housing Support Program

This program supports abused women and their children to live in a violence-free environment. The program is provided to women living in the community who are currently in an unsafe situation and to women residing in the shelter by helping them with:

- Securing and maintaining housing
- Safety planning (www.shelternet.ca)
- Financial Assistance
- Legal Options
- Counselling, etc.



Crossroads Program

This program offers short-term (10-week) psycho-educational groups to children 4-16 years old. For safety reasons, mothers must be separated from their abusive partners in order for their children to be eligible for this program. Some group topics include:

- What is Violence?
- Safety Planning (www.shelternet.ca)
- Responsibility for the Violence
- Conflict Resolution
- Family Challenges and Changes, etc.

Fresh Start - Men's Program

This program provides group therapy on a long-term basis for abusive males. The primary goal of the Fresh Start men's group is for the men to take responsibility for, and end, their abusive behaviour. Other important goals include: learning new and more flexible attitudes and expectations toward women, learning to express anger in non-oppressive and constructive ways and identifying the roots of anger and violence, its impact on the abuser and on others. The program offers groups to male offenders who are court mandated (Partner Assault Response Program) within Windsor, Leamington and Amherstburg. The PAR Program includes separate groups for female offenders in Windsor.

- Separate groups are offered to voluntary male clients
- Therapy is provided to men in same sex relationships
- Therapy is provided for men who are victims of abuse

Fresh Start - Women's Program City

This program offers long-term group therapy for abused women. The primary goal of the Fresh Start women's group is for the women to accept responsibility for their physical and psychological safety. Other important goals include:

- learning choices that are available
- learning to be assertive
- learning effective communication and problem-solving skills
- Therapy is provided to women in same sex relationships
- Therapy is provided for women who are abusive toward men

Fresh Start - Women's Program County

The County program provides an agency presence for abused women in the County and facilitates access for County residents to our Residential program. The purpose of the County program is to provide group therapy in five locations within the County. These locations include:

- Essex
- Belle River
- Amherstburg
- Kingsville
- Leamington

Hiatus House School Based Program

This program is in partnership with the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board and the Greater Essex County District School Board. The service includes individual and group counselling to children within their elementary school setting. Mothers must be separated from the abusive partners in order for their children to be eligible for this program.



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- I would like more information on how I may benefit Hiatus House through planned giving. Please send me information on gifts of insurance, wills, and bequests.

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Does your partner abuse you in any of the following ways?

- Puts you down by calling you stupid, ugly, fat or crazy.
- Refuses money for food, rent, clothes, bills.
- Keeps you from family and friends.
- Threatens violence against you or your children if you try to leave, tell or get help.
- Destroys your personal things.
- Harms or threatens to harm your pet.
- Slaps, trips, punches, burns, pushes, kicks, chokes or throws things.
- Forces you to have sex.
- Threatens to have you deported.

It's not your fault.

Women often blame themselves for their partner's abusive behaviour. Nothing you do will change your partner's behaviour.

You may be staying because:

- You believe your children are better off living with two parents.
- You still love your partner and hope for change.
- You do not know where to find help and support.
- You have little or no money.
- You feel helpless and hopeless.
- You believe you have no place to go.
- You fear your partner will take revenge against you or your children.

GET SAFE — GET HELP!



What Does "Hiatus" Mean?

- A term that means "break in the circle". Hiatus House is a vital social service agency dedicated to breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

What is Domestic Violence?

- An increasingly visible social and legal problem wherein women are abused by their partners. One in four women in Ontario is abused.
- Forms of abuse include:
 - psychological/emotional
 - property & pets
 - physical and sexual
- A problem with wide-ranging ramifications for the abused woman, her children, and partner, including:
 - the physical and emotional survival of all individuals within the family or relationship
 - the future of the family as a unit
 - the effect of violence on the children
 - the reluctance and discomfort of revealing the abuse to: family, friends, medical personnel, social agencies, legal and police personnel and members of the clergy
 - the difficulties encountered in leaving home and partner, taking the children and obtaining financial and emotional support as well as housing
 - the obstacles in quickly obtaining legal and social services
- A problem with broad ramifications for all segments of the community, in particular:
 - emergency services
 - medical personnel
 - police
 - social service agencies
 - judicial courts

What To Do in a Crisis IMMEDIATELY

- phone the police (911)
- record the names of police officers
- attempt to preserve any evidence of the physical abuse
- seek medical attention and request the assistance of the Domestic Violence Program at Windsor Regional Hospital - Emergency Room (Met Campus) for the collection of evidence such as photographs, etc.

Who Pays For Service? (in alphabetical order)

- Correctional Services Canada
- Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
- Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General
- Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services
- Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services - Dedicated Supportive Housing
- Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

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peace in the family"**

St. Augustine

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