



LIVE VIOLENCE FREE

Mission Statement

Live Violence Free is committed to promoting violence free communities through education and advocacy to address domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and basic needs.

History

Live Violence Free, formerly the South Lake Tahoe Women's Center, was founded in 1977 by a group of community volunteers that identified the need for a local rape crisis hotline. Over the past 35 years, Live Violence Free has continued to expand its efforts to include a broad array of services in order to provide comprehensive, holistic response to victims of domestic and sexual violence within the communities we serve.

Website

www.liveviolencefree.org

Contact

Scarlet Caldwell
Outreach Educator

(530) 542-7624
2941 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Success Story

A woman came into the business center upset about how her husband was treating her. Through a multitude of peer counseling sessions with an advocate, the client began identifying the various forms of emotional, physical, and verbal abuse she and her daughter had been subjected to by the victim's husband. Similarly to many domestic violence clients, in a later session she disclosed that she was sexually assaulted as a child by a family member, and that when she came to us for help she was also being forced to perform sexual acts with her husband against her will. The client and her daughter began seeing one of Live Violence Free's counselors for individual therapy where the women were empowered to explore their feelings, face their pasts, and work towards breaking the cycle of violence. The mother also sought assistance from Live Violence Free's Attorney in navigating her divorce and obtaining legal immigration status. With a little support from Live Violence Free and a lot of self-determination, the client was able to reclaim her life. She went back to cosmetology school and now has her own successful business, while the daughter continues to do well in school.

Programs & Services

- Crisis intervention
- Peer counseling
- 24-hour crisis hotline
- Advocacy and accompaniment services
- Emergency and non-emergency transportation
- Food and clothing access
- Legal assistance
- Individual and group counseling
- 52-week batterer-intervention programming for men and women
- Home visitation and parenting skills training
- Community outreach and school prevention programming
- Emergency shelter and transitional housing programs
- Supervised visitation and monitored exchange program