



Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region

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Family Court Support Program

Navigating the Family Court system can be difficult, confusing and overwhelming. For women who have experienced abuse in their relationship, this process is intensified by safety concerns and increased complexities with custody, access and support.

The Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region is pleased to offer a new program for women who have experienced abuse as they navigate the Family Court system. The **Family Court Support Program** empowers women through information, support and appropriate referrals.

The Family Court Support Program offers:

- Support and advocacy in navigating the Family Court system.
- Information about family law procedures and processes.
- Assistance with recording the history of abuse for court.
- Safety planning, especially related to court appearances.
- Support with the completion of paperwork and lawyers' requests.
- Referrals and advocacy with community supports and services.
- Accompaniment to family court proceedings and lawyers' appointments.
- Debriefing and discussing court outcomes.
- Information and practical support in accessing Legal Aid.
- Assistance with arranging interpretation services.

This program does not offer legal advice and is not intended to replace advice from a lawyer.

Who can access the Family Court Support Program?

Women who:

- Have experienced abuse or violence in their relationship.
- Are looking for information about family law issues.
- Are about to start or are already involved with family law proceedings.

To book an appointment in Kitchener or Cambridge:

Contact Karen Dymond at 519-571-0121 ext 35 or karen@sascwr.org. Women can self-refer to the program.

For more information, call 519.571.0121 ext 35



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