

DELAWARE COUNTY WOMEN AGAINST RAPE

Providing Accompaniment, Counseling, Education, and Advocacy Services Since 1974

FACT SHEET

Delaware County Women Against Rape (DCWAR) is a private non-profit agency founded in 1974. DCWAR provides comprehensive direct services to any victim of rape, other sexual assault, and other serious crimes, and to significant persons in the victim's life. In addition, DCWAR provides education programs to schools and community groups, as well as training for allied professionals, such as police, emergency responders, and medical personnel, both to increase community awareness of the impact of crime on victims, and to develop prevention strategies.

Services – all services are confidential and free of charge

- 24-hour hotline accesses staff with specialized training in crisis intervention and counseling of victims of sexual assault. Victims may receive services at either the time of the assault or any time afterward -- even years later.
- Accompaniment Services are available 24 hours a day by Counselor/Advocates. Accompaniment may be to hospitals, police stations, and all court proceedings arising out of the rape, assault, or other serious crime.
- Counseling Services offer supportive, problem-solving counseling to victims, their families, and significant others, individually or in support groups.
- Assistance with Crime Victims Compensation, to ease the financial impact placed on victims because of the crime.
- Civil Legal Services are provided by staff attorneys to victims of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, or other serious crimes.
- Education, outreach, and awareness training programs are provided at schools (pre-kindergarten through high school), colleges and technical schools, and to professional and community groups.

Departments and Staffing

- Administration: Executive Director, Assistant Director, Fiscal Manager, Office Manager
- Sexual Assault: Lead Counselor, four Counselor/Advocates
- Crime Victims Services: Director, two Counselor/Advocates
- Counseling: two licensed counselors
- Crime Victims Law Project: Director, two Staff Attorneys
- Education: Director, three Educators

Note: All staff have completed 40-hour Sexual Assault Counselor training.

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Funding Sources

- Grants from Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) -- funds passed through from federal or state governments
 - Act 44/Title XX
 - Rape Prevention Education
 - Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant
 - Sexual Assault Services Program
- Grants from Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) -- funds passed through from Pennsylvania or federal government
 - Victims of Crime Act
 - Victims of Crime Act Enhancement
 - Victims of Crime Act for Law Project
 - Rights and Services Act
- Special event fundraiser: Race for Victims' Rights (October)
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
- Education services (from school districts)
- Contributions from individuals, businesses, and community groups

Governance

Members of the Board of Directors are elected for 3-year terms, with eligibility for reelection.

Members of the Board:

- are committed to the mission
- attend board meetings regularly
- serve on at least one committee
- make a personal financial contribution annually
- participate in fundraising events
- are ambassadors for the organization – enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and connected to the community
- govern with a mindset that is both critical and visionary