



Vera House is a comprehensive domestic and sexual violence service agency providing shelter, advocacy, and counseling services for women, children and men, education and prevention programs and coordination of community services.

Services Provided

- **24 Hour Crisis and Support Line**

(315) 468-3260 TTY (315) 484-7263

- Anyone can call to discuss cases to get ideas on how to proceed
- Entry way to other services at Vera House.

- **Emergency Shelter**

- Comprehensive emergency sheltering services to individuals and families in crisis impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence or elder abuse
- Temporary housing & a full range of support services for up to 36 women, children and men offered at 2 confidential locations
- Able to provide personal care assistance available, however **no medical care provided.**
- Shelter is wheelchair accessible.
- Admission possible at any time

- **New Directions - Rape Crisis & Sexual Assault Response Services**

- Counseling services available at our offices for women, children and men
- Call Out Services - Respond to the hospitals in our community for victims of sexual violence.

- **Outreach & Advocacy Services**

- Short Term Counseling, support groups and assistance navigating various systems ex: legal, health and social services.
- Elder Advocate – works directly with individuals (women and men) age 50 +

- **Domestic & Sexual Violence and Elder Abuse Prevention Programs**
 - Free school-based, community and professional education programs on domestic and sexual violence and elder abuse.
 - Call to schedule programs at (315) 425-0818

- **Pet Foster Care Program**
 - Volunteers foster pets temporarily for victims unable to keep their pets due to domestic or sexual violence or elder abuse.

- **Abuse in Later Life Program**
 - Vera House was among 9 communities nationwide to receive an Abuse in Later Life Grant. Benefits Include:
 - Training Law Enforcement, direct service providers, prosecutors and Judges.
 - Enhance community response and collaboration on elder abuse cases.
 - Outreach and provision of direct service to elder abuse victims.

- **Elder Justice Committee**
 - The Elder Justice Committee is a part of the Syracuse Area Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition. Its mission is to identify, prevent, address and eliminate elder abuse, neglect and exploitation and to foster community awareness through collaboration, education, intervention advocacy and accountability. It does this through:
 - Monthly committee meetings where a multidisciplinary group of people discuss the issue of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation
 - Annual conferences/World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
 - Subcommittees focusing on key areas such as Outreach efforts