

# FREE SERVICES

All services are *confidential* and *free of charge* for anyone who has experienced domestic violence or sexual assault regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, ancestry, age, veteran status, or disability.



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## MAIN OFFICE

### Ridgecrest

134 S. China Lake Blvd  
Ridgecrest CA 93555  
(760) 371 1969



## OUTREACH OFFICE

### Lake Isabella

6429 Lake Isabella Blvd  
Lake Isabella, CA 93240  
(760) 223-2777  
(760) 371-2770

### 24-Hour Hotlines

**Domestic Violence: (760) 375-7525**

**Sexual Assault: (760) 375-0745**

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# WOMEN'S CENTER HIGH DESERT, INC.



*A non-profit organization providing a network of services relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse for Eastern Kern and surrounding counties. We are dedicated to educate the public and community agencies, in heightening awareness regarding primary prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking to reduce the risk of victimization.*

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## SHELTER NETWORK

The Women's Shelter Network offers emergency shelter up to 35-days in a confidential location to men and women with children who are victims of domestic violence. While in residence at the shelter, clients are offered counseling, job skills support, parenting classes and most importantly a safe and secure location to think about their options and make plans for the future. Staff and volunteers work closely with clients and other community agencies and shelters outside our immediate area to provide referrals and possible relocation options or opportunities as needed.

## COUNSELING

One on one counseling with a staff therapist or a peer counselor is available for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Come by the office to pick up a counseling packet.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER

The Women's Center is a typing service that assists with obtaining a domestic violence order to restrain a current or former intimate partner or a family member. A victim advocate will discuss with you the process and the protection an order can provide. Court accompaniment is also provided for restraining order hearings by request only. Staff is unable to give legal advice and does not assist with child custody issues (outside of the restraining order) or with divorce. To receive assistance with the paperwork, please stop by one of the offices to fill out the paperwork.

## PREA

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed unanimously by both parties in Congress in 2003. The purpose of the act is to "provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in federal, state, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape." (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003.)

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

An important part of the Women's Center is our outreach to the local community to raise awareness and to share the support services available for victims and their families. Many victims of domestic violence and sexual assault are unaware of the options available to them while friends and family feel unable to help their loved ones simply because they do not know where to turn to get help. For more information, contact the Special Project Coordinator.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) assists victims and survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse. We provide crisis intervention, law enforcement accompaniment, emergency room accompaniment and support, accompaniment and advocacy for all legal meetings and court appearances. We also offer one-on-one peer counseling as well as the availability of a staff therapist for more extensive counseling and support. The program has a proactive prevention education program working with schools, community, civic and religious organizations.

## KERN COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING (KCAHT)

Women's Center is proud to be a founding member of Kern Coalition Against Human Trafficking (KCAHT) a grassroots coalition that was created to facilitate a comprehensive approach to combat human trafficking in Kern County through prevention, protection, prosecution, and partnerships.



[www.kcaht.org](http://www.kcaht.org)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For more information and training opportunities, call the Special Project Coordinator at (760) 371-1969



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