

**Specialist Domestic Violence Services**

**Catholic Care: Staying Home Leaving Violence**

**4356 2600**

*Staying Home Leaving Violence is a free service that helps women and their children remain in their home or a home of their choice and be protected from violence. There is a variety of support offered through the program including assisting in making the home safer through newly fitted security measures, support through separation, legal, police and family law matters.*

**Catholic Care: Safe Homes Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Service**

**4356 2600**

[kathleen.godfrey@dbb.org.au](mailto:kathleen.godfrey@dbb.org.au)

*Safe Homes provides information referral, support and case management strategies, in partnership with a range of organisations to people in the Central Coast who have been affected by violence in their relationships. Safe Homes has support workers for women who have or are experiencing domestic violence that have left the relationship or still living with the perpetrator. Safe Homes also offers a child therapist, a male victim worker and a men's behaviour change worker.*

**Rondeley Domestic Violence Support Program (24 hours)**

**4340 7088**

[rondeley@coastshelter.org.au](mailto:rondeley@coastshelter.org.au)

*The Rondeley Program supports women with or without children who are escaping domestic violence. The program provides practical and moral support, as well as accommodation in five cottages. This program ensures that women and their children who leave a violent relationship will have immediate support as well as safe accommodation.*

**Central Coast Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (CCDVAS)**

**GOSFORD**

**4321 0099**

**WYONG**

**4350 3064**

*The Central Coast Domestic Violence Advocacy Service is a free service that can support women and children in obtaining legal protection from domestic violence. CCDVAS works closely with victims of domestic violence in conjunction with the court system, solicitors and police.*

**Housing NSW Start Safely Private Rental Subsidy Program**

**1800 422 322**

[www.housing.nsw.gov.au/help-with-housing](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/help-with-housing)

*The Start Safely Private Rental Subsidy provides short to medium-term financial support for people escaping domestic or family violence. The subsidy helps people secure private rental accommodation and funds up to 75% of the cost of rent for up to 3 years depending on the situation. The program offers assistance of up to \$2000 in the purchase of items to set up a new home.*

**The Domestic Violence Line (24 hours)**

**1800 656 463**

**TTY**

**1800 671 442**

*If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, you can ring the Domestic Violence Line for help. The Domestic Violence Line provides telephone counselling, information and referrals for women and same-sex partners who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence. The service has an extensive list of contacts, people and services across NSW who can help.*

## Information, Counselling and Support Services

### **NSW Rape Crisis Centre (24 hours) 1800 424 017**

[www.rapecrisis.com.au](http://www.rapecrisis.com.au)

NSW Rape Crisis is a 24/7 telephone and online crisis counselling service for anyone in Australia who has experienced or is at risk of sexual violence, family or domestic violence and their non-offending supporters. Through the Rape Crisis Centre and the Commonwealth Bank, clients may be able to access a crisis support \$1000 debit card, a \$500 debit card to specifically purchase food items and a Westnet phone.

### **Central Coast Community Women's Health Centres (Monday-Thursday)**

**WYOMING: 37 Maidens Brush Road**

**4324 2533**

**WYONG : 7 Rose Street**

**4351 1152**

**WOY Woy: 20A McMasters Road**

**4342 5905**

Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre provides holistic health services to women at three centres. Services include clinical health services; counseling; therapeutic and social groups, daily drop-in facility, face to face and phone information and referral, advocacy and a safe space for women. Child care available.

### **Domestic Violence Legal Advice Line**

**1800 810 784**

[www.wlsnsw.org.au](http://www.wlsnsw.org.au)

### **Indigenous Women's Legal Contact Line**

**1800 639 784**

The Domestic Violence Legal Advice Line is a specialist legal service for women in NSW experiencing domestic and family violence with a central objective to inform women about their legal rights and to help women obtain access to justice.

### **BaptistCare**

**1300 130 225**

[www.baptistcare.org.au](http://www.baptistcare.org.au)

BaptistCare's Central Coast centre provides a range of domestic violence support services including counseling, housing assistance and a men's behavior change program; Facing Up.

### **Northern Settlement Services**

**4334 3877**

[www.nsservices.com](http://www.nsservices.com)

Northern Settlement Services (NSS) provide a range of services in the area of settlement, youth, aged care and vulnerable families across the Central Coast. NSS can support and assist in directing culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) individuals experiencing domestic and family violence to appropriate services and resources available on the Central Coast.

### **Yerin Aboriginal Health Services**

**43511040**

[www.yerin.org.au](http://www.yerin.org.au)

Indigenous family violence worker, Frances Ralph provides culturally safe and appropriate support to clients and families who are at risk of or are experiencing domestic and family violence.

### **ACON NSW**

[www.acon.org.au](http://www.acon.org.au)

[www.sayitoutloud.org.au](http://www.sayitoutloud.org.au)

ACON are a NSW organisation supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people who have experienced domestic and family violence by providing a range of support services and resources such as legal advice, counselling and support groups.

### **RSPCA Safe Beds for Pets**

[www.rspca.org.au](http://www.rspca.org.au)

The RSPCA aims to offer practical solutions for pet owners leaving situations of domestic violence by housing and caring for pets, with the aim of reuniting pet and owner as soon as possible, allowing clients time to find safety and refuge. The program offers financial assistance for veterinary treatment, impound and transport fees.

### **Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee Meetings**

[admin@cccwhc.com.au](mailto:admin@cccwhc.com.au)

The CCDVC provides a forum for Central Coast services to come together to work towards a community free of domestic violence. It does this through liaison, cooperation, advocacy, training and awareness raising, lobbying for integrated government responses, improved services, service coordination and effective implementation of legislation. Contact administrator Xylia Ingham for meeting information.