



Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc.

Serving individuals and families in northern lower Michigan

■ Individual and Community Services

- Information and Referral
- Individual, Marital, and Family Counseling
- Domestic Abuse Program
- Emergency Shelter
- Rape and Sexual Assault Services
- Child Abuse and Child Sexual Assault Services
- 24 Hour Crisis Line for Domestic Abuse and Rape/Sexual Assault
- Educational and Employment Services
- Support Groups
- Gold Mine Resale Shops
- Children's Learning Center—Preschool and School-Age Care
- Bi-monthly Newsletter
- Speaking Engagements
- Playgroups
- Engaging Men in the Community
- Just the Facts Program for High School Girls and Boys
- Community Violence Prevention Program
- Working Wardrobe

■ Women's Resource Center Information

The Women's Resource Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, community based organization funded by state, federal and local grants, United Way, individual and community donors, and special project fund-raising. Donations of goods and services are also needed to support many programs. For more information on services and/or tax-deductible donations, please call:

■ Petoskey

423 Porter St.
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231)347-0067
(231)347-5805 fax
info@wrcnm.org
www.wrcnm.org

■ Cheboygan

825 S. Huron St., Ste. 2
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231)627-2380
(231)597-9552 fax

■ Mancelona

205 Grove St.
Mancelona, MI 49659
(231)587-8891
(231)587-1064 fax

■ Gaylord

95 Livingston Blvd.
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989)731-0918
(989)731-6443 fax

■ Boyne City

411 E. Division St.
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231)881-7010

■ For Domestic Abuse/ Rape/Sexual Assault:

24 Hour Crisis Line
(231)347-0082
Long Distance Callers
(800)275-1995
Phones are TTY capable
safe@wrcnm.org

■ NCMC Office

(231)348-6699 phone/fax
www.ncmich.edu

■ Gold Mine Resale Shop

1002 Emmet St.
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231)347-3970

■ Gold Mine North Resale Shop

1878 North U.S. 31 Hwy.
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231)348-7908

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SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES



WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN



What is Sexual Assault?

In Michigan the legal term for “sexual assault” is Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC). It can involve any unwanted sexual contact or behavior. It is also a crime if one person is unable to give consent to the sexual act (because of age, intoxication from drugs or alcohol or developmental disability).

Michigan Law defines sexual assault by the action of the perpetrator not the victim.



Survivors of Sexual Assault

Survivors of sexual assault experience a wide range of reactions. Some survivors say that after the assault their emotions go from one extreme to another. It is important for you to know that what you are feeling and thinking right now is okay. There are many different responses to sexual assault.

If you have been assaulted or have any questions about sexual assault, call:

**Women's Resource Center 24 Hour Crisis Line
(231) 347-0082
Long Distance Callers: (800) 275-1995**

The Women's Resource Center's (WRCNM) trained staff is available to survivors and family members to provide information, counseling and support. There is no cost for services. Advocates are available to accompany survivors to the hospital, police department and to court. If personal safety is a concern, the WRCNM can provide temporary shelter. All conversations and contacts are confidential.

■ Our Mission

The Women's Resource Center is committed to equality, justice, and the well-being of women. To that end, we will engage and encourage our community to work with us toward those goals.

■ Our Values

- Eliminating the culture of violence
- Quality programs and services
- Understanding and respecting our diversity
- Advocacy for those in need
- Leadership in our community
- Integrity in all we do
- Taking action for social change
- Yielding positive results

■ Counseling and Support

It is never too late to talk about what happened. Studies show that getting help, even years later, can significantly improve a survivor's quality of life. The WRCNM provides free, confidential counseling for any survivor of sexual abuse, sexual assault or sexual harassment, regardless of age or when the assault occurred.

■ Medical

Medical attention and follow-up at a hospital emergency room is an important step to address concerns about physical injuries, sexually transmitted infections or pregnancy risk. Emergency contraception may be provided if requested. Hospital staff will collect physical evidence that may be used if the survivor wishes to pursue legal action. The WRCNM can provide advocacy and support to survivors at the hospital.

■ Legal

Survivors may be interested in reporting the crime to the police. WRCNM advocates are available to accompany survivors through the reporting process. Filing a complaint may allow survivors to be eligible for Crime Victim's Compensation.

■ Violence Prevention Education

The WRCNM provides a sexual assault prevention and healthy dating relationship program to area school students. "Just the Facts" curriculum engages females and males with skills and the responsibility of respect to develop healthy relationships. Topics for high school include sexual assault, gender role stereotypes, dating abuse, Michigan laws and healthy relationships. Topics for middle school include bullying, social media literacy and dating expectations. There is no cost for these presentations. New educational programming is underway to engage coaches, men and boys to help end violence against women.

Community presentations on domestic and sexual abuse are available. For information, please call (231) 347-0082.
