

WHAT IS ALTERNATIVE HOUSE? WHAT SERVICES DO YOU OFFER?

Alternative House has provided comprehensive Domestic Violence Services in the Greater Lowell Area, for the past *45 years!*

We serve *thousands* of survivors of domestic violence each year.

Alternative House provides services such as:

- Emergency Shelter
- 24 Hour Crisis Hotline Services
- Access to temporary safe housing
- Transitional/Permanent Housing
- Legal Advocacy
- Supervised Visitation Services
- Community/Housing Advocacy
- Support Groups
- Youth & Teen Programming
- Access to daily case management
- Safety Planning
- Support around goal setting, financial empowerment, and job/educational placement.

OUR MISSION:

“The mission of Alternative House is to facilitate the creation of a society in which violence and oppression will no longer exist.

As a means to this end, we offer access to shelter, support, children’s programming, legal, housing, and community advocacy for all survivors of domestic violence (and their children) who seek our help.

We are committed to the empowerment of all survivors toward self-sufficiency.

We do not discriminate against any race, class, culture, age group, gender or sexual orientation.

In addition, we provide community education and support to reform societal attitudes that permit violence and oppression against anyone.”



EMERGENCY SHELTER



Alternative House offers direct access to **Emergency Shelter**.

Our emergency shelter provides temporary support services and short –term stabilization for individuals and families who cannot live in their previous residence due to a crisis (fleeing from a DV situation). The goal of the Emergency Shelter is to assist in finding safe and appropriate housing that meets the person's long-term needs.

YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAM

Our Youth/Teen Program serves our Residential Guests and their children.

The goal of the Youth/Teen Program is to aid in development of children/teens through recreation, social life, prevention, intervention and education.

This program also allows the children living in our residential programs a safe space to engage with other children who have lived similar experiences and showing them that they are never alone!



COMMUNITY BASED & HIGH-RISK SERVICES

Community Based Services:

Alternative House's Community Based Services assist with several Survivor needs. The purpose of CB Services are to improve health and wellbeing of the local population, moderate/reduce the demand for emergency services, improve the quality of care for DV Survivors and their families.

- CB Services can include case management, housing search assistance, safety planning, financial budgeting, legal advocacy, court accompaniment, assistance with restraining orders.

High Risk Services:

The High-Risk program was developed to assist Survivors who are experiencing higher level danger situations. This program offers more intensive services and conditions but includes community-based services as well.



SUPERVISED VISITATION SERVICES



Alternative House **Supervised Visitation Program** ensures that children can maintain contact with a person, while in a structured environment that is both safe and comfortable.

The Visitation Program offers visitation for court ordered individuals experiencing DV, Divorces, Adoption, DCF involvement, and much more.

We offer three in-house types of visits; fully supervised, partially supervised, and monitored exchanges.

QUESTIONS ABOUT ALTERNATIVE HOUSE'S SERVICES

