



Retreat at a Glance

For over two decades, the Retreat has been a community-based, not-for-profit agency that provides domestic violence services and support for victims of domestic crimes on eastern Long Island and beyond. The Retreat is the only agency serving eastern Long Island with domestic violence services comprising its founding purpose and core mission.

Scope of Services: We currently provide a wide array of direct services to crime victims on Long Island, including five core services (with the fifth serving further as a preventative service to the larger community of residents):

1. Crisis Hotline - The 24/7 hotline provides: education, crisis intervention, and instant linkage of abused and/or threatened individuals to local and statewide resources such as shelter (including our own) and emergency health services. In 2010, the Retreat responded to 2,355 hotline calls.

2. Domestic Violence Shelter - An emergency shelter that provides safe housing, food, clothing, counseling, and case management. In 2010, the Shelter served 83 women and 61 children. Demand in 2011 has been increasing.

3. Legal Advocacy– Trained Retreat staff members accompany victims to court year-round and assist in the important process of obtaining orders of protection. Additionally, Advocates provide guidance and emotional support through stressful custody issues. In 2010 the Advocacy program served 449 clients and provided 5,141 units of service.

4. Counseling– Individual and group counseling is provided to adults and children year-round. Counseling sessions combine education about abuse with mutual support to alleviate feelings of isolation. In 2010, the Retreat served 337 clients and provided a total of 2,784 units of service.

5. Domestic Violence Prevention Education– The Retreat's education programs serves the community via workshops and presentations about matters that intrude into people's lives and safety such as bullying and dating violence. In 2010, the Retreat Education Program served 1,438 students and provided a total of 130 school presentations.