## What information do we need for a referral for support?

- 1. The child/young person's name & date of birth.
- 2. The Parent/Carer's name, contact details and relationship to the child.
- 3. The School the child/young person attends.
- 4. The name and any contact details for any agencies involved with the child, e.g. Social Worker, Family Worker.
- 5. Consent from the parent/carer for the child to participate in the group.

#### After receiving a referral we will:

- Contact the parent or carer of the child/young person to arrange a meeting
- Collect some background information
- Explain more about the group
- Offer a place in an appropriate group
- We also meet the parent/carer after the group to give feedback.

### **Contact us**

# against domestic abuse

### Helpline: 0118 950 4003

(The helpline is staffed Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am-5pm for referrals/enquiries)

Write: PO BOX 413 Reading RG1 8XL

### Email: info@bwaid.org.uk



### Support for Children and Young People



PO Box 413. Reading RG1 8XL www.berkshirewomensaid.org.uk Berkshire Women's Aid offers support in Reading and Wokingham for children and young people affected by domestic abuse. The programme aims to offer a safe and friendly environment in which they can share experiences and develop a better understanding of how they feel, and how best to express these feelings.

### Specialised Children's Work

- Aims to provide support to children who are living with domestic abuse at home.
- The dynamics of abuse that it is not their fault.
- Encourages appropriate ways of resolving conflicts.
- Practices safety planning.
- Emphasis on enhancing self esteem.
- Based on Dr. Peter Jaffe's research on the effects of domestic abuse on children.
- Analysis of these group work sessions has shown children to have increased confidence and improvements in their behaviour.
- Held in schools, during school hours, for 10 weeks, each session is 1 hour.
- Can be delivered 1-1.

### **Changing Faces**

- Young People's Perpetrator Project.
- For Young People displaying abusive behaviours.
- Deals with why they are being abusive and what affect this has on others.
- 6 week programme, 1 hour per session.
- Delivered 1-1.

### **Giving Choices**

For Young People affected by Parental Abuse. Looks at raising awareness of domestic abuse and the qualities of a healthy positive relationship.

- Where young people can safely discuss their experiences and how they feel.
- Looks at resolving conflicts and safety planning.
- The programme was developed from the Spiralling Programme and the Respect Programme.
- The sessions run for an hour a week, for an initial 5 weeks.
- Delivered 1-1.





### **Teen Choices**

For Young People who are or have been in abusive relationships.

- 6 week programme, 1 hour per session.
- Learning about healthy and unhealthy relationships.
- How domestic abuse affects confidence, self esteem and children.
- Recognising controlling behaviours at an early stage in a relationship.
- Rebuilding damaged confidence.
- Delivered 1-1.

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For Young People displaying abusive behaviours.

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