

Helping Everybody

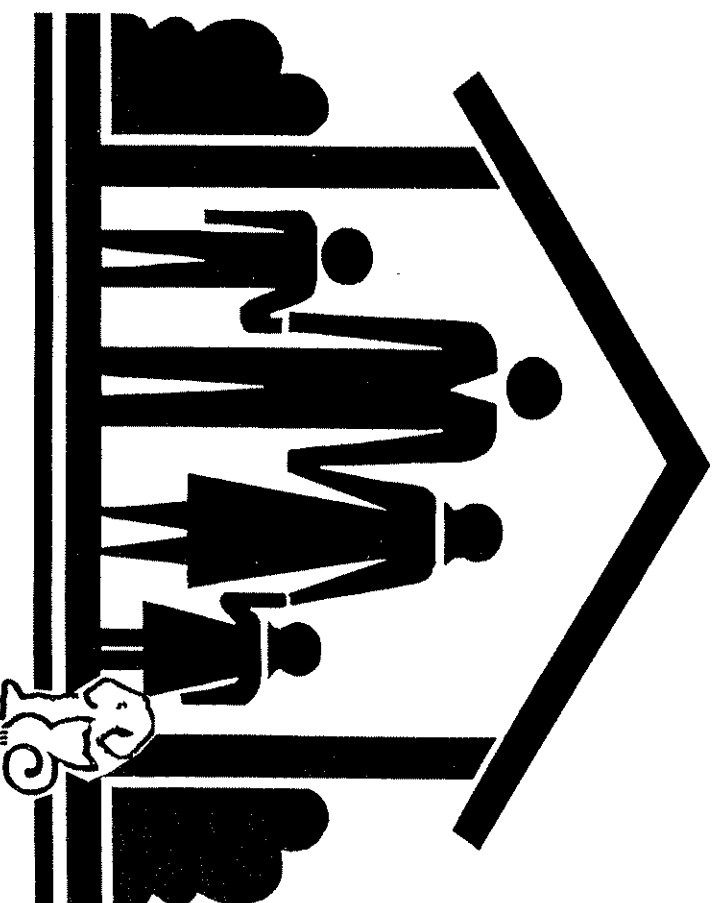
We now know that abuse, exploitation and violence against children, the elderly, intimate partners and animals are related. Children who abuse animals, for example, are at high risk to grow into adults who abuse their own children or their partners. Most serial killers and many violent criminals were cruel to animals when they were children.

Abuse, exploitation, neglect and/or violence against children, the elderly, intimate partners and animals weakens families and communities. Fortunately, the maltreatment of vulnerable populations can be prevented. Here are some steps that everybody can take to help:

1. Take child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence, and animal abuse seriously. Get help for yourself if you are at risk. Learn how to get help for others.
2. Practice positive and nurturing ways of relating to children, companion animals, senior citizens and intimate partners. Demonstrate compassion and kindness to your children and instill in them humane values.
3. Become involved in community efforts to prevent violence and protect vulnerable populations. Contribute time or money to organizations and programs that work to help children, the elderly, animals and families.
4. For more information or to become involved, contact the Delaware Collaborative Project on Family Violence at 302/225-1040.

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Got Kindness?



Help Prevent

Family Violence!

Show Kindness

Remember:

Violence is never acceptable or appropriate.

- If you, or someone you know, are ashamed of, or uncomfortable with, your behavior with your children, your partner, your elderly relatives or your companion animal(s), please do the right thing, stop the behavior, and get help from the list below.
- If you are hurt by, or uncomfortable with, the ways that your parents, your partner, or your adult children treat you, please take care of yourself, know that you are not alone and get help from the list below.

Helping Children

To report child abuse anywhere in Delaware, call the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families
1-800-292-9582.

To get information on child abuse prevention programs throughout the State, call the Delaware Children's Trust Fund
836-8550 (New Castle County)

To find Parents Anonymous® parent support groups, Call Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families
225-3011 or 225-1040 (New Castle County)

Delaware Helpline: 1-800-464-HELP

Helping Animals

To report animal abuse in New Castle or Sussex Counties, call the Delaware Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) 998-2281 (New Castle County) or 856-6361 (Sussex County).

To report animal abuse in Kent County, call the Kent County SPCA 734-7029.

Helping Elderly

To report elder abuse anywhere in Delaware, call the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities 453-3820 (New Castle Cnty) or 422-1386 (Kent/Sussex Counties).

To get help for elderly persons being victimized by fraud or other financial exploitation, call the Department of Justice 577-8508 (New Castle Cnty) or 739-4211 (Kent/Sussex Counties).

To find befriending and friendly visiting for elderly at risk or in crisis, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers 225-1040 (New Castle County), 653-8825 (North. Kent County), 284-4825 (South. Kent County), 732-3371 (Sussex County) or 644-4033 (Cape Henlopen Area)

Helping Partners

To get help for domestic or other intimate partner violence, including emergency shelters and other crisis intervention, call Child, Inc. 762-6110 (New Castle County) or Families in Transition 422-8058 (Kent and Sussex Counties).

To find counseling for persons impacted by domestic violence, call Child, Inc. 762-8989 (New Castle County), Catholic Charities 655-9624 (New Castle County) or Peoples Place II 424-2420 (Kent and Sussex Counties). Also: Latin American Community Center 655-7338 (New Castle County) or La Esperanza 854-9262 (Sussex County).