

## Our Mission

To take the best care of people of all identities who have been impacted by power-based personal violence and to measurably reduce the number of people who have been hurt by it.

## Our Vision

To shift the cultural norms to create a society where violence isn't tolerated.

## Our Story

Our organization was founded in 1976 with the intention to provide services to survivors of power-based personal violence in the Northern Kentucky, Buffalo Trace, and Greater Cincinnati areas.

Throughout the years our organization has used several names to present our services to our communities. The Rape Crisis Center of Northern Kentucky and Women's Crisis Center were names that served us well. However, the growing normalization of violence prevention programs in our culture helped bring discussions of power-based personal violence to the forefront. This illuminated a much more pervasive problem and showed the need to present ourselves in new light to the communities we serve and reach out more effectively to the survivors of all identities who live there.

In 2021 we added a new chapter to a 45-year story. Our name was revealed to us by the philosophies that drive our center and the services we provide. **Our identity shines in everything we do.**

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*it only takes a spark* 

## Statement of Inclusion

The Ion Center recognizes the intersecting identities of each individual who comes to us for services. When we support someone who has been impacted by power-based personal violence, it is part of our agency's fabric to remember the additional traumas they may have experienced due to economic status, racism, sexism, ableism, religious discrimination, ageism, homophobia, transphobia or xenophobia. These traumas stack, compound, and can weave themselves together before even considering the generational trauma that exists in individuals belonging to groups who have been historically oppressed. The Ion Center's services are offered with regard and reverence for these identities and for the different traumas that one's identities may carry.

## Three Levels of Prevention

The Ion Center's services fall under each level of prevention. Everything we do is either preventing violence from happening or from getting worse. You may notice that a couple services could fall under multiple levels of prevention. This is because they might happen immediately and continue happening, even after the initial situation has ended.

### Level 1

#### Primary Prevention

##### Upfront:

Work done in the community to educate, bring a connection to the issues, and build skills and knowledge on what to do before an incident of power-based personal violence has happened.

1. Public Education
2. Middle & High School Programs
3. Community Partnerships

### Level 2

#### Secondary Prevention

##### During:

Services to stop emergency situations from continuing or escalating.

1. 24-Hour Hotline
2. Walk-in Services
3. Community Partnerships
4. Hospital Advocacy
5. Pet Protection
6. Emergency Shelter
7. Court Advocacy
8. Safety Planning

### Level 3

#### Tertiary Prevention

##### Aftermath:

Ongoing work to help survivors address short-term and long-term effects and/or trauma.

1. Therapy
2. Support Groups
3. Court Advocacy
4. Safety Planning
5. Financial Literacy

# What we do



## **24-hour hotline**

Answer questions and provide crisis intervention services through our 24-hour hotline (calls/texts).



## **Emergency shelter**

Provide no-cost shelter for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence.



## **Hospital advocacy**

Meet survivors at a hospital if they choose to go to offer them support and access to resources.



## **Counseling**

Work with survivors to build skills and develop a plan to cope with their experience(s).



## **Court advocacy**

Assist with filing protective orders (EPO/IPO) and attend hearings with survivors.



## **Law enforcement advocacy**

Facilitate communication between survivors and law enforcement if the survivor chooses to.



## **Safety planning**

Work to create a plan that can help survivors know the best way to react when in danger.



## **Pet protection**

Provide emergency board for pets whose families are fleeing domestic violence.

Learn More

[ioncenter.org](https://ioncenter.org)



The Ion Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that supports survivors of all identities who have experienced power-based personal violence (sexual and/or intimate partner violence) and works to engage individuals and communities to prevent violence. Services are provided confidentially and at no cost to our clients, supported either in-part or as a whole by state funding.