

Nebraska's Network of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs

Core Values

- ❖ Safety is an individual right; shelter is a right
- ❖ Empowerment is at the heart of our programs
- ❖ Women have a right to make decisions
- ❖ Women should be met "where they are"
- ❖ Nonjudgmental responses are empowering
- ❖ Women and children are not responsible for their victimization or for the violence perpetrated against them
- ❖ Perpetrators should be held responsible for their use of violence
- ❖ Women should be treated as unique individuals with unique needs
- ❖ Women's decision-making occurs within the context of their lives, not our lives.
- ❖ We should do no harm
- ❖ Women need information and skills to make decisions
- ❖ We value women's ability and right to move through the process of change.
- ❖ Confidentiality and privacy are important
- ❖ We bring to our empathic relationships the common experience of being women in a patriarchal society
- ❖ We have an obligation to maintain professional boundaries

- ❖ We must care for ourselves so that we can do the work
- ❖ The women we serve are our most important teachers
- ❖ We tell the truth
- ❖ We education other about violence against women and children
- ❖ We respect the people we serve
- ❖ We value diversity
- ❖ Our services are voluntary
- ❖ Believe the woman
- ❖ Men should be encouraged to confront violence against women and children