

# Help Starts Here

24 Hour Help Line

608-251-4445/800-747-4045



Through the use of language line, TTY, interpreters and/or bilingual staff, we are able to accommodate most language needs.

[abuseintervention.org](http://abuseintervention.org)

## Mission

Our mission is to empower those affected by domestic violence and advocate for social change through support, education and outreach.

## Vision

A nonviolent community that actively promotes safety, peace, justice and hope.

## Values

Collaboration, mutual respect, shared responsibility, and openness.



DAIS is a non-profit, tax exempt organization supported by funds from the United Way, Dane County, City of Madison, State and Federal grants and private donations.

"I was lost, utterly lost, until I learned what was happening to me wasn't right. I did find my way out and I'm mending now. Thanks for all you do."

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One. And for all.

**DAiS**

DOMESTIC ABUSE INTERVENTION SERVICES

Providing Support and Advocacy  
to Victims of Domestic Abuse  
in Dane County.

## Programs and Services

(All DAIS services are confidential and free of charge)

### ■ 24 Hour Help Line

608-251-4445/800-747-4045 (*free call within Dane County*)  
DAIS Help Line Advocates provide support, information, safety planning, referrals to other community agencies, and emergency shelter screenings.

### ■ Crisis Response Program

DAIS Crisis Response Advocates provide face-to-face emergency safety planning, listening and support, and referrals to other community resources.

### ■ Support Groups

DAIS offers peer-based support groups for domestic violence victims and survivors. The groups are facilitated by advocates with the goals of decreasing feelings of isolation, increasing safety, and connecting with other DAIS services and community resources.

### ■ Legal Advocacy Services

DAIS Legal Advocates provide support, information, advocacy, and court accompaniment to people who have experienced domestic abuse and stalking, including assistance with restraining orders and family, criminal, immigration and other legal matters. Legal Advocates are not attorneys, and cannot give legal advice.

*"I want to help others see what took me so long to see; that abuse is not love and you can find your way to a better place. I'm so glad I'm still here to tell my story because maybe I can help someone else, like you've helped me."*

### ■ Emergency Shelter

DAIS provides temporary, emergency shelter for victims of domestic abuse and their children. Support resources provided for children and adults include housing advocacy, information and referrals, support groups, and time and space to heal.

### ■ Children's Services

The DAIS Children's Program provides individual and group activities for children residing in the shelter and for children from the community. Parents are also provided with support, information and referrals to other community resources for their children.

### ■ SAAV: Sheltering Animals of Abuse Victims

Emergency foster care for companion animals of domestic violence victims may be available for those working with DAIS who fear for the safety of their pets. Call the DAIS Help Line for more information.

### ■ Community Education

The DAIS Community Awareness and Prevention Education (CAPE) Program seeks to educate the broader community about the dynamics of domestic violence and the services offered by DAIS. CAPE works to enhance the community's support of domestic violence victims and their children, and strengthens the community's commitment to eliminating domestic violence by supporting the vital services offered by DAIS.

### ■ Primary Prevention

The DAIS primary prevention program works collaboratively with community partners with the goal of eradicating domestic violence and sexual assault through social change and community building. The overarching focus is identifying and eliminating the root causes that support the abuse of power and control in intimate relationships.

## You have the right to be safe from violence and emotional abuse.

DAIS is committed to providing access to all domestic violence victims regardless of gender, race, age, marital status, sexual orientation, immigration status, ethnicity, disability status, language or economic status.

## What is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic violence is defined as a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviors and tactics used by one person to gain and maintain power and control over another. This may include verbal abuse, financial abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, and physical abuse. Domestic violence occurs in heterosexual, as well as same-sex partnerships, and crosses all ethnic, racial and socio-economic lines.

## What is Safety Planning?

Safety planning is thinking and acting in a way that increases one's safety and the safety of others. Safety planning can be done whether one chooses to stay in or leave an abusive relationship. DAIS advocates are available to help victims and their families develop safety plans.

## Supporting DAIS

Your gift to DAIS ensures the safety and survival of thousands of families every year. In the most literal sense, your support saves lives. Contributions may be financial, donations of food and other goods, or volunteering your time. For more information about giving to DAIS, visit [abuseintervention.org](http://abuseintervention.org).

*"You helped me deal with a variety of issues and expressed your concerns about my safety as though it matters – as though I mattered."*