

WHO WE ARE

Many winters past, the White Buffalo Calf Woman gave the sacred pipe to the Lakota people. The pipe represents the unity of all people and all things of the universe.

Through the pipe, peace may come to all who understand and follow its meaning.

The understanding would be in both their minds and their hearts.

Founded in 1977, The White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, Inc. (WBCWS) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide shelter and advocacy for individuals on the Rosebud Reservation who have been victimized by violence. WBCWS strives to follow the teaching of the White Buffalo Calf Woman. The goals are peace, understanding, and quality of life for all people. Only if there is peace and strength within each of our hearts can we hope to share this with others.

Establishing the first domestic violence shelter on an Indian Reservation in the United States, the WBCWS has been working to eradicate domestic violence and sexual assault, and to ensure the provision of effective and appropriate services to victims of these violent crimes through community outreach, education, training, technical assistance and policy development. WBCWS was built by strong women who gave their all to ensure safety of victims. Today, our staff and volunteers are proud and passionate about carrying on the important work they began.

SUPPORT GROUPS

By learning more and caring deeply about ourselves and others, through yearning for and working toward growth, by giving and receiving knowledge, concern and inspiration, the vision of the White Buffalo Calf Woman may become the path of all the people.

We provide the following weekly support groups:

Survivors of Sexual Assault

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Domestic Violence and Women

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 PM



*We are a 501c3 Native Non-Profit Organization.
All contributions are tax deductible.*

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White Buffalo Calf
W O M A N S O C I E T Y

A Safe Haven for Community Families

**Serving Communities
and People of the
Rosebud Reservation**

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Serving Community Needs



We provide emergency shelter, crisis intervention, on-going support, referrals, advocacy and education. Our success in meeting the needs of victims and their families is dependent upon having a team of caring, compassionate and skilled advocates who have training in specific areas. An advocate is a person who has been trained to respond to domestic violence and sexual assault. An advocate's primary concern is assisting a victim to develop a plan for immediate and long term safety.



SHELTER

As the first shelter on an Indian reservation in the United States, the WBCWS has been providing sanctuary for victims of violence for 35 years. Our primary objective is giving women and children sanctuary from crisis and help plan for a future safe from violence, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week. Our shelter offers comprehensive services including counseling, life skills and guidance on obtaining community resources. Our shelter residents have access to a community kitchen; children's play room and a newly renovated playground with slides and a basketball court.

ADVOCACY

We have an advocate on call 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Our advocates provide support to victims and families from the time they arrive in the emergency room, and at any time throughout their lives. Our advocates ensure a proper change of clothes is available, help victims understand safety plans and legal processes as well as provide transportation to any current or future medical appointments. When needed, we coordinate other services with appropriate agencies or organizations.

Legal- We help coordinate with legal advocates to help ensure that clients understand their options and the legal process if prosecution is being pursued.

- Assist victims with protection/restraining orders
- Provide information about legal options so that the victim can make informed decisions about next steps
- Assist victims to find a pro bono attorney or make referrals to Legal Aid



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Through our education and outreach program we hope to make community knowledgeable about domestic abuse, fully engaged and committed to the safety and well-being of its members. We reach out to our community through schools, churches, other community service organizations and special events. We are frequent guest speakers at conferences and advocacy training sessions.

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