Abuse: means mistreating another person. Abuse may be physical, emotional, or sexual. The word “abuse” can be used to mean each of these things or it can be used to mean all three of them.

Domestic Violence: Physical harm, bodily injury or attempts to cause physical harm or bodily injury, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm or bodily injury between intimate partners.

Physical: Has your partner done any of the following to you?
- Slapped, pushed, shoved, bit, or hit you with a fist.
- Bruised from being hit, held, or squeezed.
- Black eyes, cut lip, or broken teeth from being attacked.
- Had to see a doctor as a result of injuries.
- Hospitalized as a result of your partner’s violence.
- Have you ever been threatened with razors, knives, guns, broken bottles, or other items.

Emotional: Has your partner done any of these things to you?
- Ignored you, called you names, or made fun of you.
- Controlled the money or car and made all the decisions.
- Threatened to leave you regularly.
- Told you about affairs with other women.
- Punished the children when he was angry with you.
- Abused pets to hurt you.

Sexual: Has your partner done any of these things to you?
- Scared you so much you had sex when you didn't want to.
- Made you have sex when it was painful or you were sick.
- Not told you he had a sexually transmitted disease.
- Not let you use birth control or refuse to use condom.

Long ago, abuse of women and children was NOT tolerated. Respect for one’s self and for others made life peaceful and harmonious. If you are a victim of abuse, please get help.

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Project SAFE services that are provided to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Transportation:** We will transport you to appointments at Indian Health Services, Social Services, job interviews, court hearings and to other shelters.

**Shelter:** A safe home with security and an alarm system for women and children.

**Support Group:** Women coming together to support one another. Call for more info.

**Children’s Services:** Art therapy, safety planning, education, and intervention are some activities. Call for more info.

**Winyan O’ Tipi Transitional Housing:** Priority is for women in shelter, must be survivor of domestic violence or fleeing an abusive relationship. Be in need of housing or homeless. Have a vehicle or plan of transportation. Have income for monthly expenses. Must have received services in the last 2 years.

**Clothing (used):** We have an assortment of second hand clothes that we give men, women, and children that are eligible for our services.

**Emergency Assistance:** Emergency services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault include: food, pampers, formula, and gas voucher.

**Legal Services:** Assist with filling out and filing protection orders and we will follow-up with the court and police department. Court and child support advocacy if related to domestic violence.

**Victim Impact Statement:** This is a statement on how the crime impacted and affected you that is given to the judge to help make a decision on the sentencing. We will assist you with this. (Federal, State, Tribal Courts)

**Information & Referral:** Find information you need or provide a referral.

**Employment Assistance:** We will assist you with seeking employment and help fill out applications. Job availability from the S.D. Dept. of Labor is listed weekly at the shelter.

**Education:** We provide education and information on domestic violence and sexual assault, teen dating violence, and stalking to schools and other agencies.

**Crisis Counseling:** An advocate giving emotional support that is non judgmental and confidential.

**GED/Higher Education:** We will assist with obtaining GED and or higher education.

**Medical Advocacy:** We will accompany you to medical appointments and emergency room if you have been raped or injured. We will provide you with options, support, and do follow-up with you.

**Legal Advocacy:** We will accompany you to court and advocate for your rights. An advocate will assist you through the legal process as requested by you for any of the following: protection orders, sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, and stalking.

**Advocacy:** Active support, argue for a cause, plead in another’s behalf.