Crisis Based Services
All Services are Free of Charge—Call 251-4445 to access these services

24-Hour Help Line
Help Line advocates provide callers with support, information, referrals to other community agencies, and safety planning. The crisis line is the gateway through which clients can access DAIS’ other services. In 2014, there were roughly 11,565 calls to the Help Line.

Emergency Shelter
DAIS operates a 56-bed emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Shelter services include case management, food and clothing, information and support, and resources for children. This is the only domestic violence shelter in Dane County. In 2014, the DAIS shelter provided over 13,000 nights of service, a 31% increase over 2013.

Crisis Response
This program provides clients with face-to-face emergency safety planning with trained advocates, basic restraining order assistance, housing information, support, and referrals to other community resources. The Crisis Response program served 306 clients in 2014.

Legal Advocacy
Legal advocates help clients file for restraining orders and prepare for final restraining order hearings, provide support during the hearings, and offer support and advocacy in the civil court and family court. Legal advocates are not attorneys and do not give legal advice. The Legal Program served 436 unduplicated clients in 2014.

Children’s Program
The Children’s Program helps children process their experiences, provides them with safety and structure, promotes non-violent conflict resolution, and uses positive discipline techniques. In 2014, the Children’s Program served 215 children in unstructured and theme-based programming.

Support Group
Support Groups help members of the community decrease their isolation, increase their safety, and connect with other DAIS services and community resources. DAIS offers four weekly Support Groups one of which is Spanish speaking and one is for women over 50. DAIS’ Support Group served 150 unduplicated clients in 2014.
Education and Prevention

DAIS works throughout the Dane County community to raise awareness about domestic violence and promote healthy relationships.

CAPE (Community Awareness Prevention Education)
The CAPE program offers workshops, presentations and trainings tailored for specific groups, including:
- Community groups and civic organizations
- K-12 schools and universities
- Churches and faith-based groups
- Companies and human resources professionals
- Law enforcement and legal personnel
- Health care providers

*In 2014, the CAPE Program provided 235 CAPE presentations to a variety of groups across Dane County reaching over 6,105 individuals.*

Prevention Program

DAIS’ Prevention Program is a community-based, collaborative primary prevention project that seeks to eradicate domestic violence and sexual assault through social change and community building. The program works with young men and the adults who interact with them to identify and eliminate the root causes that contribute to abusive behavior.

The objectives of DAIS’ Prevention Program are to:
- Support young men in their development of a healthy male identity in a culture that sends them many mixed messages.
- Provide education, strategies and support for adults who interact with young men to assist them in reinforcing positive messages about respect and safety.
- Transform community attitudes that perpetuate violence.

MENS

MENS is one of DAIS’ main prevention initiatives. MENS, which stands for Men Encouraging Nonviolent Strength, works with high school aged male youth and provides a minimum of 10 sessions that focus on gender roles and expectations, communication, conflict resolution, and healthy and less-healthy relationships. Sessions are co-facilitated by DAIS and school/organization staff, and encourage peer leadership. In 2014 DAIS held programming in five sites.
How Your Support Helps

Your generosity supports DAIS’ program sustainability, growth, and evolution. Over half of our expenses each year are covered by donations from people like you. Gifts of all sizes can make a huge difference.

For example:

- $20,000 covers the DAIS Direct Aid transportation budget for year. This program helps survivors relocate to escape their abusers; supports taxi fare for women coming into shelter, often from the emergency room; and provides transportation for victims and their children who attend the DAIS support groups, meet with DAIS legal advocates, or meet with DAIS crisis response advocates for emergency safety planning.

- $5,000 covers the cost of program supplies for the entire organization for a year. Program supplies include such things as educational toys and games for the children’s program, cleaning supplies and paper products for the shelter, snacks and training materials for volunteer trainings, and educational materials and handouts for support groups and crisis response appointments.

- $1,000 covers the cost of food for 56 shelter residents for one week.

- $500 pays for 1 week of coverage for the 24-hour Help Line.

- $250 covers a year’s worth of arts and crafts supplies to allow children to engage in positive activities and express their feelings during children’s programming time.

- $100 buys 50 tear off posters for area hospitals, clinics, and community centers.

- $50 covers the cost of a lock change to help a survivor stay safely in her/his home.

- $12 helps a survivor obtain a copy of her/his child’s birth certificate, so s/he can access government assistance.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Klaus at elizabethk@abuseintervention.org or 608-338-0077.
The Community Impact of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence knows no boundaries — it touches every single facet of our community regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, educational background, professional status and disability status. Domestic abuse creates a ripple effect that impacts our schools, businesses, neighborhoods and our faith communities. The truth is that domestic violence touches us all.

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will be a victim of domestic violence in her or his lifetime. (*Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2010*)
- Only 1/4 of physical assaults against females by an intimate partner are reported to law enforcement. (*National Institute of Justice, 2000*)
- Domestic violence victims are six times more likely to be killed when separating from their abusers than at any other time. (*U.S. Department of Justice, 2000*)
- Nearly 1 in 3 teens who have been in relationships have experienced dating violence including sexual abuse, physical abuse, and threats of physical harm to a partner or self. (*Liz Claiborne Inc. and Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2009*)
- Victims lose 8 million days of paid work each year due to domestic violence, the equivalent of about 32,000 full-time jobs. (*Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2003*)
- Each year, approximately 1/3 of all referrals to the District Attorney’s office are domestic violence related. (*Dane County District Attorney’s Office*)
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Forte for DAIS

Forte for DAIS members use their professional skills or areas of expertise (their forte!) to advance the organization by finding new resources and supporters, raising awareness, and supporting DAIS’ mission.

If your forte is:

- Community Outreach
- In-Kind Donation Solicitation
- Publicity/Graphic Design
- Admin Support
- Career Development and Support
- Gardening
- Event Planning

Join Forte and:

- Build your professional skills
- Meaningfully contribute to the mission and vision of DAIS
- Work alongside and network with community leaders, directors and trustees

Forte members will be required to fill out the abbreviated volunteer application for community volunteers. Depending on the task, some members may be asked to complete a background check and attend the New Advocate Training. Please contact katiem@abuseintervention.org if you are interested in applying!
DAIS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

AUGUST 1, 2014 DAIS OPENED ITS NEW FACILITY

The new facility is in a disclosed location versus our former building which was confidential allowing DAIS to accommodate walk-in clients.

The new facility provides designated and improved program spaces for Children's Program, Support Group, Help-Line & Training.

INCREASED SHELTER CAPACITY

Number of new staff members that were added in 2014

INCREASED CLIENT LENGTH OF STAY

Number of active volunteers in 2014

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