



Gateway Domestic Violence Services

Annual Report 2018



“Between 2006-2015, an average of about 582,000 nonfatal domestic violence victimizations were not reported to police each year. In about a third (32 percent) of these unreported victimizations, victims cited the personal nature of the incident as a reason for not reporting it to police. Some victimizations were not reported because the victim wanted to protect the offender (21 percent), felt the crime was minor or unimportant (20 percent) or feared reprisal from the offender or others (19 percent).”

The report, *Police Response to Domestic Violence, 2006-2015* (NCJ 250231), was written by BJS statistician Brian A. Reaves.



RJ Sangosti, The Denver Post

WHEN
#METOO
ISN'T ENOUGH

Why Domestic
Violence Needs Its
Own Hashtag

5 Ways Social Media Can Create Social Change

1. It lets us communicate more messages to more people, more quickly.
2. It provides a platform to share news and current events with others in a way that is not solely guided by mainstream media.
3. It provides a space for everyone to join in crucial conversations all across the world.
4. It creates a space to foster collaborative conversations across movements.
5. It gives us the power to call out injustices and misinformation by showing realities.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) came up with the hashtag, **#SurvivorSpeaks** after being inspired by the #MeToo movement. This hashtag was created with the intention to help debunk many common myths about domestic violence while focusing on the voices of domestic violence survivors.

Social Media movements show that **cultural and social change are obtainable.**

#SURVIVORSPEAKS

How Long Has This Been Going On?

Domestic violence is not a new societal problem. It is a social crime that has occurred throughout history but was not always recognized as a crime. Over the last 40 years, there has been a growing recognition of how widespread and frequent this insidious crime occurs. Nationally, the statistics are alarming as they reveal the true breadth of the problem.

- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million people.
- Every 9 seconds in the US, a woman is assaulted or beaten.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.
- 19% of domestic violence involves a weapon.
- 43% of dating college women report experiencing some violent and abusive dating behaviors including physical, sexual, tech, verbal or controlling abuse (Knowledge Networks, 2011).

Ultimately, the general public does not hear about domestic violence because by its very nature it is “private violence.” Only when domestic violence results in extreme physical harm requiring police intervention or death, does the public become aware of the seriousness of the crime and often the fatal aftermath. These incidents are made public through media coverage.

Over time there has been growing public awareness spurred through state and federal legislation and the development of community programs designed to address the needs of domestic violence victims and their children.

Gateway’s programs originally stemmed from the grassroots efforts of women who began to recognize and vocalize that violence against women in the home was widespread and an experience that was shared by hundreds of women in any given neighborhood or community. Gateway’s various programs evolved out of the battered women’s movement and were designed to specifically address the needs of victims of domestic violence. The first programs initiated were the 24 hour emergency shelter and crisis line. The primary focus was 24 hour access and creation of a safe space to which abused women and children could escape when their home was no longer safe. As the movement grew, the support services provided in shelter became more comprehensive and the coordination with other community services more imperative and beneficial. The population served has become more diversified both in race, ethnicity and gender.

Gateway continues to be a well-respected and viable resource in the community due to the enormous support provided by the community. After 39 years of serving the City of Aurora and Arapahoe County, Gateway continues to be the resource the community can count on to assist domestic violence victims.

Our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and our community donors all play an important and necessary role in making certain that domestic violence victims receive the services they need to help end the cycle of abuse. Thank you to all those concerned and committed individuals who make a difference!!



Linda James, MSW
Executive Director

“A recent study by the NYC Mayor’s Office analyzing 442 print articles in the New York media, written between 2013 and 2016, concluded that press coverage of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)—and in particular of homicides linked to domestic violence cases—is often “inadequate” or infected by sensationalism, which in turn prevents serious public debate on the issue.

According to the study, the media covered 99 of the 126 intimate partner homicides recorded in New York during that period. But in many of the articles there was no mention of ‘domestic violence’ or ‘intimate partner violence.’ ”

Sandhya Kajeepeta, Kara Noesner, Edward Hill, 2016 as cited in <https://thecrimereport.org/2017/07/03/media-coverage-of-domestic-violence-perpetuates-abuse-study/> , 2017.

Suggestions on How To Report on Domestic Violence

- Use correct language and terminology.
- Avoid sensationalizing language, invasive or graphic details that compromise the dignity of the deceased and her/his/their surviving family members.
- Avoid blaming the victim. Do not blame anger or drugs, and ensure responsibility stays solely on the offender.
- Never excuse domestic violence.
- Avoid using stock images that reinforce the myth that domestic violence is only physical.
- Consider how the source you are using shapes the story.
- Provide information on where to seek help, such as local crisis hotlines and shelters at the end of each story.
- Seek expert comment; local domestic violence advocates can provide additional context.

Community Development

Volunteer Program

Oscar Wilde once said, “The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention”.

Gateway volunteers are the epitome of the message Mr. Wilde was conveying. There is no question that Gateway could not continue to provide our quality care and in-depth programs without the kind and meaningful contributions from our amazing volunteers.

Remarkably, in 2018, 71 volunteers logged 2,659 hours, offering their unique talents, care and compassion. All volunteers complete a 24-hour training course to gain a better understanding of the cycle of abuse, the different types of abuse, the rights of victims, and how violence in the home affects children.



Community Engagement

Education and action are the most powerful weapons a person can use to change the world. It is through Gateway’s Speaker’s Bureau that we begin taking the first steps to educate the community and bring awareness about the difficult and underreported topic of domestic violence. Additionally, our speakers offer ways for the community to take action and join us in the fight to end the cycle of abuse.

Gateway staff and volunteers delivered 102 presentations in 2018 on family violence, teen dating violence, the effects on children and the programs and services provided by the agency. Gateway continues to receive requests from churches, schools, universities, businesses, civic organizations and various community groups all wanting information on how they can support Gateway’s goal of ending the insidious violence happening in the homes in our community.



Resource Development

We continue to grow our fundraising efforts with a host of new and on-going events that serve to build awareness of domestic violence, further our affiliates, and allow community members to learn about the agency's programs and how they can support adults, children and family pets who are victims.

The agency's signature event is "Around the World in 80 Wines" featuring a deluxe winetasting, sit-down dinner and both a silent and live auction. Many other groups and organizations host their own fundraisers and generously donate their profits to support the many programs at the agency.



Social Media

Gateway continues to reach supporters worldwide through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and the agency website. These mediums support the opportunity to provide updates on all of the agency's programs, information on fundraisers and special events, pertinent information on domestic violence issues and special notes of thanks to financial supporters and volunteers.



The Overlooked

THE DAILY NEWS

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CHANGING LIVES

Since 1979

Domestic Violence in the Media

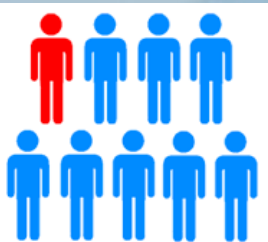


At least 38 people were killed in [Colorado](#) last year in connection to domestic violence, according to a preliminary count by the Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. Many of those deaths received no such national attention and, in some cases, even little local coverage. Experts and advocates in the field say it's not uncommon for the disappearance and deaths of women such as Berreth and Watts — white, young and seemingly well-off — to garner disproportionate media focus and public interest compared with others.

"Certain lives matter and certain lives don't," said DoraLee Larson, Executive Director of the Denver Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, which conducts the city's annual fatality review. "That may be crass, but there is some truth to it. It's absolutely a class, race and gender issue."

Between 2013 and 2016, a total of 100 Colorado women — nearly half of all female homicide victims in the state — were killed by a current or former intimate partner, data from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation show. National statistics collected by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence show that about a third of all female murder victims in the U.S. are killed by an intimate partner.

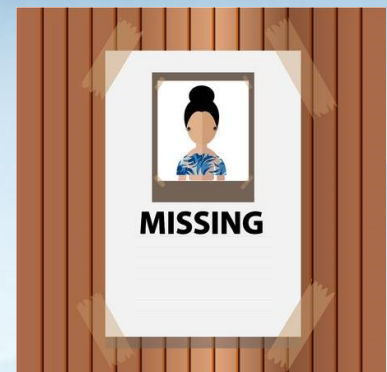
Schmelzer, Elise "About 40 People Have Died Due to Domestic Violence in Colorado" AP News, Associated Press, 26 Jan 2019, <https://www.apnews.com/54f2ae84c3984ecea440a919604c8cc>



"While men are less likely to be harmed by domestic violence, that doesn't mean they're never victims. Men do experience abuse from female and from male partners. And women do commit acts of violence against male and female partners. Men and LGBTQ people may be even less likely to report violence than women".

14 Misconceptions About Domestic Violence

Jill Filipovic - <https://www.domesticshelters.org/articles/domestic-violence-op-ed-column/14-misconceptions-about-domestic-violence>



Nonresidential Counseling

Adult Counseling

The primary goal of the Nonresidential Program is to provide a supportive counseling setting, which offers education surrounding the dynamics of abusive relationships. Adult clients are assisted through their personal circumstances and aided in reaching their individual goals. Furthermore, if clients are parents they also become more aware of the effects domestic violence has on children and are guided in breaking the destructive cycles of domestic violence.

In addition to individual counseling, the Nonresidential Program also offers group counseling. Victims are given the opportunity to meet other victims who have similar experiences and are facilitated through a process that allows them to heal together. The emphasis on these groups is emotional support and education about domestic violence so victims are better able to make informed decisions about their present or past abusive relationships.

Children's Counseling

Gateway's child counseling services provide a safe environment where children can work through any stressful or traumatic experiences they have had in their past or are presently experiencing. Child Counselors help clients reclaim and explore any feelings of lost security, strength, trust, and other vulnerabilities. Gateway's child counseling services also help children process their personal family experiences and to understand that the violence is not their responsibility or their fault. Through individual or group services, children are taught non-violent communication and positive ways to handle conflict. Lastly, family goals for both the protective parent and the children are made to provide optimal and comprehensive counseling services to families.



Forms of Therapy

In addition to the individual and group therapy provided to both adult and child clients, Gateway also uses Art Therapy.

Art Therapy is an integrative counseling discipline that focuses on the therapeutic use of art. Clients are guided through a creative process to explore trauma, feelings, pain, and thoughts, in anticipation of resolving personal conflicts and to heal. Each client's healing is unique to their circumstance and may cover how to cope, manage disruptive behavior patterns, reduce anxiety, increase self-esteem, and develop interpersonal skills or insight.

Counseling Techniques used by Therapists are:

- ◇ **Psychotherapy**
- ◇ **Dance Movement Therapy**
- ◇ **Art- Activities (Adult & Children)**
- ◇ **Play-Activities (Children)**



Court Advocacy Program

Gateway staff and volunteers primary role at the Court Advocacy Program is to provide comprehensive advocacy services to domestic violence victims as they come into contact with the criminal justice system. Services include:

- Support for victims prior to, during, and following court proceedings
- Advocacy on behalf of victims with law enforcement agencies and criminal justice personnel
- Information about safe shelter, the cycle of violence, characteristics of perpetrators and safety planning
- Counseling options for victims and their children

Advocates review safety planning and help victims to actually create a workable plan for their individual situation. Gateway staff provides intervention services to the children of victims who come through the Court Advocacy Program as well as educates victims on the effects of domestic violence on children.

**In 2018,
Gateway's
Court Advocacy
Program
assisted
2825 survivors**



Advocates

Our Advocates offer referrals, safety planning, crisis intervention, cell phones to call 9-1-1, and emergency services. Although the program is in a criminal court setting, victims also receive information on civil court matters such as restraining orders, child support enforcement, divorce/separation, immigration, and other matters.

Information on how to access Victim Compensation is also provided. All domestic violence cases at the Aurora Municipal Court are directed to our program. Advocates work one-on-one with the victim in the case and their children. They also provide a comfortable space for them to wait while at the courthouse, including a special children's area with toys, games and children's movies.

Residential Services

Gateway's Residential Services offers a 30-day program for adults and children fleeing domestic violence. The Emergency Shelter provides adults with confidentiality and safety, enabling the rebuilding of a life free from abuse. Our crisis line is answered by trained staff and volunteers, and provides 24-hour access to our Emergency Shelter. Gateway also operates a 90-day Extended Stay Program in a separate facility from our Emergency Shelter for adults seeking independent living.

Emergency Shelter

The most important thing the shelter provides is a listening ear. While in shelter, victims are assigned a primary counselor whom empowers them by giving them the tools and resources needed to make positive changes in their life. Group counseling is provided weekly to assist with the healing process and to provide more information on domestic violence. In addition to a safe haven, we provide food, clothing referrals, and necessities that the victims are forced to leave behind.

Extended Stay Program

Sometimes 30 days is not enough time for our clients to find permanent housing. Therefore, Gateway has designed a program that allows our clients to stay in shelter for an additional 90 days. During their stay, all adults receive one-on-one counseling, available 24 hours a day. It not only provides them with referrals and resources but also hope and encouragement. Group counseling is also provided to heal, educate and bring residents together by sharing their experiences, strength and wisdom.

Security for Children

While at Gateway, there are safety guidelines in place to keep all children safe. The Children's counselors are here to empower and encourage parents, along with children, by providing support, groups, one on one counseling, donations, referrals, and any additional resources that are available. In providing these services it assists with educating the families on domestic violence and helping them move forward with their life.

The Bailey Project

Many battered adults with animals refuse to leave their abusive homes because they fear leaving their beloved pets behind. 71% of pet-owning survivors entering domestic violence shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control victims. Gateway is proud to be a leader in the nation for being one of the first domestic violence shelters that also accepts family pets.

1 in 15 Children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to the violence.



Statistics & Crisis Line

Gateway Domestic Violence Services

Specific Services Delivered in the Calendar Year 2018:

Crisis Line Program

Number of callers served	7,925
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Residential Programs

Number of adults and children served	789
Nights of Housing	10,301
Nights of pet care provided (Approximately)	455

Nonresidential Counseling Program

Number of adults and children served	229
Number of individual/group sessions to adults and children	3,702

Community Development

Number of educational presentations	102
Number of volunteer trainings	2
Number of volunteer hours	2,659

Court Advocacy Program

Number of victims served	2,825
Number of volunteers	15
Number of follow-up services	2,439

Gateway's 24-hour Crisis Line is often a victim's first step toward making others aware of the situation and getting the help needed. Our crisis line is staffed with trained counselors and volunteers ready to listen and give referrals to adults who are experiencing psychological and physical abuse in their relationships. Crisis services continue to expand to serve the hard of hearing and those who do not speak Spanish or English.

Statement of Activities

GATEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2017)

	2018			2017
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
<u>Revenue and other support</u>				
Government grants and contracts	\$ 1,141,000	\$ -	\$ 1,141,000	\$ 1,091,005
Corporation and foundation grants	214,539	36,097	250,636	202,598
Individual contributions	79,694	-	79,694	206,134
Fund-raising	47,283	-	47,283	45,762
Client fees	4,465	-	4,465	2,840
United Way	646	-	646	2,404
Net investment income	316	-	316	11
Gain on sale of property	205,010	-	205,010	-
Proceeds from oil and gas land lease	-	-	-	34,357
Other	8,304	-	8,304	3,844
In-kind contributions (Note 8)	81,006	-	81,006	119,636
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 9)	49,229	(49,229)	-	-
Total revenue and other support	1,831,492	(13,132)	1,818,360	1,708,591
<u>Expense</u>				
Program services				
Resident	615,509	-	615,509	609,796
Non-resident	340,810	-	340,810	333,883
South resident	299,794	-	299,794	300,449
Court advocacy	175,225	-	175,225	172,941
Community development	33,266	-	33,266	31,794
Crisis line	15,460	-	15,460	15,046
Total program services	1,480,064	-	1,480,064	1,463,909
Supporting services				
Management and general	220,695	-	220,695	196,634
Fund-raising	30,679	-	30,679	29,726
Total supporting services	251,374	-	251,374	226,360
Total expense	1,731,438	-	1,731,438	1,690,269
Change in net assets	100,054	(13,132)	86,922	18,322
Net assets, beginning of year	504,716	13,132	517,848	499,526
Net assets, end of year	\$ 604,770	\$ -	\$ 604,770	\$ 517,848

Expenses

GATEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

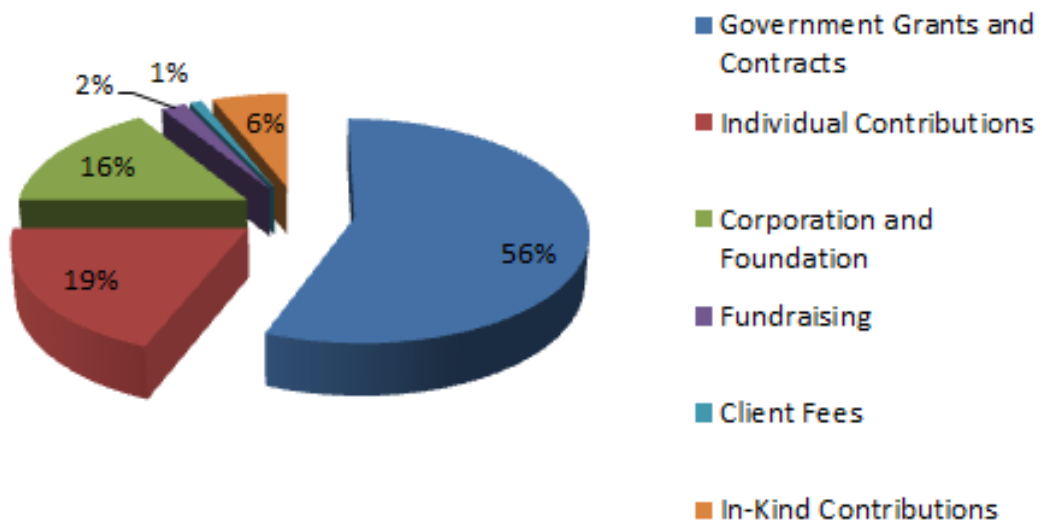
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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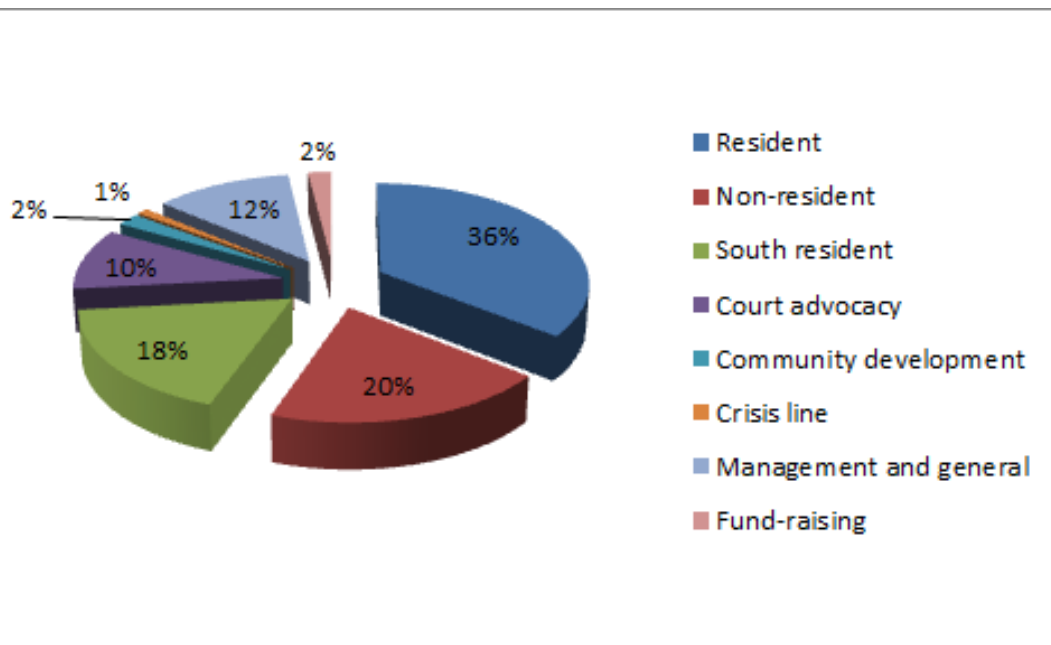
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2017)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 54,305	\$ 98,337
Grants and accounts receivable	75,936	51,509
Prepaid expenses	2,500	1,250
Investments (Note 3)	264,807	193,678
Net property and equipment (Note 4)	<u>329,487</u>	<u>377,187</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 727,035</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 721,961</u></u>
<u>Liabilities and net assets</u>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable	\$ 19,290	\$ 7,485
Accrued payroll costs	82,832	110,203
Deferred revenue	17,745	-
Capital lease obligations (Note 5)	2,398	4,284
Line of credit (Note 6)	-	-
Note payable	-	82,141
Commitments (Note 7)		
Total liabilities	<u>122,265</u>	<u>204,113</u>
<u>Net assets</u>		
Without donor restrictions	604,770	504,716
With donor restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>13,132</u>
Total net assets	<u>604,770</u>	<u>517,848</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 727,035</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 721,961</u></u>

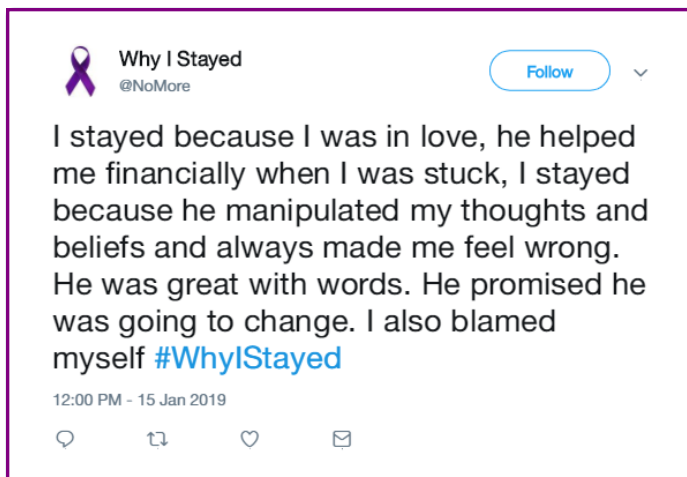
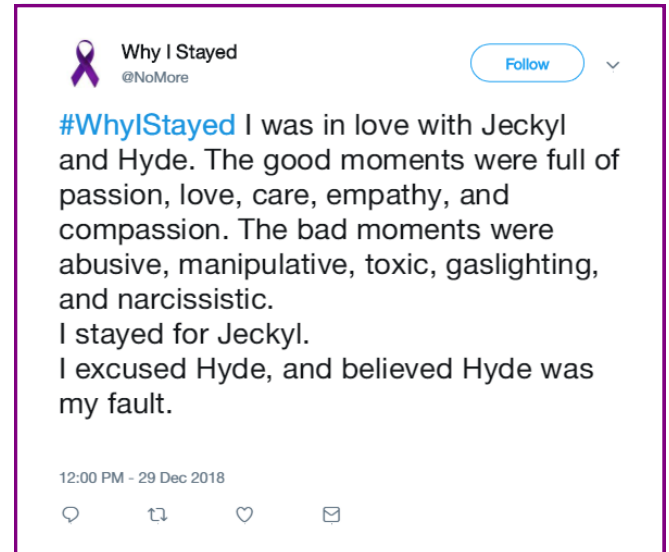
Assets



Expenses



Using Social Media to Bring Awareness



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Bilingual Counselor

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Child Counselor

Nora Lexion
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