The Women's Center's primary mission is to provide a wide range of supportive, educational, and crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, enabling them to regain control of their lives.

The Women's Center of San Joaquin County strives to meet its mission by providing comprehensive services on a community wide basis by maintaining services in multiple locations throughout the county. All Women's Center services are free and confidential to any victim of domestic violence or sexual assault at any location.

Stockton Women's Center

The Women's Center’s Stockton services began in 1976 with the agency’s inception. The Women’s Center’s Stockton office continues to house the agency’s administrative offices and the majority of the direct service staff. The public location is used to provide individual and group counseling services, advocacy, educational presentations, and trainings. The DAWN House Emergency Shelter and After DAWN Transitional Housing Program are also maintained in the Stockton community.

Lodi Women’s Center

Established in 1990, the Lodi Women’s Center primarily serves residents of North County. The Lodi Women’s Center maintains a public office where all agency services are available. The Lodi Women’s Center remains a viable community agency, in part, because certified volunteers contribute over 4,000 hours of service each year.

Tracy Women’s Center

Established in 1998, the Tracy Women’s Center serves South County residents. Through a public office, all Women’s Center services are provided by certified staff and volunteers.

Housing

The Women's Center offers emergency shelter, emergency bed nights, and transitional housing programs for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Emergency Bed Nights

Emergency bed nights are available for victims of sexual assault who can not immediately return to their home. The service is available on a 24 hour basis through law enforcement and hospital response. Emergency shelter can also be provided to sexual assault victims through DAWN House and VINE House.

Shelter

VINE (Violence Is Not Excusable) House – Through a partnership with Lodi Memorial Hospital, San Joaquin County Sheriff’s Department, and the Lodi Police Department, VINE House offers short term emergency shelter for victims in North County.

DAWN (Directions for Abused Women in Need) House – DAWN House provides temporary emergency shelter for battered women and their children. Victims may stay in DAWN House for up to 60 days while participating in supportive programming, including:

- Life Skills Training
- Support Groups and Individual Counseling
- “Just For Kids” Children’s Program
- “Just For Moms” Parenting Program
- Referral Services
- Employment Readiness
- Advocacy

Prevention & Outreach

Break the Silence – The project targets businesses, underserved populations, and the faith community to increase awareness of domestic violence.

Community Education – Presentations about agency services to businesses, civic groups, churches and synagogues, and classrooms.

Personal Safety and Decision Making – Age appropriate workshops provided to children, teens, teachers, and parents regarding sexual assault prevention.

Rape Prevention Education – Offers prevention education for high schoolers and the adult community.

TEAM (Team Education Awareness Model) – Domestic violence services an outreach to Southeast Asian, Hispanic, and Youth Populations.

Victim Assistance Training – 60-hour volunteer certification course.

Counseling & Advocacy

The Women’s Center offers a variety of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families. Counseling services include:

- 24 Hour Crisis Lines
- Individual Peer Counseling in English, Spanish, and Southeast Asian dialects
- Support groups for battered women in English, Spanish, and Southeast Asian dialects
- Support groups for survivors of sexual assault, Adults Molested As Children, developmentally disabled victims, and teen victims of sexual assault

Advocacy services include:

- 24 hour response to sexual assault and domestic violence victims
- Personal accompaniment to law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and social service providers.
- Accompaniment to court proceedings for domestic violence or sexual assault
- Temporary Restraining Order assistance
- Legal and justice system information
- Information and referral to other appropriate agencies
The Women's Center offers services to local communities by fostering collaborative partnerships:

Stockton Police Department – Staff work with law enforcement and medical personnel regarding domestic violence and sexual assault indicators and protocol.

CalWORKs – Women's Center staff work with recipients whose self-sufficiency is impacted by domestic violence and provides training to CalWORKs employees.

Child Protective Services – Women’s Center staff work directly with CPS case workers to respond to families experiencing domestic violence and child abuse.

Child Advocacy Center/Multi-Disciplinary Team
A team approach, involving the Women’s Center’s Sexual Assault Department, to provide comprehensive services to child victims of sexual abuse.

Children’s and Families Commission – Specialized services for children ages 0 to 5, their parents, and educators including counseling, education, and trainings.

Funding Sources
The Women's Center receives funding from the State of California, San Joaquin County, City of Stockton, United Way of San Joaquin County, individuals, businesses, churches, civic and community organizations, and foundations.

All services are free and confidential.
Services are available in Spanish and Southeast Asian languages.

Meeting the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims, their families, and the community – 24 hours per day, 7 days a week – since 1976.