MEMBERSHIP

BOARD MEMBERSHIP
PROGRAM BOARD MEMBER $250
A domestic violence program whose primary purpose is to serve battered women and children by providing core services to this population in at least five of the six core service areas.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER $250
An individual who has an interest in the field of domestic violence, has a demonstrated understanding and knowledge of domestic violence, and/or is a battered woman or formerly battered woman. Individual board members may not be a current employee, board member or volunteer of an organization which is represented on the Board.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION BOARD MEMBER $250
A program or organization whose primary purpose is to provide domestic violence resources, education and/or services for victims.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
ORGANIZATION MEMBER $250
A program or organization whose primary purpose is to provide resources, education and/or services for victims of domestic violence.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER $125
An individual who has an interest in, and/or a demonstrated understanding and knowledge of, the field of domestic violence, and/or is a battered or formerly battered woman.

To become a member of the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women, please call our office at 609-584-8107 or e-mail us at info@njcbw.org to request an application. The Coalition is interested in including every qualified organization that wants to be a member. If the price of dues is a concern, please ask about payment arrangements. Members are expected to endorse the mission and principles of NJCBW, support quality services through cooperative, non-competitive means and network with others in the domestic violence field.

NJCBW MEMBER AGENCIES

ATLANTIC COUNTY
Atlantic County Women’s Services
609-646-6767 or 800-296-4184

BERGEN COUNTY
Alternatives to Domestic Violence
201-336-7575
Shelter Our Sisters
201-944-9600

BURLINGTON COUNTY
Providence House / Willingboro Shelter
609-871-7551

CAMDEN COUNTY
Camden County Women’s Center
856-227-1234

CAPE MAY COUNTY
Coalition Against Rape & Abuse, Inc.
609-522-6489 or 877-292-2272

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
Cumberland County Women’s Center
856-691-3713 or 800-296-4353

ESSEX COUNTY
Family Violence Program
973-484-4446
The Rachel Coalition of Jewish Family Services
973-740-1233
The Safe House
973-759-2154
Linda & Rudy Stucker NCIW Center for Women
973-994-9474

GLOUCESTER COUNTY
Gloucester County Domestic Violence Services
856-423-8723

HUDSON COUNTY
Women preferring, Inc.
201-333-5700

HUNTERDON COUNTY
Women’s Crisis Services
908-788-4044 or 868-986-4033

MERCER COUNTY
Women Aware, Inc.
732-249-4504
Manari
732-435-1414

MONMOUTH COUNTY
180 turning lives around
732-294-1111 or 868-434-9252

MORRIS COUNTY
Jersey Battered Women’s Service, Inc.
973-267-4753

OCEAN COUNTY
Providence House - Ocean
732-244-8259 or 800-246-8910

OCEAN COUNTY
Passaic County Women’s Center
973-881-1450
Rachel Coalition Project Sarah
973-777-7638
Strengthen Our sisters
973-616-5399

SALEM COUNTY
Salem County Women’s Services
856-935-6655 or 888-632-9511

SOMERSET COUNTY
Resource Center for Women & Their Families
908-685-1122

STEVENS COUNTY
Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.
973-875-1211

UNION COUNTY
Project Protect
908-365-4337

WARREN COUNTY
Domestic Abuse & Rape Crisis Center
908-475-9408 or 813-908-9820

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800-572-SAFE (800-572-7233)

...ending violence in the lives of women
The New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women (NJCBW) is a statewide coalition of domestic violence service programs and concerned individuals whose purpose and mission is to end violence in the lives of women. Recognizing that violence against women in its various forms is a fundamental element in the oppression of women, the NJCBW focuses on elimination of battering of women in New Jersey.

NJCBW offers the following:

### ADVOCACY
- Collaboration with state agencies
- Representation on state committees
- Policies affecting victims and their children
- Legal Advocacy • Appeals Project

### NJCBW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION & TRAINING INSTITUTE
- Training for domestic violence program staff
- Workshops and conferences
- Community education programs
- Print, audio and video library
- Statewide domestic violence statistics
- Special issue brochures and handouts
- Multi-lingual brochures • Website

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
- To domestic violence programs
  - To national, state and local agencies
  - Legal assistance by phone

### DIVERSITY OUTREACH PROJECT
- Outreach, advocacy and education to multicultural communities and women with disabilities
- Assistance to programs regarding diversity issues

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION
- Provision of DVS Certification
- CEC and Trainer Approval for DVS

### OUR MISSION

#### SUMMARY OF THE NEW JERSEY COALITION FOR BATTERED WOMEN'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### BATTERER ACCOUNTABILITY
The NJCBW believes in the right of every human being to live free of violence and maltreatment, and that no individual has the right to exert coercive power and control over another. We believe individuals must be held accountable for their behavior toward others, therefore, the responsibility for violence in a relationship lies solely with the perpetrator.

#### CHILDREN
The NJCBW recognizes that children can be impacted by domestic violence as secondary victims and are often themselves subjected to physical or sexual abuse within the family. The Coalition believes that children are entitled to live free from abuse and have services available to them. The Coalition also recognizes that victims of domestic violence are required to make extremely difficult safety choices for themselves and their children within a maze of safety risks generated by the batterer and often by life circumstances.

#### EMPOWERMENT
The NJCBW recognizes that power is taken from women both by individual abusers and by the larger patriarchal society. We further recognize that it is our responsibility to assist battered women to regain that power. As individual service providers, we must help victims make and implement their own decisions.

#### EQUALITY
The NJCBW believes in the right of self-determination, safety, and justice for ALL women. We recognize that every woman deserves to have her voice similarly heard. We know that society has traditionally devalued some populations and, therefore, their voices have not been heard. The NJCBW believes in the inclusion and active support of women regardless of race, creed, age, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, physical capability, mental illness, educational level, or socioeconomic status.

#### QUALITY SERVICES
The NJCBW believes that the provision of quality services to battered women and their children is one critical avenue for addressing the problem of domestic violence. We believe that victims of domestic violence are entitled to the highest quality services possible and that these services should be characterized by the facilitation of the empowerment of victims. The Coalition also believes that we are accountable to the women we serve. We must listen to them and use their feedback and input to guide our programs.

#### SPECIAL NEEDS
The NJCBW recognizes that domestic violence has devastating effects on all victims but that some victims face additional, unique barriers to safety. Examples of these populations include, but are not limited to elderly women, women of color, lesbians, women with physical and/or mental disabilities, women who are immigrants and women living in poverty. The Coalition believes the special needs of these populations should be considered in the development, outreach, and delivery of victim services.

#### WOMEN'S USE OF FORCE
To understand women's use of force it is essential to consider both the context in which such acts occur and the differences between men's and women's use of force. Men's use of force occurs within the broader social context of male entitlement and the devaluation of women. Women's use of force is primarily self-defense or in reaction to abuse, and is not part of a history of coercive control. Only a small minority of the women who use force do so to control and intimidate, and such acts are not supported or reinforced within the broader societal context.