



Domestic Violence Services

A safe haven at Constance Morris House

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive behavior that one person exercises over another to gain power and control. This behavior may include physical violence, sexual abuse, emotional and psychological intimidation, verbal abuse and threats, stalking, isolation from friends and family, economic control, and destruction of personal property.

For more than 40 years, Pillars Community Health has advocated for adults and their dependent children affected by domestic violence to find a safe haven and rebuild their lives. We make it our mission to cultivate an environment that is physically and psychologically safe, where survivors of domestic violence can learn about their options for change and become empowered to make informed decisions about the future.

Our Services

Constance Morris House is Pillars Community Health's domestic violence shelter, located at 327 Bluff Ave, La Grange, IL 60525. If you are an adult with or without children and you are fleeing an abusive relationship, shelter is available to you 24 hours a day.

We also offer the following services, whether or not you are staying at the shelter:

- A confidential, 24-hour domestic violence hotline staffed by trained counselors and staff: 708-485-5254
- Individual, family, and group counseling provided by licensed therapists or social workers
- Legal advocacy, including information about the Illinois Domestic Violence Act (IDVA;1982) and assistance with Orders of Protection
- 24-hour on-site medical advocacy at local hospitals and health centers
- Links to ongoing support services such as emergency financial assistance and housing programs

Facility Features

To ensure that we provide shelter and support services in a safe, healthy, and trauma-informed environment, the newly renovated Constance Morris House includes the following features:

- Private family rooms with flexible layouts
- Private bathrooms
- Upgraded kitchen and group areas
- Increased laundry facilities
- Enhanced fire safety, electrical, and HVAC systems
- A children's playroom and updated playground equipment
- Group meeting areas

Fast Facts

- All services are provided at NO COST
- The shelter and hotline are staffed 24 hours a day
- Services are available for both adult and child survivors in English, Arabic, and Spanish
- Our primary service area is the townships of Lyons, Proviso, Riverside, Cicero, and Berwyn, however; we provide services to all survivors who request them



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24-Hour Confidential Domestic Violence Hotline: 708-485-5254

Pillars Community Health strives to improve the health of our communities and empower individuals through compassionate, whole-person care. We envision communities where all people have equal access to the care they need, when they need it.



Pillars Community Health is a nonprofit provider of health and social services,

one of only a few nonprofits in the state of Illinois to integrate primary medical and dental care with mental health, education, and social services.

We can trace our history back to 1921 through predecessor agencies and have a history of innovating to provide quality, evidence-based care for our patients and clients. Pillars Community Health is committed to providing the full array of coordinated health, educational, and social services for individuals and families, regardless of where or how they first connect with us.

We envision communities where all people have equal access to the care they need, when they need it. To that end, we are committed to eliminating barriers to care, such as language, income, or stigma. Some services are available free of charge; others are offered on a sliding fee scale (meaning the amount you pay depends on your income). We also accept Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial insurance plans. Many of our services are available in both English and Spanish; some services are offered in Arabic. Language assistance lines are available in our Health Center, and sign language interpreters can be called upon for assistance.

Looking for help?

We want to make it easy for you to quickly find care. You only need to dial one phone number: **708-PILLARS** (708-745-5277) to gain access to a variety of services. And if we can't help, we'll put you in touch with someone who can.

24-hour, confidential domestic violence hotline:
708-485-5254

24-hour, confidential sexual assault hotline:
708-482-9600

Services

Community Health Center Services:

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, our health center receives HHS funding under 42 USC 254b to provide the following health care services:

Medical Services

We provide a patient-centered medical home for people of all ages. Services include women's health and prenatal and postpartum care; pediatric services; and adult medical care services including chronic disease management.

Dental Services

Our team of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants focuses on prevention through education and regularly scheduled appointments. Services include exams and assessments; oral cancer screenings; preventive, restorative, and diagnostic procedures; and oral health education.

Behavioral Health

Health center patients have access to pediatric development and behavioral screenings; screenings for depression, anxiety, peri- and postpartum depression; substance abuse and domestic violence screenings; brief interventions; referral to outpatient mental health; and psychiatry services.

Behavioral Health & Support Services:

We offer outpatient and community-based mental health and specialty mental health services to help clients who are living with mental illness, from prevention to crisis intervention to outpatient therapy and community support. For adults and adolescents who are diagnosed with mild or more severe substance use disorders, we provide outpatient services including group treatment, DUI risk education, and individual or family counseling. We also offer free bereavement support for children and families through our Buddy's Place program.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Services:

Pillars Community Health offers 24-hour domestic and sexual violence hotlines; crisis support; medical and legal advocacy at area hospitals, police departments, and courthouses; and a domestic violence shelter.

Prevention/Health Education & Outreach:

We regularly provide outreach and presentations to the community on a variety of topics, including domestic violence; sexual violence; and physical, oral, and behavioral health.

In addition to these core services, we also help patients determine what insurance they qualify for and what benefits they may receive; offer a low-cost pharmaceutical program; and provide referrals for patients and clients who need to see a specialist or need hospitalization or inpatient rehabilitation. Learn more about our services at www.PillarsCommunityHealth.org.



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