



SAFE For Children

Stop **A**buse, **F**oster **E**mpowerment

Domestic Violence Prevention &
Intervention for Children

Children deserve a safe
and happy life at home...
are you concerned that this
may not be true for your
child or a child you know?

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At Creative Health Services we believe that the best place for a child to live and grow is within a family, and that along with food and shelter, a family must provide love and SAFETY to all of it's members.

The Children's SAFE Program offers services to children who have experienced or witnessed domestic violence in their families and homes.

Painful feelings can arise when children are exposed to traumatic events at an early age. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) can lead to behavioral health problems like depression and addiction later in life, if they remain untreated. Our domestic violence program promotes hope and healing for a child or adolescent who has experienced the type of trauma.

- Without help, girls who witness domestic violence are more vulnerable to abuse as teens and adults.
- Without help, boys who witness domestic violence are far more likely to become abusers of their partners and/or children as adults, thus continuing the cycle of violence in the next generation. Safe Horizon

Our 12 week program is an integration of art, music and animal assisted therapies designed to work through the feelings brought about by the trauma while learning that domestic violence is not the norm. Group sessions will help children develop the needed skills to break this devastating cycle of harm. Our hope is that each child will experience the group as a positive and safe environment, strengthening their self-esteem. Children will learn how to protect themselves and to resolve conflicts in a non-violent manner.

Eligibility for **SAFE** For Children: The SAFE for Children Program is available to children of the Tri-County area who have been subject to or exposed to domestic violence. Program location may vary according to referrals. No fee required.

Signs that a child in your life may have been exposed to trauma or experienced violence in the home:

- Fear for physical safety
- Increased deceptiveness
- Self-blame & low self-esteem
- Poor problem solving skills
- Aggressive physical behavior
- Suicidal ideation and/or suicidal attempts
- Lack of trust for others

Offered by Creative Health Services in partnership with:

- Laurel House
- A Woman's Place
- Montgomery County Women's Center
- Open Link
- Pottstown Police Department &
- Montgomery County Criminal Justice Services

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