



Rachel Coalition Services, Outreach, and Highlights

Rachel Coalition, a division of Jewish Family Service of MetroWest NJ, is a partnership of nine northern New Jersey organizations* working together to provide services and support programs for victims of domestic violence and the larger communities of Essex and Morris Counties.

JFS MetroWest, as the direct service provider of Rachel Coalition, offers:

- Individual counseling provided by licensed clinical social workers
- Domestic violence support groups
- Individual & group counseling for children exposed to domestic violence
- 24-hour crisis response line: 973-740-1233
- Legal assistance in obtaining restraining orders
- Access to shelter (w/kosher provisions) and vocational services
- Information & referral
- Consultation to local clergy, community organizations and hospitals

Rachel Provides Education and Outreach

Court Advocacy

After participating in a 40 hour training program, volunteers support and assist victims during the restraining order process at the Essex County Family Court. Rachel Coalition is the lead agency for Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) training in Essex County.

In Her Shoes

Congregations, community organizations and other groups can host this interactive, volunteer-led workshop allowing participants to experience the hurdles and challenges victims of abuse encounter while seeking help. During 2015, a Teen version of In Her Shoes was launched to address the dynamic of teen dating abuse.

Essex County Candlelight Vigil

Residents, community organizations and political officials come together annually to recognize domestic violence victims and bring communal awareness to this devastating epidemic.

Florin Education Series

This annual luncheon provides an essential forum to both facilitate and increase the level of community awareness about the issue of domestic violence. In 2015, Tanya Brown, sister of the late Nicole Brown Simpson, was our keynote speaker.

2015 Accomplishments

- 5 licensed social workers with individual caseloads served over 150 individual adult clients a year and over 50 children through individual and group counseling
- Women and children struggling with high conflict relationships benefited from weekly support groups.
- Two Court Advocate Training sessions held in 2015 to train volunteers to assist domestic violence victims
- 22 new pro bono attorneys were trained on DV law
- Facilitated individual and group counseling services, for victims of domestic violence as a collaborative partner of the Essex County Family Justice Center in Newark.
- Volunteer court advocates served over 2400 plaintiffs seeking restraining orders
- Received over 500 calls on Rachel Coalition Hotline
- Conducted trainings for various local professional and community organizations.
- Enhanced social media presence by significantly increasing our Facebook followers.

Rachel Coalition depends on volunteers, donors, and sponsors to keep its services and programs operating.

For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, please call 973-765-9050 or visit our website at www.jfsmetrowest.org.

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