

## Local Domestic Violence Shelters

### Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)

24 Hour Hotline: (800) 355-8547



### Mary Rubloff YWCA Harmony House

Phone: (561) 640-9844

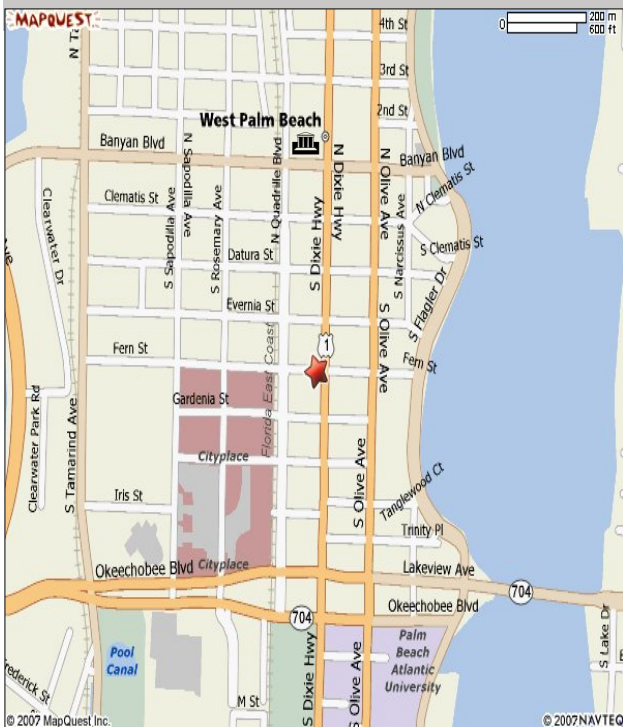


### Florida Resource Center for Women & Children, Inc.

Phone: (561) 848-8383

The Legal Aid Society is located at 423 Fern Street in West Palm Beach. The entrance to our office is on Fern Street between Dixie Highway and Quadrille Boulevard.

Our office is 4 blocks south of the main Palm Beach County Courthouse on Dixie Highway and two blocks east of CityPlace.



**The Domestic Violence Project is made possible through the generous support of:**

- Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County
- Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- The Florida Bar Foundation
- Town of Palm Beach United Way
- U.S. Department of Justice
- Victims of Crime Act ~ VOCA
- Violence Against Women Act ~ VAWA

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Please call Monday — Friday  
9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.  
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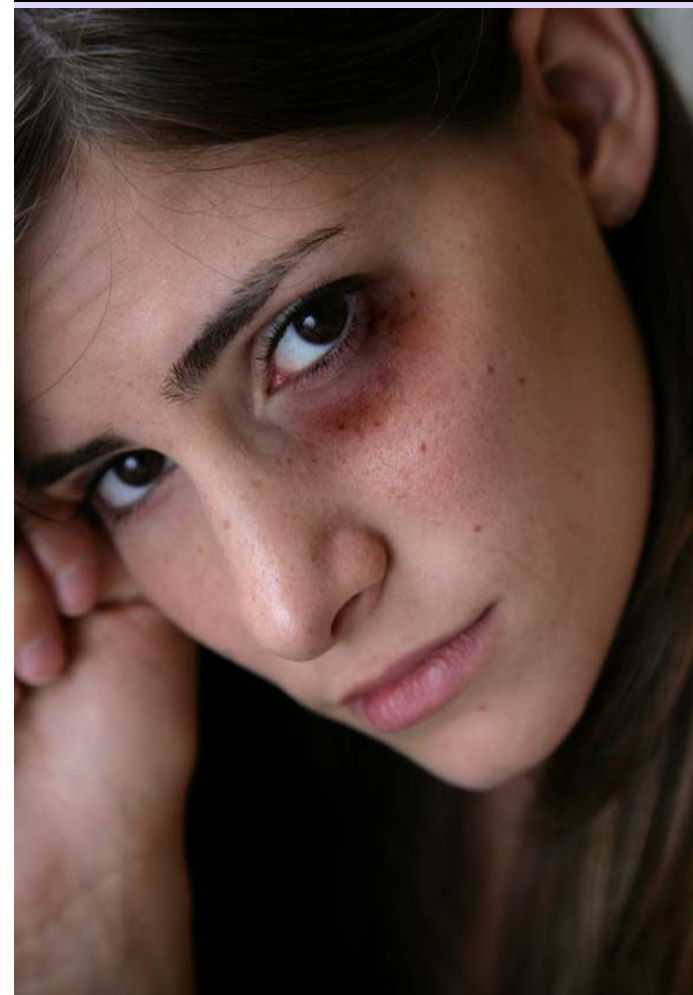
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Legal Aid's **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT** serves victims of domestic violence in Palm Beach County. Our goal is to provide high quality, free legal services to empower victims of domestic violence and to ensure their safety.

### *What is Domestic Violence?*

**Domestic Violence** is defined as: any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnaping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member. Fla. Stat. §741.28.

### *What is an Injunction?*

**Injunctions for Protection** (commonly called “restraining orders” or “protection orders”) are court orders that protect victims from violence and contact (at home, at work, in-person, by telephone, email, text message and via third-party).

### *How do I file for an injunction?*

First file a Petition for Injunction with the Clerk of Court describing the instances of domestic violence. Be specific about dates and times. Describe recent events as well as any violence or threats of violence that have occurred in the past.

A judge will review your petition and may then enter a *Temporary Injunction* or an *Order Setting Hearing*. These orders require you to appear before the court within fifteen (15) days to testify and bring any evidence and witnesses to show why you need the injunction.

### *What services does the Domestic Violence Project offer?*

- ◆ Immediate legal counseling
- ◆ A free lawyer to represent you at the injunction hearing
- ◆ Assistance to victims who wish to modify or extend existing injunctions
- ◆ Referrals for free representation for qualified individuals for divorce, paternity, child support, adoption, relative custody, public benefits, housing, dependency, foreclosure, immigration, senior citizen issues and more.

### *Is there a fee for your services?*

**THERE ARE NO FEES AND NO FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES.**

### *How do I qualify for legal services from the Domestic Violence Project?*

There are no income requirements to qualify for domestic violence injunction representation by Legal Aid's Domestic Violence Project.

The Domestic Violence Project only represents victims of domestic violence. We do not represent alleged batterers. If you have had an injunction entered against you in the past, or if you have been arrested for domestic violence in the past, we will not represent you.

### *When do I contact the Domestic Violence Project to represent me?*

The day you file your petition, you should receive a court date. Contact the Domestic Violence Project **IMMEDIATELY** when you receive a court date. Our resources are limited, and representation is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call **(561) 655-8944, ext. 238**, and have your court order with you when you call. If your call is not answered, please leave a voicemail message with your name, telephone number and court date.

If you qualify for our services, you will receive an appointment to meet with an attorney to discuss your case.

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