

**SHALVA –FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2011
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS****CLINICAL & THERAPEUTIC**

SHALVA provides culturally-sensitive domestic violence services to women who self-identify as Jewish. The majority of SHALVA's clients are from the Chicago Metropolitan area, but calls are received from Jewish women around the world seeking SHALVA's assistance. Many Jewish families have unique religious and cultural needs that often require specialized expertise. SHALVA addresses these unique needs in conjunction with secular needs faced by all domestic abuse survivors. SHALVA's culturally sensitive approach ensures that women are able to focus on what is most critically important – their safety and the safety of their children.

SHALVA provides crisis counseling and on-going services to women FREE of charge.

Project HOPE-Counseling Department provides the following services for the Jewish community:

- 24-hour help line for women in crisis (773-583-HOPE)
- Individual and group counseling
- Legal information & court support
- Rabbinical and community advocacy
- Financial assistance and interest-free loans
- Information and agency appropriate referral services

Clients are provided therapeutic services by 2.5 FTE Master's level ICDVP therapists

FYE '11 (6/1/10 through 5/31/11)

20% increase in clients

36% increase in individuals placing crisis-line calls (after hours/weekend & holidays)

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA 2004-MAY 2011 (collected & analyzed by SHALVA)**Client demographics**

- Clients represent a cross-section of Jewish affiliations, educational and economic backgrounds
- Client ages range from teenagers to senior citizens
- Over 97 % are female
- 16% call for the first time prior to their two-year wedding anniversary
- 57% call for the first time after 10 years of marriage through retirement age
- 53% are living with their partners while seeking therapeutic services
- 41% live alone or with extended family
- 82% have college/graduate degrees

Types of abuse reported*

- 49% report physical violence
- 87% report emotional/psychological and verbal abuse
- 35% report financial abuse
- 12% report sexual abuse

*Individuals may experience more than one type of abuse

LEGAL PROGRAM

- The Legal Liaison Program, as part of the Clinical Department, was initiated to support and empower SHALVA clients to become active participants in the legal process and assist them in making the best possible decisions for themselves and their children. The majority of SHALVA's clients requiring legal representation do not qualify for free legal services through legal aid or domestic violence legal clinics. Consequently, SHALVA created a new program, unlike any in the Chicagoland area, which is designed to meet the specific needs of our clients.
- SHALVA has successfully completed year 2 of the Legal Liaison Program. The goals of the Legal Liaison Program are (1) to assist SHALVA's clients in dealing with their legal issues so that they can focus on their domestic violence issues, rather than their legal issues, in their therapy sessions and (2) to provide assistance and guidance with the many legal issues that invariably exist for domestic violence victims.¹

STATISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

- 56 clients have been served
- 457 services²
- 47 Attorney recruitment & Advisory Committee interactions
- 35 Networking & Education interactions
- 1 MCLE credit Lunch & Learns

OUTREACH, EDUCATION & PREVENTION**65% increase in the number of people who heard our message in FYE 2011**

SHALVA's mission is to increase awareness about Jewish domestic abuse. SHALVA educates the community by providing programs and speaking with community leaders and constituents. Clinical education trainings educate professionals such as Rabbis, police officers, hospital social workers, camp counselors, and teachers. The variety of programs SHALVA offers reflect the diverse needs of those we serve. Speaking engagements range from intimate parlor meetings to large group organizational settings with topics ranging from general domestic abuse education to parents seeking knowledge about how to bully-proof their children.

STATISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Total: Outreach, Education & Prevention: 275 outreach programs served 3746 people
- Clinical in-service: 7 trainings
- Professional: 3 trainings
- Adult: 217 general Outreach Events
- Youth: 48 events/sessions were provided to Jewish day schools & B'nai Mitzvah classes (includes parents)

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¹ The Legal Liaison does not directly represent clients in legal matters

² Services include issues regarding divorce proceedings, mediation, child custody and guardianship, assets, financial support, and orders of protection. These are direct services provided to clients as well as services provided on behalf of the client with a third party (i.e. attorney or therapist)