



A WOMAN'S PLACE
2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

As the only domestic violence safehouse in Weld County, A Woman's Place is a critical lifeline for our community. Nicole's story is an example of how our services impact lives.

It was 2 a.m. in the middle of a thunderstorm. Nicole was soaking wet, barefoot, and afraid. She had just left home, escaped from abuse, and ran through the mud to her neighbor's house to call the police. The police drove her to A Woman's Place (AWP) for safety. Once she arrived at AWP, staff assessed her immediate need for medical attention, gave her clothing, food, and toiletries, and showed her to her bedroom. Nicole was able to take a hot shower and had a warm, safe place to sleep. After a few days, AWP staff helped Nicole receive behavioral health support, assistance in transferring her job to a new location, as well as find stable housing.

A Woman's Place exists to help hundreds of survivors each year just like Nicole. Our eight-bedroom facility provides shelter and crisis support while empowering survivors of domestic violence to rebuild their lives.

Once we've made sure a client has a safe, stable place to stay, we help them set goals to achieve long-term stability. By connecting survivors to housing, legal services, employment, and behavioral health support, we provide not just the escape and safety they need, but also the foundation for them to rebuild their lives.

Over the past ten years, A Woman's Place staff members have answered 7,751 crisis phone calls and 60 percent of the advocates at AWP are bilingual. We provided services to survivors in 9 languages. During 2022, AWP provided safe shelter and advocacy for 385 individuals.

A Woman's Place will celebrate its 45th anniversary in 2023. We would not have been able to empower survivors of domestic violence over the last 4 decades without the support of our community. Please consider helping us continue to do so.

Your support is greatly appreciated and more impactful than we can say. Thank you for assisting A Woman's Place in our pursuit to help survivors find safety and rebuild their lives free from violence.

Thank you,

DIANE HELDT,

Executive Director



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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to shelter and help empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe, secure, and self-reliant, and to mobilize our community through education and collaboration to prevent domestic violence.

OUR STORY

For 44 years, we have provided services for survivors of domestic violence.

A Woman's Place was first founded as a crisis line in 1978. In 1981, we opened our safehouse with support from the community. Today, our 29-bed facility is the only safehouse in Weld County. Our services are guided by the belief that all individuals deserve to live a life free from violence. We are committed to providing services to all survivors regardless of their background and remaining accountable for the resources entrusted to us.

OUR OUTCOMES

- 844 Crisis calls answered
- 385 Resident and non-resident clients served
- 116 Community presentations
- 459 Clients received employment support
- 907 Legal advocacy services provided

OUR SERVICES

CRISIS & TRAUMA

- Crisis Line 24/7
- Safety planning with trained advocates to learn strategies and resources for staying safe
- Emergency shelter



EMPOWERMENT

- Goal and safety planning
- Mental health support and outside resources
- Youth and family services and counseling
- Housing services
- Legal advocacy and accompaniment

SELF SUFFICIENCY

- Financial assistance for housing and employment
- Expenses (rent, utilities, uniforms, etc)
- Employment assistance
- Education
- Developing skills and strengths

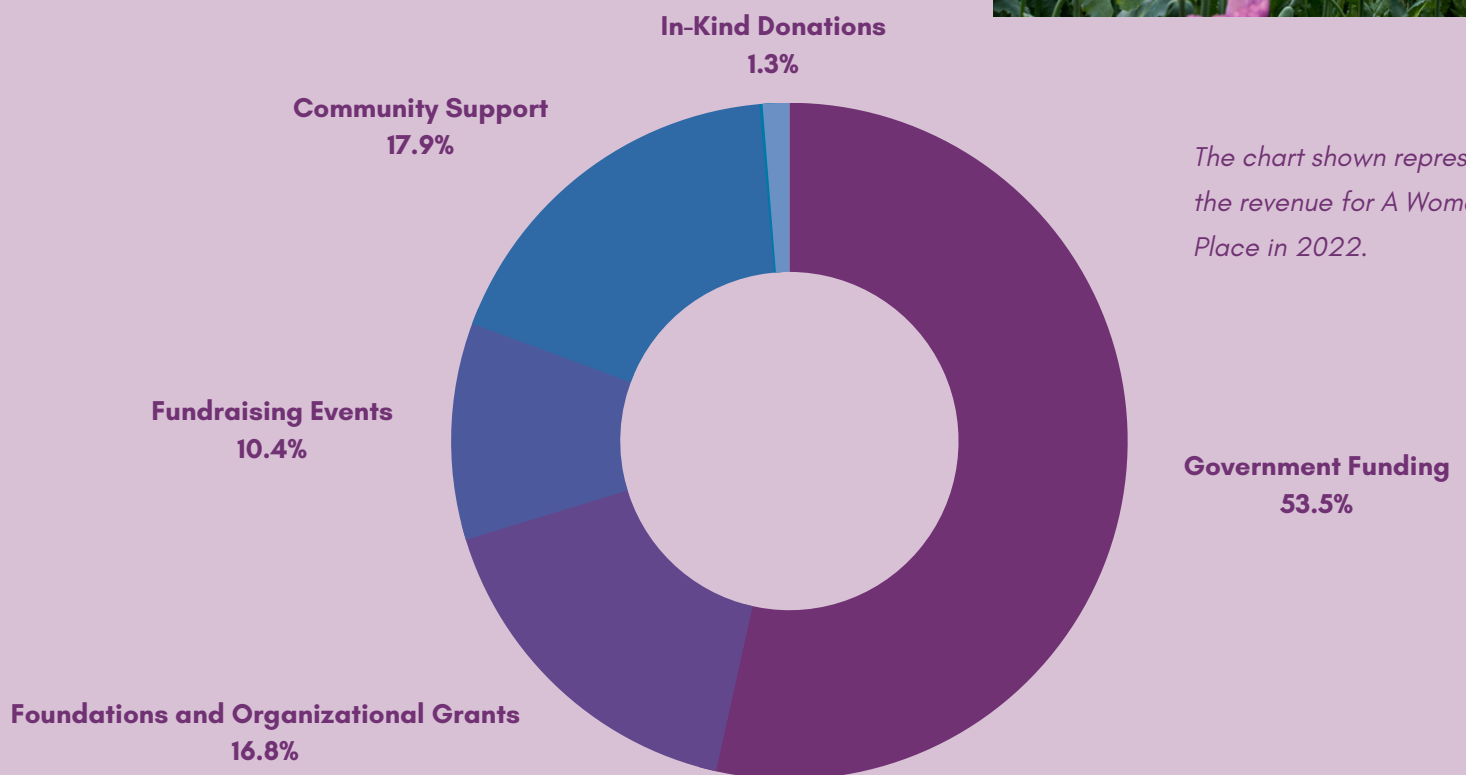
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Community education presentations
 - Domestic Violence
 - Teen Dating Violence
- Community events



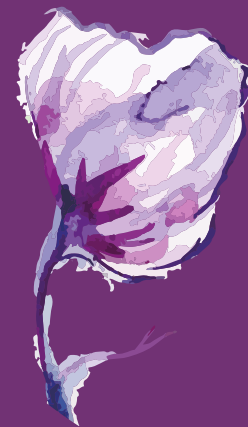
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

With the lingering effects of COVID, A Woman's Place has been able to remain open and provide all safety services for our residents while being cautious about the ongoing concern of the pandemic.





IN THE COMMUNITY



AWP is a Better Business Bureau accredited charity and a United Way partner agency. Our organization has recently won several awards, including:

- "2022 Platinum Seal of Transparency" from Guidestar
- 2022 Award of Excellence for "Providing Outstanding Trauma-Informed Services" by the Northern Colorado Safehouse Consortium
- National recognition of excellence as the "2022 Purple Ribbon Award Winner for Rural Initiative of the Year" from DomesticShelters.org, presented "only to the best of the best agencies who are making a substantial positive impact on the lives of domestic violence survivors through education, raising awareness, and helping end domestic abuse in a rural area."

Youth Targeted Trainings

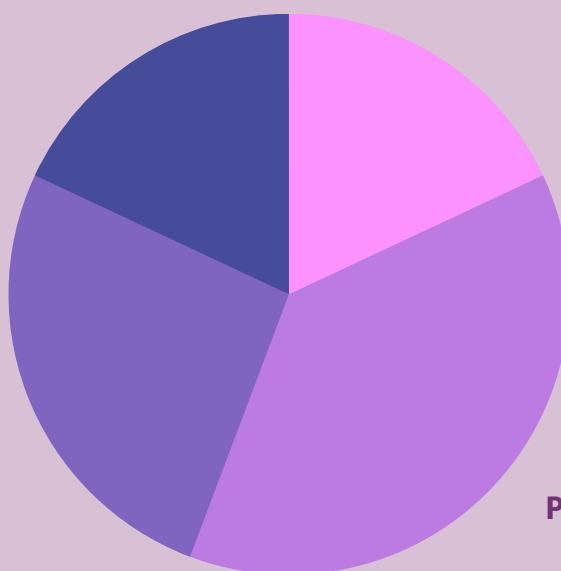
18%

Community Education Presentations

18%

Community Awareness Activities

26.2%



Professional Trainings

37.7%

A Woman's Place offers community outreach as a preventative method to the communities of Weld County. Presentations are offered to community professionals, the general public and school-age youth. Some of the presentations we offer are Domestic Violence 101, AWP Services, Barriers to Leaving, Effects on Children, Teen Dating Violence, Workplace Violence, and How To Support Survivors.



DIVERSITY

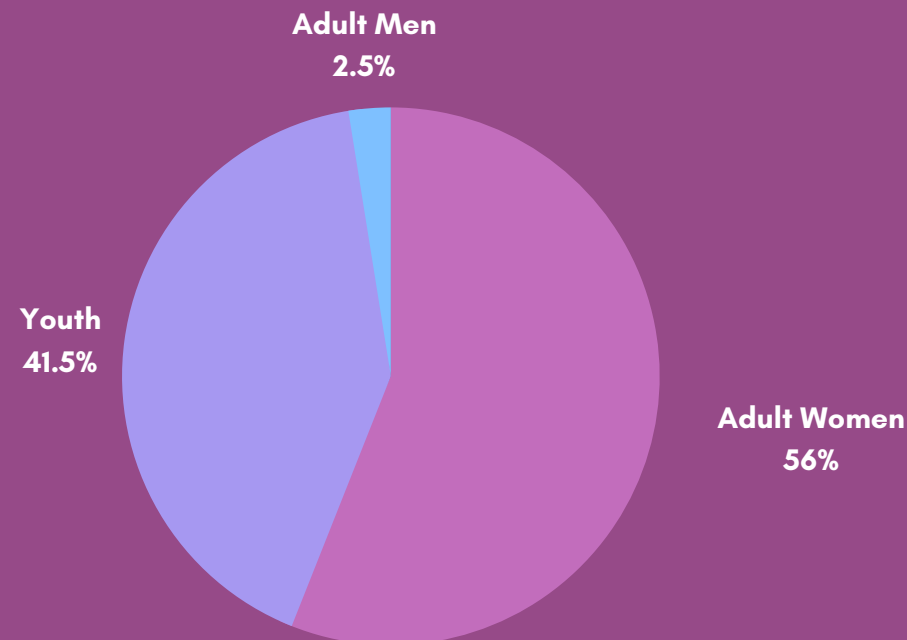
In 2022 AWP offered services in the following languages:

- American Sign Language
- English
- Kinyarwanda
- Kunama
- Mandarin
- Punjabi
- Rohingya
- Spanish
- Ukrainian

2022 Statistics

- 80.3% of individuals were actively experiencing poverty
- 19% reported a limiting disability
- 21% of safehouse clients experienced physical and/or sexual abuse
- 64% of physically and/or sexually abused clients encountered use of a deadly weapon

Clients served based on gender





SURVIVOR FEEDBACK



"Never would have thought this place would change my life and help me in so many ways! And I truly appreciate everyone that works there and everything you have done for me, my daughters. Thank You!!"

"You guys are amazing. Thank you for making myself and my kids feel welcomed. Thank you."

"I just want to thank you very much for helping make Christmas happen and everything else you guys have helped me with! I can't even express how grateful I am."

"You all are life savers and simply amazing. Thank you for every thing."

"Everyone has been so sweet and patient with me which I greatly appreciate. You guys are super helpful as well. You're life savers. Thank you."

"Thank you for giving and showing the support I needed when I had no one there for us."

"There are no words to describe the safety, comfort, and care I've received from each and every person here. My advocate has helped me focus and clear my mind. The house is very clean and I have been gifted everything needed. Everyone has been so supportive of my goals. Loving to my service dog."

FUNDERS

Below is a list of our government and foundation funders. There are many individuals and corporate donors from our community that also support A Woman's Place.

19th Judicial District VALE Program	Schwab Charitable
Anschutz Family Foundation	State of Colorado Department of Human Services, Domestic Violence Program (DVP)
Bomberger Foundation	United Way of Weld County (including: Collective Impact Group; Youth Leadership Council; COVID-19 Operations Adaptation Fund)
City of Dacono	Violence Free Colorado
City of Fort Lupton	Walmart Community Grant
City of Greeley of Weld County Inc.	Weld Community Foundation (including: Littler Youth Grant; W.D. Farr Endowment; and Lyster Family Fund Foundation)
Colorado Bar Foundation	Weld County Department of Human Services, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
Colorado Institute to End Hunger	Weld County Food Bank
Colorado Office for Victim's Programs, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program	Weld Recovers Fund
Daniels Fund	Weld Trust
Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)	WeldWerks Community Foundation
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	Women's Foundation of Colorado
Friends of A Woman's Place	The Women's Fund of Weld County
Great Western Operating Company	
JBS Foods	
Mile High United Way: Colorado Relief Fund	
Monfort Family Foundation	
Nordson Community Impact Outreach	

OUR TEAM:



Alysia- Advocate

Amanda -Housing Advocate

Ana -Advocate

Beth -Grants Coordinator

Bobbie -Advocate

Brittany -Administration Coordinator

Dani -Outreach Coordinator

Desiree -Housing Coordinator

Diane -Executive Director

Josselyn-Intervention/Employment
Coordinator

Lamont -Custodial

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Lixsy- Advocate

Margaret- Advocate

Salima -Advocate

Sarah -Advocate

Thea -Relief Advocate

Seth-Maintenance

Tiffany -Relief Advocate

Vanessa -Legal Services Coordinator

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Niki

Feyla

Kayla

Scarlett

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