Vision
Creating communities where people live peacefully.

Mission
Transforming lives impacted by domestic violence.

Guiding Principles, Values and Beliefs
People have the right to safety and to live free from violence. People have the right to equality in their interpersonal relationships. People have the right to choose how to change their lives.

Family Peace Center
619 W. Walnut Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Sojourner Partner Collaborations
An Overview
Sojourner has been working with partners for decades. This report is designed to showcase our partners working at the Family Peace Center and their missions. We are committed to nurturing, enhancing, and expanding opportunities that advance the mission of transforming lives impacted by family violence.
Transforming Lives...Transforming Milwaukee

District Attorney's Office

The mission of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office is to promote and protect the rights of citizens, to prosecute criminal offenses and to enforce the Wisconsin statutes and the United States Constitution. The office is committed to providing a fair and impartial justice system that is accessible, transparent, and accountable to the public.

Community Partners

Visit the Milwaukee County website for more information on community partners, including the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, and the Milwaukee Public Schools. The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office is committed to working with community partners to improve the quality of life for all Milwaukee County residents.

Wisconsin Families

The Wisconsin Families program is designed to provide support and resources to families in need. The program offers a range of services, including case management, financial assistance, and educational and employment services. The program is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, and is administered by the Milwaukee County Department of Children and Families.

Goodwill Industries

Goodwill Industries provides job training, education, and other services to help individuals with disabilities and other challenges to achieve their goals. The organization offers a variety of programs and services, including job placement, education, and training in a variety of industries. Goodwill Industries is committed to helping individuals with disabilities and other challenges to achieve their goals.

Cares for Children

Cares for Children is a program that provides support and resources to children in need. The program offers a range of services, including case management, financial assistance, and educational and employment services. The program is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, and is administered by the Milwaukee County Department of Children and Families.

Sensory Friendly Clinics

Sensory Friendly Clinics are programs designed to provide a safe and comfortable environment for children and families with sensory processing disorders. The clinics offer a range of services, including case management, financial assistance, and educational and employment services. The clinics are funded by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, and are administered by the Milwaukee County Department of Children and Families.

CHW/Community Health

CHW/Community Health is a program designed to provide support and resources to children and families in need. The program offers a range of services, including case management, financial assistance, and educational and employment services. The program is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, and is administered by the Milwaukee County Department of Children and Families.

Co-located Partners

Co-located Partners is a program designed to provide support and resources to children and families in need. The program offers a range of services, including case management, financial assistance, and educational and employment services. The program is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, and is administered by the Milwaukee County Department of Children and Families.

Another Healthcare

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Five Things You Should Know About the Family Peace Center

1. We are the largest, most comprehensive family justice center in the world and are providing technical assistance in other communities nationally and globally.

2. We have a robust evaluation effort—measuring clients’ experiences at the center, satisfaction with services, and direct outcomes including hope, safety, empowerment, mental health functioning, and child behavior.

3. If we are to move the needle on violence in Milwaukee, it will require that stakeholders have an understanding of the intersection between education, public safety, economic development, and violence in the home.

4. In addition to core safety services, we offer a comprehensive continuum of wellness services which include traditional and natural healing modalities.

5. We are one of the few family justice centers with a fully integrated Child Advocacy Center and a 24-hour crisis shelter on site.
Location
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*Administrative Office* 414-276-1911
*Website* www.familypeacecenter.org
*24-Hour Hotline* 414-933-2722

**Leadership**
*President and CEO* Carmen Pitre
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**Mission Statement**
To transform lives impacted by domestic violence.

**Tagline:**
Transforming Lives
About Sojourner
The mission of Sojourner is to transform lives impacted by domestic violence. Sojourner provides crisis housing, system advocacy, and individual support. Sojourner is the largest provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving nearly 10,000 clients annually. Our primary goals are to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and to provide a pathway out of violence for victims and abusers through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children. Sojourner is committed to creating communities where people live peacefully.

For more information, visit www.familypeacecenter.org.

Sojourner 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: 414-933-2722

Our Family Peace Center
Sojourner is one of the first in the nation to house holistic services for victims of domestic violence of all ages, under one roof. In addition to moving our current crisis housing facility, Sojourner Truth House, and the Sojourner 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline, Sojourner is joined with Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office, Milwaukee Public Schools, Jewish Family Services and many more to co-locate services for families impacted by family violence.

Sojourner Truth, Our Namesake
Sojourner Truth was born into slavery in Swartekill, New York around 1797. Her given name was Isabella Baumfree. She was an advocate for social justice and a strong believer in the rights of women at a time when women were legally bound to their fathers and husbands. Sojourner Truth walked to freedom in 1826 and was the first black woman to win a legal case over a white man when she successfully won the right to free her son, who had been illegally taken to the South as a slave. In 1843, Isabella Baumfree changed her name to Sojourner Truth, devoting her life to Methodism and the abolition of slavery.

Sojourner Truth was a woman of fierce determination who succeeded against all odds. She embodies our beliefs and what we strive to achieve in our mission. Sojourner, as our namesake, reminds us of the importance of leadership, equality, and perseverance. As an organization, Sojourner was founded to protect battered women and their children. Our beliefs echo those of Sojourner: that everyone has the right to be free from abuse and live peacefully.

As our organization has evolved over the last 42 years, we have remained committed to honoring the legacy of Sojourner Truth. Sojourner Truth House, our Crisis Housing for women and children, will always retain this inspirational name. Our new Sojourner Truth House, located in the Family Peace Center, has 23 bedrooms, all of which are named after one of Sojourner Truth’s children or grandchildren. This spring, we installed a 6-foot bronze statue of Sojourner Truth outside the main entrance of the Family Peace Center. The statue features her signature on the base and is lit at night.

Like Sojourner Truth, we support the bravery of our clients as they transform their lives. They are our inspiration for a vision of safe and healthy families in every home in our community. With violence in homes at record levels, we remain committed to providing crisis housing, system advocacy, and individual support.
Sojourner Programs and Services

Sojourner Family Peace Center assists nearly 10,000 women, men and children annually through programs and services that focus on safety, healing, prevention of repeat victimization, life skills for survivors, and community education and awareness through crisis housing, system advocacy, and individual support.

I. Crisis Housing and 24-Hour Hotline

Sojourner provides crisis housing, support, and assistance to women and children fleeing violence in their homes. Residents of Sojourner Truth House, our 54-bed crisis housing facility, receive a broad array of supports and services during their stay that are focused on helping them achieve freedom from violence. Sojourner Truth House also houses our Sojourner 24-hour domestic violence hotline.

Services include:
- Individual and group support
- Linkage to medical and mental health services
- Legal assistance
- Job readiness
- Basic needs assistance: food, transportation, clothing
- Assistance in securing safe and affordable housing

II. System Advocacy

Sojourner assists families impacted by domestic violence as they navigate the many systems (e.g. criminal justice, healthcare, child welfare, education) that impact their lives. Our advocates work with families to address barriers and provide support as they work within these systems.

Services include:
- Assistance filing for and obtaining a restraining order
- Support for survivors whose cases are referred to the criminal justice system
- Support for military families experiencing domestic violence
- Safety planning for families at all risk levels
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- Support and advocacy for survivors when meeting with police and prosecutors
- Support and resources for families impacted by domestic violence homicides

III. Individual Support

Sojourner provides individual and group support for survivors of domestic violence and people who use violence in their relationships.

Services include:
- Individual and group support
- Domestic violence prevention and education for all ages
- Job readiness
- Parent education
- Legal advocacy
- Housing assistance
- Financial literacy
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Sojourner and Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin formed a unique partnership to create one of the first co-located child advocacy and family violence centers in the country. The new Family Peace Center is one of the first in the nation to provide comprehensive services for victims and families impacted by domestic violence. Using a proven, collaborative model, which combines co-located service providers in one easily accessible location, victims of domestic violence and their families have access to more integrated, streamlined and cost efficient services.

In addition to Sojourner programming (crisis housing, system advocacy and individual support), the Family Peace Center accommodates a number of co-located and visiting partner organizations and service providers. These organizations include Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin as well as the Milwaukee Police Department Sensitive Crimes Unit, Milwaukee Public Schools, the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office, Aurora Healthcare Abuse Response Services and others. Families receiving services at the Family Peace Center have access to a wide array of services to support their efforts to achieve healing, self-sufficiency and freedom from abuse.

Through this partnership, Sojourner aims to transform our community’s response to family violence, ultimately making Milwaukee and its surrounding communities healthier, safer and a more peaceful place to live. The co-location of services for individuals and families impacted by domestic violence eases the burden on both the victim and the community. Implementing this model promises to have profound benefits on the lives of survivors of family violence. A new campus and coordinated services reduces long-term generational family violence and treats the whole person – mind, body and spirit.

The Family Peace Center is based on the nationally known and proven Family Justice Center model. Family Justice Centers around the country have led to a reduction in family violence, better quality of life and tax savings for the communities in which they are located. Noted benefits include:

- Reports of domestic violence tend to increase with the initial opening of the center, but decrease over time. This trend is attributed to an increase in accessibility of services at the Center, followed by a move toward prevention.
- In 2000, before the San Diego Family Justice Center opened, the city experienced thirty domestic violence-related homicides; in 2008, the city experienced three domestic violence-related homicides.
- Family Justice Centers around the country report increased victim safety and empowerment, efficiency in collaborative services for victims among service providers, offender accountability and community support for services to victims and their children.
- Family Justice Centers also report a reduction in homicides, reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children and reduced recantation and minimization by victims.
Types of Partners

**Foundational Partner, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin**
This partner has made a long-term commitment that includes a significant financial investment.

**Co-located Partners**
These partners have staff working on site that provides programming and/or service daily. They have established offices and function from the Sojourner facility.

**Visiting Partners**
These partners have staff that will visit regularly to ensure comprehensive and successful delivery of services and programs for clients. They have organizational infrastructure established in another location.

**Referring/Community Partners**
These partners provide clients with community based or neighborhood programs and services. These client relationships are initiated through a referral process.

**Family Peace Center Partners**

Co-Located Partners
**Aurora Healthcare**
As a not-for-profit health care provider, Aurora is committed to improving community wellbeing through collaborations with community partners including schools, faith communities and public health departments. Staff from Aurora Healthcare's Healing Center and Sexual Assault Treatment Center will provide advocacy and forensic nursing services to sexual assault victims at the center.

**Children's Hospital of Wisconsin** *(Foundational Partner)*
Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services creates and supports numerous community programs that benefit the health of our children.

**CHW, Child Advocacy Center**
Abuse can be scary for kids, parents and other family members. Children who may have been harmed come to a Child Advocacy Center to talk about the abuse and get medical care. It is a safe place for children to get care from many agencies and health care providers.

**CHW, Community Health Education**
Community Health Education provides financial support for primary prevention activities in Wisconsin to help ensure a safe environment for children, and educate professionals and the public about the role of prevention in eliminating child abuse.

**CHW, Project Ujima**
This is a multidisciplinary collaboration addressing youth and adult violence through individual, family and community intervention and prevention strategies. Services include crisis intervention and case management, social and emotional support, youth development and mentoring, and mental health and medical services.

**CHW, Behavioral Health**
Experts in the fields of child and adolescent psychiatry, pediatric (child health) psychology, neuropsychology and psychotherapy. Diagnosis and treatment for wide
range of psychiatric and behavioral conditions are offered.

City of Milwaukee

**Milwaukee Police Department, Sensitive Crimes Division**

In partnership with the community, MPD creates and maintains neighborhoods capable of sustaining civic life, committed to reducing the levels of crime, fear, and disorder through community-based problem-oriented, and data-driven policing. The Sensitive Crimes Division of the Criminal Investigation Bureau is comprised of a captain of police, lieutenants of detectives, detectives, police sergeants, police officers, a domestic violence liaison and civilian support personnel. This division is responsible for investigations involving domestic violence, crimes against children (child abuse and neglect), sexual assaults, interference with child custody matters, missing persons, and other matters of a sensitive nature.

**Milwaukee Public Schools**

Milwaukee Public Schools, Wisconsin’s largest school district, is expanding college and career readiness efforts and continuing to implement innovative reforms that give every student the opportunity to succeed. MPS’ high-quality school options for 3-year-olds to high school seniors feature school climates in which positive behavior is reinforced; certified, highly-trained teachers; 21st-century learning technology for students; and curriculum aligned to the rigorous Common Core State Standards, which set a clear, high bar for the topics students must master at each grade level.

**CORE/EI Centro**

Practitioners where healing and transformation occur daily for individuals, families and the community. A volunteer-driven organization that relies heavily on the gifts and talents of professionals in the fields of Chinese Medicine, Massage Therapy, Energy Work and Holistic Exercise.

**Goodwill Industries**

Goodwill® strives to enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals and families by helping people reach their full potential through education, skills training and the power of work.

**Jewish Family Services**

Jewish Family Services is a leading provider of social services in greater Milwaukee for individuals, families and children of every age, race, religion, income, or lifestyle. JFS will provide mental health services to individuals and families impacted by violence who visit the center.

**Marquette University College of Nursing**

Provides basic health education and first aid for adults visiting the FPC.

**Milwaukee County**

**District Attorney’s Office**

The mission of the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office is to promote public peace and safety by just and vigorous prosecution; to seek and to do impartial justice by ensuring that the guilty are punished and the innocent go free; to protect the health and welfare of children who are victims of child abuse and neglect; and to safeguard the rule of law and to promote citizens’ participation in law enforcement by treating all persons who come in contact with the criminal justice system with fairness, dignity, and respect.
Wrap Around Milwaukee
Wraparound Milwaukee is a unique type of managed care program operated by the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division that is designed to provide comprehensive, individualized and cost effective care to children with complex mental health and emotional needs.

Visiting Partners
Centro Legal
Legal Action of Wisconsin
Manpower
Milwaukee Mediation Center (Initiating Partnership)
Milwaukee Public Library
Walker’s Point Youth & Family Services
Wisconsin Office of Crime Victim Services (Finalizing Details)

Referring/Community Partners
Boys & Girls Clubs of Milwaukee
Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin
Hillside Neighborhood Association
Hmong American Women’s Association (Exploring Partnership)
Milwaukee Muslim Women’s Coalition (Exploring Partnership)