



The Partnership is comprised of human services agencies, civic organizations and community advocates who live and work in the Town of Ossining, Village of Briarcliff Manor and Village of Ossining. Our mission is to combat domestic violence through community outreach, education, prevention and awareness.

Family Ties of Westchester, Inc.

(914) 941-3461

Ossining Resource Center
173 Main Street, 2nd floor
Ossining, NY 10562

First Presbyterian Church of Ossining

(914) 941-0540

34 S. Highland Avenue
Ossining, NY 10562

Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce

(914) 941-0009

2 Church Street
Ossining, NY 10562

Open Door Family Medical Centers

(914) 941-1263

165 Main Street
Ossining, NY 10562

Ossining Communities That Care

(914) 502-1304

165 Main Street
Ossining, NY 10562

Ossining Rotary

(914) 941-3189

P.O. Box 488
Ossining, NY 10562

Saint Ann's Catholic Church

(914) 941-2556

25 Eastern Avenue
Ossining, NY 10562

The Northern Westchester Shelter, Inc.

24 hr. Hotline (888) 438-8700

P.O. Box 203
Pleasantville, NY 10570

Business (914) 747-0828

Town of Ossining Police Department

(914) 762-6007

507 North State Road
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

Victims Assistance Services

24 hr. Helpline (914) 345-9111

Offices in Peekskill, Elmsford,
White Plains, Mt. Vernon and Yonkers

(800) 726-4041

Village of Briarcliff Manor Police Department

(914) 941-2130

1111 Pleasantville Road
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

Village of Ossining Police Department

(914) 941-4099

88 Spring Street
Ossining, NY 10562

Westchester County Office for Women

(914) 995-5972

Offices in White Plains and Yonkers



*A project sponsored by Ossining Communities That Care
And The Northern Westchester Shelter
A Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence*

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Sylvia Escala, Ossining Site Manager, Family Ties of Westchester, Inc.
Sara Vescio, Community Leader, Village of Briarcliff Manor

Goal: To mobilize leadership of the Ossining community and the general public in an ongoing communications campaign designed to increase awareness and knowledge of the issue of domestic violence and its prevention

Fact: In 2006, there were a combined total of 205 Domestic Incident Reports in the Village of Ossining, Town of Ossining, and Village of Briarcliff Manor. (Source: Westchester County Office for Women)

Key events: The Partnership was launched in September 2006 by local elected officials, community organizations and other civic leaders. A public forum was held in October and a candlelight vigil in early November. **Planning committee meetings are monthly.**

In addition to a range of outreach activities, Partnership members are now carrying out three community education projects: 1) Ossining and Briarcliff Manor middle schools; 2) Ossining and Briarcliff Manor senior citizens groups; 3) Ossining's Spanish-speaking community.

Purple Ribbon Campaign: To further increase awareness, in October 2006, the Village of Ossining Parks Department tied 370 ribbons to a tree at the intersection of Pleasantville and Underhill Roads. Each ribbon represents a Domestic Incident Report made in the 20-month period between January 2005 and August 2006 in the three communities.

Overview: This grassroots initiative has succeeded in bringing together all sectors of the community. This includes business; education; government; interfaith; judicial; law enforcement; medical; and social services. The program got underway when the Northern Westchester Shelter, a lead agency of the project, asked Ossining to serve as the flagship community in what the agency envisions will be a countywide initiative in communities across Westchester.

Project Model: The project is based on a successful model implemented in Fairfield County, CT.

What constitutes domestic violence in the home or in a relationship?

Domestic violence (or dating abuse) involves a pattern of coercive behaviors and tactics used to instill fear in a person. These tactics include threats and intimidating and manipulating behavior that emotionally, physically, or sexually hurt an intimate partner. The purpose of the abuse is to establish and maintain power and control over the other person.