WomenSafe provides a variety of services that strive to meet the needs of all people who experience stalking, dating, domestic or sexual violence. We define advocacy as the active support of an individual’s goals by providing information and options to assist the person in making her/his own choices. We provide emotional support, information & referral, support groups and advocacy in the following areas through a free and confidential 24-hour hotline and in person meetings:

- Civil & Criminal Legal
- Medical & Hospital
- Transitional & General Housing
- Systems Change

WomenSafe also provides outreach to underserved communities, prevention education, professional training, supervised visitation and monitored exchange services.

**Mission Statement**

WomenSafe works toward the elimination of physical, sexual, and emotional violence through direct service, education, and social change.

"It was incredibly difficult…and at times left me feeling powerless and hopeless. I want to sincerely thank you…for your extraordinary efforts in helping me get through my ordeal…"

—A Service User, October 2016

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**Annual Report**

for the Fiscal Year  
Ending June 30, 2017

24-hour Hotline:  
802-388-4205 or 800-388-4205

The Supervised Visitation Program  
@ WomenSafe (The SVP):  
802-388-6783

Business: 802-388-9180  
Fax: 802-388-3438

info@womensafe.net  
www.womensafe.net

All Advocacy Services are Free & Confidential

Language interpretation services available.  
Deaf callers please use telephone relay.

**Serving the community since 1980.**

Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram (WomenSafe_VT) and Twitter (@WomenSafeVT).
WomenSafe’s Data  
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017

- WomenSafe served 468 women, children and men during 4,142 in-person meetings and phone calls.
- We worked with the relatives and caregivers of a total of 337 children affected by the violence in their lives.
- The Supervised Visitation Program completed 433 supervised visits and monitored exchanges for 28 children needing increased safety during parent-child contacts.
- The Training & Education Program reached 1,477 adults and youth with 171 presentations, professional trainings and community awareness events. Participants received information about healthy relationships, preventing child sexual abuse, sexual harassment, teen dating violence, consent and many other topics.
- Seventy-five community volunteers contributed 9,382 volunteer hours by providing services such as: staffing the 24-hour hotline, in-person office support, court accompaniment and administrative support.

Funding

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The following is a summary of our Statement of Activities from the independent audit of our financial statements. A copy of our full financial statements is available for review.

Statement of Activities  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2017

Revenue, Gains, and Other Support
Community Support:
  - Donated Services $159,840
  - Contributions 94,212
  - United Way 17,116
Total Community Support $271,768
  - Federal Grants 294,050
  - Community Partner Pass-Through 140,109
State Grants 131,783
Investment Income 7,294
Miscellaneous 5,434
Total Revenues, Gains & Other Support $850,438

Expenses and Losses
  - Direct Service, Education, and Training 553,043
  - Community Partner Pass-Through 140,109
  - General and Administrative 162,709
  - Fundraising 11,662
  - Capital Campaign 12,021
Total Expenses and Losses $879,544
Change in Net Assets $(29,106)

Board Designated Net Assets 433,562
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets 208,023
Undesignated Net Assets 4,520
Total Net Assets $646,105

Highlights & Community Impact

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- WomenSafe assisted Middlebury College in their response to stalking, dating and sexual violence by assisting with the training of on-campus volunteer advocates (MiddSafe).

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—MiddSafe Advocate, September 2016

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Allocation of Paid Staff Time in Hours

- Direct Service 56%
- Outreach & Education 20%
- Administrative 23%
- Fundraising 1%

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