WHAT SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE?

The Children Who Witness Violence program is a supportive program that focuses on the emotional well-being and safety of traumatized children and their families; the program seeks to help children and their parents identify, reduce, and manage trauma distress symptoms.

The CWWV program works with children exposed to a wide range of potentially traumatizing events such as:

- Physical or sexual abuse
- Domestic violence
- Community violence

The CWWV program provides in-home services, staffed by licensed practitioners.

All services provided by the CWWV program are confidential, FREE and completely voluntary.

* Please note that CWWV is not a program of the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

OUR MISSION:

Reaching out to adults and children in Northeast Ohio to end homelessness, prevent suicide, resolve behavioral health crises, and overcome trauma.

24-Hour, 7-Day a Week Referral Line
FrontLine Service Crisis Hotline:
(216) 623-6888

FrontLine Service
1744 Payne Avenue, Cleveland, OH
(Main) 216.623.6555
www.FrontLineService.org
More than 15 million children in the U.S. live with domestic violence. In 1999, The Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners approved the Children Who Witness Violence (CWWV) program. In 2016, CWWV received over 1,800 referrals to assist children in Cuyahoga County.

Trauma in childhood can:
- Affect how a child thinks, feels and behaves.
- Result in a significant disruption of child or adolescent development.
- Have serious long-term consequences.

Fortunately, there are effective treatments for child traumatic stress.

CWWV is an affiliate of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN). NCTSN was established to create new knowledge about the nature, course, consequences and treatment of childhood trauma.

1. The police officer responds to a situation and informs the family about the CWWV program and that help is available.

2. The officer then calls the 24-hour crisis hotline at (216) 623-6888.

3. The officer will provide demographic information and identify where staff can reach the family as well as a brief description of the incident that occurred.

4. A CWWV staff member attempts to contact the family and arranges to meet with the family at a safe and convenient location of their choosing.

5. Short-term crisis intervention service including child assessments are provided.

6. The family is linked to additional services if needed, such as counseling or other community resources.

1. If you are concerned that a child has been exposed to a potentially traumatizing event call FrontLine’s 24-hour hotline at (216) 623-6888.

2. The caller will indicate that he/she wants to make a referral to the Children Who Witness Violence program.

3. Then the caller’s inquiry will be assigned to a CWWV Crisis Intervention Specialist who will call the family to assess the situation and schedule services as indicated.

4. Referrals can come from the police, DCFS, county agencies, concerned families and friends.