Mission Statement

Safe Homes of Orange County works to eliminate all forms of domestic violence through education, outreach and provision of services to individuals and families affected by domestic abuse. Safe Homes is client-centered. We educate and empower people to make informed choices. We serve with compassion and dignity. Our belief is: “Every home should be a safe home.”

Domestic Violence Facts

- **1 in 4** women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- Almost **1/3** of all female homicides in the United States are perpetrated by an intimate-partner.
- In New York State alone, approximately **450,000** domestic incidents are reported to police departments annually.
- According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, there were **91** intimate-partner homicides in the state during the course of 2008—a **25%** escalation in deadly crimes against women, compared to 2007.
- Between September of 2004 and December 2011, **14** Orange County women were murdered by their husbands or intimate-partners. One woman is still missing.

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We offer hope to individuals affected by domestic violence.

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24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-503-HOPE
The Orange County Family Justice Center (FJC): Acting as the front door to Safe Homes’ comprehensive services, the FJC provides case management, access to legal services, and a Children’s Drop-Off Center.

Teen Dating-Violence Prevention Program: age-appropriate prevention and education curriculums for area-schools and youth organizations, free of charge.

Support Groups: offering five weekly support groups throughout the county, confidential, free of charge, in English and in Spanish.

Link Program: a collaborative effort with the Orange County Department of Social Services to improve the safety of the victimized parent and children through centralized resources and shared expertise. The program is funded by New York State’s Office of Children & Family Services.

TASA: provided case-management services for pregnant and parenting teens. The program closed in November of 2011 due to the reorganization of Medicaid.

Education and Prevention Programs: offered to community groups, workplaces, law-enforcement, government and service agencies, faith-groups, etc., in English and in Spanish.

The Safe Homes’ shelter provided services to 64 adult victims of domestic violence and 42 children.

The Link Program received 373 referrals.

Total Agency Budget: $1,532,000
93 cents of every dollar goes directly to programs.