

## Spokane County United Way

partners with the **YWCA** to provide Counseling Advocacy and Supportive Services to victims of domestic violence.

This program increases safety and access to resources while reducing the impacts of trauma for individuals and families impacted by intimate partner DV.

My client found the YWCA by way of the legal program. Her husband assaulted her and she got help from the legal advocates to hold him accountable and get a legal order of protection. From there she reached out to get counseling and we have been able to have weekly meetings throughout quarantine. She had been ostracized from her community and family because divorce is not an option in her culture or her country of origin.

Many of her family members swept abuse under the rug. She felt very alone and worried that she made the wrong choice by leaving the relationship.

The more support she felt from the YWCA Spokane, the stronger she felt in her decisions. She eventually felt so comfortable

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opening up about her story that she was able to ask for help from other places, such as the locksmith who fixed her locks for free and her teacher who looked into financial resources to assist in her dream of attending a Master's program in the U.S.

With help from the YWCA housing advocates, she was able to successfully secure her own apartment. This provided more separation from her abuser and more independence for moving ahead with her life.

This story is just one example of the impact United Way and the YWCA have on families in our community.

**Spokane County United Way fights for the Health, Education and Financial Stability of every person in our community.**