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News Release

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Victim, Witness Assistance Programs Available

The Springfield Police Department would like to remind the general public about victim/witness assistance programs available to them if they are the victim in an abusive situation. Any of the below facilities offer a variety of services that can assist in a relationship in which the victim is having difficulty dealing.

Battered and Abused Assistance-Local, 864-7233

Provides individuals, male or female in physically, mentally or emotionally environments with counseling services. No overnights available, but information is provided for other possible overnight stays.

Alternative Opportunities Treatment Services, 862-3455

Provide drug and alcohol treatment services with resident and out-patient services. Women only.

Harmony House, 837-7730

Shelter services for women and their children who are victims of domestic abuse. Counseling, housing, court liaison, and transportation to and from hospitals for medical issues provided. Case managers are assigned to each member who is given housing.

Harbor House, 831-7746

3-6 month program for single adult males, with some shelter options. Drug and alcohol free with 0 tolerance policy. Individual will be asked to meet with a case manager and establish a living plan.

Salvation Army, 862-5509

Provides a family enrichment center for individuals who need a shelter to stay at temporarily. Shelter can be for victims of domestic violence, but affected individuals will be transitioned into more skilled care at longer term facilities.

Victory Mission-Women, 882-2540

School for women. The Program offers life skill classes and job training along with possible internships. Transitional program is 1 year long, and the members children can live with them during the transition.

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