

Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service

- A worker will explain about ADVOs and stopping domestic violence
- Tell you what will happen in court
- Go with you to court to support you
- Tell you about and refer you to other organisations that can help you
- A support worker may also organise a lawyer if you don't have one

For more information phone: 4934 5332

Staying Home Leaving Violence Program

- Safety planning & security upgrades to your house
- Court support & advocacy
- Referrals to counselling & other services
- Support to live free from violence in your home

For more information phone: 4933 9540



Operating Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
From 9.30am - 4.00pm

Other times by appointment

If you need assistance please ring
4934 2585 during office hours or
4933 1960 after hours.



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Women's & Children's Services Inc.

**Carrie's Place
Women's & Children's
Services**

*Women and children
-violence free-
independently*



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**In an Emergency
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**DV Line
1800 656 463**



What is Carrie's Place?

Carrie's Place is a not for profit organisation that provides a range of services for women & children who have experienced domestic violence &/or homelessness.

Carrie's Place has been proudly providing services to women & children in the Maitland & Lower Hunter area for over 30 years.

Carrie's Place has 4 Programs:

- **Accommodation Support Program**
- **Resource Centre**
- **Court Advocacy Service**
- **Staying Home Leaving Violence Program**

Outreach Programs at Carrie's Place Resource Centre

- Individual Vocational Education & Training guidance & support
- Free legal clinics
- Social & support groups
- Free computer access
- Free medical clinic

Accommodation Support Programs

- 24 hour crisis accommodation for women with/without children
- Residents at the refuge can stay while their crisis needs are sorted. A maximum of 6 weeks generally applies
- A small number of medium term accommodation places are also available from time to time
- Access to case workers who will provide support and assistance to you and your children while you are staying at the refuge
- Help you to meet your needs for financial assistance (Centrelink), housing, legal advice, emotional and psychological support, medical assistance etc.



"Domestic Violence is Never OK"

Planning Your Escape

- Have a list of emergency numbers
- Decide who you will call if you are threatened or in danger
- Decide where you and your children will go if you need a safe place
- Keep money hidden for taxis and bus fares
- Keep a copy of your house and car keys
- Keep your documents in one place

What to Take With You

- Bank books and money
- Birth & Marriage certificates
- Photo ID
- Medicare card
- Clothes & personal items
- Current medications & prescriptions
- Qualifications & other valuable documents
- Food (if possible)