

WHAT IS ECONOMIC ABUSE?

Economic abuse can be a lot of different tactics used by a current or past partner to maintain financial power and control in a relationship.

- › Controlling how you spend money
- › Dictating where you work
- › Spending money you've earned without telling you
- › Using your credit cards without your permission
- › Destroying your credit rating
- › Forcing you to give your paycheck to them
- › Not letting you have your own bank account
- › Harassing you at your workplace to cause loss of job
- › Refusing to pay child support

The Center for Women and Families engages individuals and community in the elimination of domestic violence, sexual violence and economic hardship through service, education and advocacy.

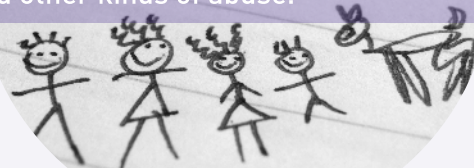
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"The Center's Economic Success Counselors helped me every step of the way. Some days were good, some were bad, but in the end it was all worth it."

—TRACY, Economic Success Client

Economic abuse is only one way to maintain power and control in a relationship. It can often lead to or accompany verbal, physical and other kinds of abuse.



"About five years ago, I went through a divorce that financially devastated me. I realize now that my husband had maintained total control of my finances during our entire marriage. I had no idea where to begin, but I had to figure it out. The Center's workshops and programming were there for me when I needed them most."

—JANET, Economic Success Client

LOCATIONS

For more information about services offered at The Center for Women and Families, please call any of our locations or visit www.thecenteronline.org.

KENTUCKY

Joan E. Thomas, M.D. Campus
Open 24 Hours
P.O. Box 2048
Louisville, KY 40201-2048
(502) 581-7200

West Louisville Campus
4303 West Broadway
Louisville, KY 40211-3122
(502) 775-6408

Shelbyville Office
630 Main Street
Shelbyville, KY 40065-1122
(502) 633-7800

Kentucky Outreach Services
(502) 538-0212

INDIANA

Southern Indiana Campus
Open 24 Hours
P.O. Box 248
Sellersburg, IN 47172-0248
(812) 944-6743

Corydon Office
405 N. Capital Avenue, Suite 102
Corydon, IN 47112-1552
(812) 734-0280

Marengo Office
6941 East State Road 64
Marengo, IN 47140-8912
(812) 365-2338

Scottsburg Office
1092 West Community Way
Scottsburg, IN 47170-7768
(812) 752-7996

Toll Free 24 Hour Crisis Line:

(877) 803-7577

The Center's Economic Success Program partners with these and other organizations:



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ECONOMIC SUCCESS



SINCE 1975, THE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES HAS HELPED thousands of women and men identify strengths, anticipate barriers and develop strategies for economic success. The Center especially understands that victims of domestic and sexual violence often face unique challenges because of poor credit, rental and employment histories caused by abuse they have survived.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, BUDGETING, SAVINGS, CREDIT REPAIR AND EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING

The Center's Economic Success Counselors work one-on-one with individuals to find employment, manage debt and increase assets.

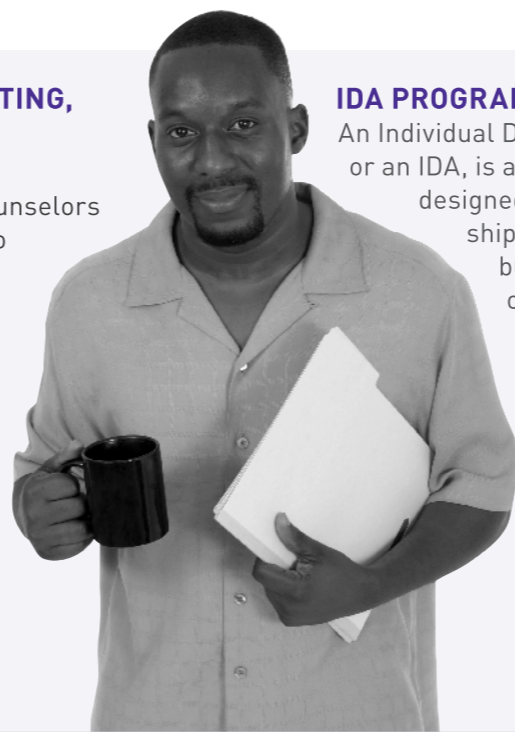
These sessions explore:

- Writing resumes
- Using budgets
- Setting future financial goals

Counselors and clients also work together on many of the longer-term asset building projects listed in this brochure.

Open to the public.

Eligibility requirements apply.



IDA PROGRAM

An Individual Development Account, or an IDA, is a savings account designed to create homeownership, higher education or business ownership opportunities. For each dollar an IDA participant saves, The Center provides up to a two dollar match.

Open to the public.

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REAP

Realizing Your Economic Action Plan (REAP) is for women, especially women who have experienced domestic violence. REAP classes provide information about money. The Center supports you in detailing a step-by-step plan, which will help you find and access the resources necessary to meet your goals and become economically secure.

Closed to the public. Only open to The Center's current clients.

ECONOMIC LITERACY OUTREACH PROJECT (ELOP)

ELOP is a six workshop series that provides the fundamentals necessary to escape economic hardship and build financial goals for the future. ELOP workshops are offered at two of The Center's locations and at many community-based organizations. *Open to the public.*

Eligibility requirements apply.

ECONOMIC SUCCESS GROUPS

Employment groups meet bi-weekly in our shelters to review resumes, write cover letters and practice interview skills. REAP classes meet twice a week to discuss the connection between economic abuse and domestic violence, and explore strategies for financial empowerment, money safety and credit repair.

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Call 581-7200 and ask to speak with an Economic Success Counselor to learn more.

THE CENTER OFFERS A VARIETY OF PROGRAMMING designed to meet the needs of people at different stages of economic success.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Reaching your economic success goals will take time but it helps to know you're not doing it alone. The Center works with many local and national organizations to be sure as many people as possible are working together to help you.

LEARN ABOUT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)

The Center for Women and Families refers clients to Louisville Asset Building Coalition (LABC), a collaborative dedicated to financial stability for families. LABC provides tax services to those qualifying for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a refundable credit for working families.

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

In partnership with the Kentucky Housing Corporation, The Center provides counseling sessions for first time homeowners.

LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY (LMHA)

The Center partners with LMHA to accept direct referrals for our IDA Program from its Housing Self-Sufficiency Program.

FREDDIE MAC

Freddie Mac has partnered with The Center to provide educational materials and marketing support for financial literacy workshops that will help victims of domestic and sexual violence begin rebuilding their lives.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Center partners with Habitat for Humanity to provide clients who are saving toward the purchase of a home with hope and options.



Economic Success is possible with a little help and a lot of perseverance.