

## 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. Here are some examples:

- › 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 helps victims of intimate partner abuse or sexual violence to become survivors through supportive services, community education and cooperative partnerships that foster hope, promote self-sufficiency and rebuild lives.

We serve 11 Kentuckiana counties: Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble counties in Kentucky; and Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Scott counties in Indiana.

**These services are funded, in part, by the following:** Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Kentucky Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Metro Louisville, Metro United Way, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and many more federal, regional and local sources. Please review our most recent Annual Report at [www.thecenteronline.org](http://www.thecenteronline.org) for a complete list of funders.



*"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](http://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  
(502) 633-7800

Bullitt County Office  
260 Abbott Street  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165  
(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

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 understands that victims of intimate partner violence and sexual assault often face unique challenges due to poor credit, rental and employment histories resulting from 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. Call for information.*

**INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT 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. Assets can change lives!  
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**REALIZING YOUR ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN (REAP)**

Realizing Your Economic Action Plan (REAP) is a financial workshop for people who have experienced intimate partner abuse. The Center supports participants in detailing a step-by-step plan, which helps clients find and access the resources necessary to meet goals and become economically secure.  
*Closed to the public. Only open to The Center's current clients.*

**ECONOMIC LITERACY OUTREACH PROJECT (ELOP)**

Economic Literacy Outreach Project (ELOP) is a six workshop series that provides the fundamentals necessary to 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 intimate partner violence, and explore strategies for financial empowerment, money safety and credit repair.  
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Call (502) 581-7200 and ask to speak with an Economic Success Counselor.

**THE CENTER OFFERS A VARIETY OF SERVICES** designed to meet the needs of people at different stages of rebuilding and 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**

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, 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**

The Center partners with Louisville Metro Housing Authority to accept referrals for our Individual Development Account (IDA) program from its Housing Self-Sufficiency Program.

**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.