

## Positive Outcome of Advocacy

- ♥ Strength and personal worth
- ♥ Victims often feel validated and heard
- ♥ Support the System
- ♥ Perpetrators referred for intervention
- ♥ Break the cycle for next generations
- ♥ Learn new strategies and skills for handling conflict

## Who WRAP Specifically Serves

Anyone who identifies themselves as someone who has experience abuse (physical, mental and/or emotional) by:

- spouse or former spouse;
- persons involved in a significant romantic or sexual relationship;
- persons living together or who have lived together in the past;
- persons who have or had a child in common (born or in utero) regardless of whether they were living together or ever married.

**All Services are  
Free & Confidential**

# WRAP

## Office Locations & Contact Information

### Lincoln/Lyon County

*\*Physical & Mailing address:*  
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### Redwood County

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Redwood Falls, MN 56283  
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redwood@letswrap.com

### Yellow Medicine County

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Suite 260, Granite Falls, MN 56241  
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### Executive Director

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Crisis Line:  
1-800-639-2350**

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# Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc.



Serving all those  
affected by  
Domestic Violence in  
Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood  
& Yellow Medicine  
Counties.

*All are welcome here*

No matter the gender, race,  
economic status, sexual  
preference, or  
religious beliefs

*WRAP is here to help*

## Why Confidentiality is Important

- Federal Laws
- State Laws
- Grant Requirements
- Most importantly- releasing information about the victim is up to the victim

## Advocates Promote Cooperation

Advocates will ask victims to sign releases during intakes and when situations come up where it would be helpful or appropriate

## Domestic Abuse Privilege

- Minnesota Statute 595.02 subd 1(l)
- August 1, 2008
- “Domestic Abuse Advocate”
  - Employee or volunteer with battered women’s shelter or domestic abuse program that is eligible to receive grants under 611A.32 (OJP)
  - Not employed by or under direct supervision of a law enforcement agency, a prosecutor’s office or a city/county/state agency
- Does not include:
  - Victim witness programs
  - Programs that are under law enforcement
  - Might not include:
    - Programs with unclear contracts with prosecutors, cities, counties, etc.
    - “Employed by” or “Under direct supervision of”
- May not disclose information from or about the victim UNLESS
  - Victim consents
  - Mandatory reporting situation
  - Court orders and court must balance ---
    - Public interest/need for disclosure
    - Effect on victim if disclosed



# Services Offered by WRAP

- ♥ **24-Hour Crisis Line:** Access to an Advocate, day or night, to discuss options or be a listening ear
- ♥ **Safe Housing:** Offer and discuss options for short and/or long-term emergency safe-housing
- ♥ **Emergency Transportation:** Provide access to transportation options to ensure safety and security
- ♥ **Legal & Court Advocacy:** Assist with the completion and filing of restraining orders, attend hearings with clients, inform clients about the court/legal process, act as a form of support, and help process the outcome of the hearing afterward
- ♥ **Safety Planning:** Assist with setting up a personalized, practical plan that includes ways to remain safe while in a relationship, planning to leave, or after
- ♥ **Information Referral:** Connect those with self-identifying needs to resources and support services to help them get through, over or under hurdles they are facing
- ♥ **Support Group:** Support groups are available to those who have experienced abusive relationships. This can be in a group setting or one-on-one
- ♥ **Community Education:** Raising awareness about domestic violence and the support services available for individuals and their families
- ♥ **Systems Coordination:** Walking along side of individuals, helping them to navigate their way through resources/community resources and or the court/criminal justice process
- ♥ **Referral and Resources for those of Color:** Access to culturally specific resources

