

Russian-Speaking Family Strengthening Program

What is the Russian-Speaking Family Strengthening Program?

Our program assists Russian-speaking persons of any gender identity across the state of Wisconsin who self-identify as current or past victims of domestic abuse, sexual violence, and/or sex or labor trafficking, including victims of elder abuse and parents of children who are victims, regardless of immigration status or lack thereof.

All services are confidential and free of cost.

How do I identify a survivor as Russian-speaking?

Ask the survivor what language(s) they speak, as opposed to what country or ethnic group they are from. If Russian is one of their languages, we can help them! Even if they do not speak Russian, but are from Eastern Europe or Central Asia, we may still be able to provide them with information or resources.

What services does this program provide?

- Victim Advocacy
- Case Management
- Emotional and Crisis Support
- Safety Planning
- Assistance Accessing Legal, Medical, Housing, and Immigration Resources
- Support Group

Why should I refer survivors to this program?

- Our advocates provide culturally-informed services.
- Even if a survivor speaks English, it is often more comfortable and empowering for them to tell their story and receive information about complex topics in their native language.
- Many resources are not accessible for immigrant survivors. Our advocates have access to information about a wide variety of resources useful for Russian-speaking victims.

How can I ensure my referral is successful?

Stress to the survivor that our program's services are strictly confidential both within and outside of the Russian-speaking community. If given consent, please provide us with the survivor's contact information so that we can reach out to them.

How can this program assist my company?

Our advocates are happy to provide co-advocacy services, as well as support and information regarding serving Russian-speaking survivors to professionals throughout the state.

How do I contact this program?

Survivors and professionals making referrals may contact the Program Coordinator at 414-336-2437 and/or the Russian-Speaking Advocate at 414-467-8008. Both are bilingual.