

FOCUS Ministries, Inc.

FOCUS Ministries is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 Christian organization devoted to offering hope, encouragement, education, and assistance to women who are struggling in difficult circumstances, especially domestic violence, destructive relationships, separation, or divorce.

We provide free counseling, support groups, and literature. We serve churches and organizations through our domestic violence training and consultation services. Support group leaders are trained at our Train the Trainer seminar.

Paula Silva is president and co-founder of FOCUS Ministries, Inc. and co-author of *Violence Among Us: Ministry to Families in Crisis*. She is available for speaking engagements, training, and consultation services.

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References

“These women are called, prepared, and surrendered to their crucial ministry. The stamp of God is on their lives and work. It’s my prayer that God will use their gifts across the world to draw thousands of women to the hope that Christ provides. *This is one ministry I’m sold on.*”

Dr. Larry Crabb
New Way Ministries
School of Spiritual Direction

“I commend FOCUS Ministries for helping the church in its battle against domestic abuse. After seeing the response to a message I preached on this topic, I’ve come to realize that domestic abuse is much more common in our churches than we would like to admit.

The materials and interaction I’ve had with FOCUS Ministries was helpful and very much needed. I pray that God will use FOCUS to awaken all of us to the reality of abuse as well as bring hope and healing to the victims.”

Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer
Senior Pastor, The Moody Church, Chicago, IL

No one deserves to be abused. No one deserves to be on the back hand of someone’s anger. Such violence mars the soul. I believe God hates such atrocity and calls us to rescue, advocate for, and protect those who are violated. In my estimation, the church has been silent for too long on this subject, and it’s time we make a course correction.

Violence Among Us: Ministry to Families in Crisis shoves us in the right direction...offer hope, healing and direction for those who hurt and those who help...it is the best work to date available. I have no doubt that God will use these words to help save many individuals and families.”

Dr. Tim Clinton, LPC, LMFT, BCPCC
President
American Association of Christian Counselors

Workshops and Seminars on Domestic Violence



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Shocking Statistics

- **Every 9 seconds** . . . a woman is beaten in this country.
- **One woman in every four** have experienced spousal abuse at some time in their lives, including women in Christian communities.
- The U.S. Surgeon General reported in 1992 that abuse by a partner is the **leading cause of injury** to American women between age 15 and 41.



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- **One million women a year** visit physicians and hospital emergency rooms for treatment of injuries caused by beating. According to the National Centers for Disease Control, more women are treated in emergency rooms for battering injuries than for muggings, rapes, and traffic incidents *combined*.
- **50% of all homeless women and children** in America are fleeing domestic violence.

Who Cares?

Do you care? Do you want to know more about domestic violence and how it is destroying our families? Do you want to help stop the cycle of abuse in your home . . . your church . . . your neighborhood?

The first step is to educate yourself, and then your church, social organizations, and workplace.

How FOCUS Ministries Can Help

We are available to present workshops and seminars on domestic violence to your church, organization, or workplace.

- one-on-one meetings with pastoral staff and women's ministries to help develop a program for your church
- seminars for pastoral staff and church leaders or church-wide training
- presentations during employee's lunch hour at the workplace or pastor's breakfasts
- keynote address and seminars
- retreats and weekend workshops
- personal testimonies

Workshop Topics



- Myths and Misperceptions about Domestic Violence
- What is Domestic Violence—a Closer Look at Verbal and Physical Abuse?
- Profile of an Abuser
- Profile of a Victim
- Why Women Stay/Developing a Safety Plan
- Effects of Domestic Violence in the Workplace
- Spousal Abuse and the Church's Responsibility
- Effects of Domestic Violence on Children
- Teenage Dating Violence
- A Woman's Spiritual Journey