



About Us

Alpha House is a safe haven for domestic violence victims and their children. We provide the resources *each* client needs in order to give *each* family a fresh start. Since our establishment in 1992, we have helped over 1,500 individuals escape abusive homes, locate housing and employment, and create a new life for themselves and their children.

Our current services include:

- 24-Hour Crisis Help Line
- Case management and mentoring programs which equip women to build stable and independent lives.
- A safe haven with 24 hour admissions for women and their dependant children suffering the effects of domestic violence.
- A place where women can remove themselves and their children from destructive, unsafe environments and break the cycle of domestic violence for the next generation.
- Domestic violence and sexual assault prevention education for community groups, schools, churches, and businesses, preventing future abuse cases

Alpha House began as a ministry of Community Christian Fellowship Church (CCF) in Taft in the West side of Kern County, California. It is now a 501(c)(3) organization (non profit) that serves the rural communities of Kern County, California. We provide a 24-hour crisis hotline and a shelter to women and their children who have become homeless in an attempt to escape domestic abuse.

Since 1981 CCF members have been helping needy women and children with food, clothing, and housing. In time, they recognized the need for a permanent shelter to help abused women and their children find safety and help in their situations.

In 1991, CCF applied for an Emergency Shelter Program Grant for funding to purchase a 1,800 square foot modular home with 5 bedrooms and 2 baths. It was to be set up on a piece of land they owned. The house opened for

service in November of 1992, thanks to much fundraising, many donations, and prayer. In only our first full year of being open (1993), we provided wide-ranging services to 83 women. This number has remained relatively the same each year, and normally ranges anywhere from 90-100. In 2006 alone, 93 women, along with their children, received help at Alpha House.

In addition to offering shelter and services to victims of domestic violence and homelessness, we offer assistance linking them to rental assistance and other interventions.

We assess each new client upon arrival in order to determine which services are best suited to meet that particular client's immediate needs and the needs of her children. Many clients of Alpha House have been referred to us by other agencies and by former clients who have benefited from our programs. Alpha House often receives referral clients from Bakersfield, California, as well as from residential drug rehabilitation programs, homeless service providers and from HUD supported programs. Referrals allowed us to help 17 families get into homes in 2006. Eligible clients generally stay in the shelter from 3-14 days but staff may extend their stay depending upon the individual situations.

Alpha House can currently house up to 9 individuals concurrently, and we offer a variety of support services to our clients. From the first day in our shelter we meet the immediate physical needs of our clients through provision of emergency shelter, food, and clothing. Alpha House operates a thrift shop where each new client is able to select clothing to meet the needs of herself and her children at no cost.

We further assist our clients with resume writing and job and job seeking, utilizing our network of local employers and employment agencies. Our overarching goal with each client we serve is to provide for the women and their children the resources and support they need in order to begin life anew, free from the bondage of domestic violence.

Alpha House also collaborates with numerous other social service providers and government agencies to provide the most comprehensive services possible to our clients. Partnerships include West Side Community Resources, the Kern County Sheriff's Department, the Together We Can Collaborative, the Ministers Alliance, Greater Bakersfield Legal Aid, and others.

It is Alpha House's on-going goal to continue to offer shelter and the opportunity for abused and homeless women to create a brighter future for themselves and their children.