

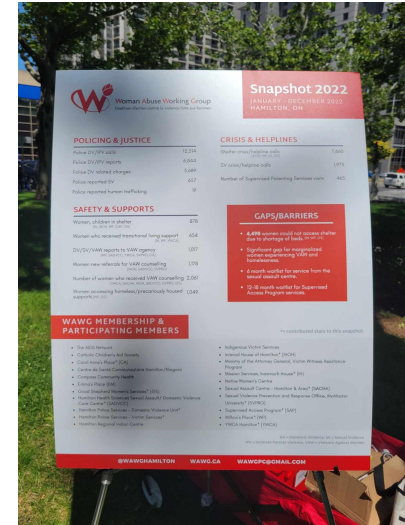
About WAWG

- The Woman Abuse Working Group (WAWG) is the Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee for Hamilton
- The only multi-sector table that focuses on Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Sexual Violence (SV) in Hamilton
- Led by Violence Against Women (VAW) organizations with over 20 member agencies from various sectors including: gender based violence, justice, Indigenous services, sexual violence, immigration/newcomer services, health, education, child welfare, French language services and others
- Committed to the eradication of violence against women and their children



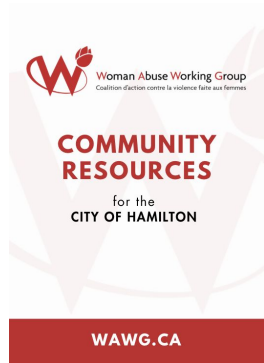
Snapshot

- Annually compiled statistics/data from over 20 member agencies highlighting Gender-Based Violence/Intimate Partner Violence/Sexual Violence in Hamilton
- In 2023 there were over:
 - 5,993 shelter crisis/helpline calls (4 agencies)
 - 1,735 calls to the sexual assault centre's crisis support line
 - 1,130 women and children who accessed shelter
 - 5,644 requests for VAW shelter that were turned down due to shortage of beds
 - Waitlists: six month waitlist to receive counselling services from the sexual assault centre, and a 6 month waitlist for Supervised Access Program services.



Initiatives with City Funding

- Community Event commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Community Resource Handout
- Safety Planning Booklet
- Support for WAWG's survivor advisory group



Recommendations for 2025

- Annualize unrestricted funding for WAWG
- Annualize Gender-Based Violence, Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence training for City Staff and Councillors
- Adopt WAWG's definition of femicide
- Implement Truth and Reconciliation actions and efforts
- Support the Francophone community
- Prioritize a plan to support women and gender-diverse people living in rural areas of Hamilton and experiencing gender-based violence.

WAWG supports the City's Proposal to request \$100,000 for WAWG



WAWG Membership

- Banyan Community Services
- Catholic Children's Aid Society
- Centre de Santé Communautaire
Hamilton/Niagara
- Good Shepherd Women's Services -
Martha House, Mary's Place
- Hamilton Health Sciences Sexual Assault/
Domestic Violence Care Centre
- Hamilton Police Services - Intimate Partner
Violence Unit
- Hamilton Police Services - Victim Services
- Hamilton Regional Indian Centre
- Hamilton Wentworth District School Board
- Immigrant Working Centre
- Indigenous Victim Services
- Interval House of Hamilton
- John Howard Society
- Ministry of the Attorney General, Victim Witness
Assistance Program
- Mission Services - Women's Services,
Inasmuch House, Emma's Place, Willow's Place
- Native Women's Centre
- Nisa Homes
- Positive Health Network
- Sexual Assault Centre Hamilton & Area
- Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office,
McMaster University
- Womankind
- YWCA Hamilton - Carole Ann's Place,
Supervised Access Program

