

**YWCA Domestic Violence Services  
City of Renton  
First Quarter, 2011  
Narrative Report**

In the first quarter of 2011 for the City of Renton, the YWCA Children's Program served 6 unduplicated clients/households. This exceeds our quarterly goal of 1. Our direct service hours for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2011 are 57 hours which also exceeds our contract goal of 50. All of the families receive advocacy-based counseling and are provided with resources to address the needs of the family. The demographics of the clients we are serving in Renton are: 3 Hispanic, 2 African American, and 1 Caucasian.

The following is a great testimonial of one of the Renton clients in our Children's DV Program:

*Wyatt and Jackie couldn't be more opposite in their dispositions as kids. Wyatt, at 11, displays outward anger and distaste for almost everything around him. His younger sister Jackie, 9, is happy, fun loving, and smiley. Both of them witnessed domestic violence (DV) by their Dad toward their Mom; and both of them experienced physical abuse by Dad. Both of their reactions to the abuse are common, though one of the children appears seemingly unaffected, while the other child seems very impacted.*

*When we played the Feelings Cards game, Jackie laughed and smiled when discussing the happy card, while Wyatt said that nothing makes him happy. When Dad and Mom were together, Dad seemed to favor Jackie and Dad took out his abuse on Wyatt. Wyatt now takes a lot of his rage out on Mom and Jackie in the form of insults, threats, not listening or respecting them as females, and breaking things. I am patient with him, yet I let him know that his disrespectful behavior toward his Mom and sister is not okay. Both children have started therapy with the Children's DV Response Team (a collaboration including therapists at Sound Mental Health and Domestic Abuse Women's Network).*

The YWCA of South King County has a great relationship with the City of Renton. We appreciate the collaborative work we have done and continue to do together to assist survivors and their families of domestic violence. Numerous times this past our advocates and the City staff have assisted clients in: travel assistance, motel vouchers, and gift cards. Shauna Rumsey, a Children's DV Advocate, also has been past chair and continuing member of the Renton DV Task Force.

In summary, the YWCA of South King County has continued its work against domestic violence serving victims and survivors with the support of the City of Renton. We look forward to strengthening our relationship with the City in the years to come.