

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

In the second quarter of 2011 for the City of Renton, the YWCA Children's Program served **9** unduplicated clients/households. This exceeds our quarterly goal of **1**. Our direct service hours for the 2nd Quarter of 2011 are **103** 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 following is a great testimonial of one of the Renton clients in our Children's DV Program:

*Every time I meet with the Bowen family, the children tell about how they felt scared when mommy's "mean boyfriend" pushed her down and hurt her. The children have been impacted by this abuse toward their mother, and through talking and doing a variety of targeted activities offered by our in-home program; all three of them are beginning to heal. Each activity teaches that violence in the home is neither the children's nor the mother's fault. We explain how we each decide how we treat other people—whether we are kind with our words and hands, or whether we use them to hurt. The children recently spent the full hour drawing this pushing incident between their mother and her ex boyfriend, and we spent time exploring their feelings. We recently created their family safety plan so they know what to do if any adult is acting mean or scary toward their mother in the future.*

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. There have been numerous times this past year that our advocates and the City staff have assisted clients in: travel assistance, motel vouchers, and gift cards. Shauna Rumsey, a Children's DV Advocate, is 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.