

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

To Provide Safety & Support Through

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

- Stop the cycle of abuse
- Explore power and control
- Learn how to be safe
- Build self-esteem
- Define healthy boundaries
- Acquire positive coping skills
- Manage stress & anger

Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00PM
at the YWCA

Includes a Children's Group with art & activities for grades 1-8
& childcare for children kindergarten & under

HOPE • HUMOR • HEALTH

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Topics

February 28	What is abuse? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seven areas of abuse and their effect on victims
March 7	Will I ever get through this? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coping with the grief and loss of unrealistic dreams• Dealing with the loss of support and family
March 14	What is positive communication <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communicate your wants and needs• Conflict resolution
March 21	Why don't my wants and needs matter in this relationship? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power & Control: who has it & how to get it back
March 28	Does all abuse leave a bruise? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How emotional abuse destroy lives
April 4	How does abuse affect the family? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family dynamics of an abusive household• Nature vs Nurture
April 11	Open Topic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Join us the week before to vote on the topic you want
April 18	How do I put my needs first? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taking care of emotional needs• Defense mechanisms that get in the way
April 25	Is it okay to be angry? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to deal with uncomfortable emotions• Skills to develop healthy emotions
May 2	Why do I need boundaries? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The importance of boundaries in the healing process• How to set and maintain healthy boundaries
May 9	How do I recognize the red flags? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to develop non-abusive relationships
May 16	Where do I go from here: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art of the restart• Goal setting and fear setting