

This Month at

PROJECT SAGE

December

It's Official - We've Changed Our Name!

The community leaders who founded Women's Emergency Services 40 years ago recognized the need to end domestic violence. Their efforts created a pathway for victims to get help. As the agency evolved, services expanded to assist clients in moving beyond questions of immediate safety to building a new life. To reflect our clients' evolving needs, we changed our name to Women's Support Services. In 2011, educational programming was launched in area schools to address the root causes of interpersonal violence. The recent expansion of programming into all Region One 6th – 12th grade classes generated discussion with students who wanted to see a more inclusive name.

While we have always welcomed all who have reached out to us for help, our new name acknowledges that domestic violence knows no boundaries, and that we serve people of all ages, identities, and backgrounds. We chose **Project SAGE** to honor the wisdom and experience of our clients and their capacity to make their own choices, while reflecting the collective knowledge of the **Project SAGE** staff and community. **Thank you for supporting us on this journey!**

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Spotlight on Project SAGE

Human Trafficking



Project SAGE has been working in collaboration with the [Red Sand Project](#) to raise awareness of human trafficking. This month Project SAGE and Red Sand Project staff members joined the 8th graders at Lee H. Kellogg School to pour red sand into the cracks of the school parking lot. Students have been learning about virtual relationships and red flags in language and behavior online that could lead to human trafficking. The semester ended with the creation of the compelling artwork, sparking some amazing conversations with students about the vulnerabilities that can lead to exploitation.

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Resource Roundup

PODCAST

APP

Narcissist Apocalypse is a raw and unfiltered podcast that gives a voice to survivors of toxic relationships, narcissistic abuse, and domestic violence. Part true crime, part education, part self-improvement, part support group, it addresses such questions as 'Why do people stay?' and 'Why do manipulation tactics work?' Listen here: [Narcissist Apocalypse](#)

ARTICLE

Is TikTok safe? How does it work? How should I talk about it with my kids? Take a deep dive into this popular app here: [Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok](#)

Solve shared custody challenges faster and with less conflict. This co-parenting app for families living separately documents parenting time, reimbursement requests, payments, exchanges, and more. Get started here: [Our Family Wizard](#)

ARTICLE

Beginning in January, the TSA is changing its screening practices to be more gender-inclusive. Read about it here: [The TSA Is Rolling Out Gender-Neutral Airport Screenings](#)

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP

Every man who has experienced sexual assault or sexual abuse deserves access to a judgment-free space where he can heal on his own terms and without shame. For 26 years, MaleSurvivor has fostered a healing community where tens of thousands of men from more than 200 countries come together to find support, information and – most importantly – hope. Survivors, their partners, and other allies can join the conversation here: [MaleSurvivor](#)

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