“Not for a moment did we doubt that we were supported as we made our way through each step of the process.”
**About the Family Justice Center**
The Montgomery County Family Justice Center is a co-location of government and non-profit organizations who work together to assist and support victims of domestic violence and their children. There is no need for an appointment, walk-ins are welcome.

**Fees**
All services are free of charge, can be provided in any language and are offered in a safe and family-friendly environment.

**Getting Here**
**Driving:** There is free parking in the building’s garage, located on the Jefferson Plaza side.
**Public Transportation:** The Center is also walking distance from the Rockville Metro Station - Red Line and several bus lines.

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**On Site Services**

**Support Services**

**Client Assistance Services:** Client Assistants provide victims with support and resources in a non-judgmental manner. Client Assistants also work with victims to create a plan to enhance their safety and the safety of their children.

**Counseling:** On-site therapists are available to respond to the emotional needs of victims and provide tools and support during the healing process. Counseling is also available for children who witness domestic violence.

**Career Counseling:** Employment and job skills counseling is available at the Center.

**Basic Needs Referrals:** Client Assistants provide victims with referrals to agencies that can provide direct assistance for shelter, food, clothing and other basic needs.

**Legal Services**

**Legal Advice and Representation:** Pro bono legal assistance is available for Protective Orders and family law matters.

**Immigration Legal Services:** Direct legal immigration services are available for foreign-born victims and their families.

**Video Conference Protective Order Program:** Client Assistants help with completing Protective Order Petitions, and the hearings for Temporary Protective Orders can be held at the Center using a video conferencing system.

**Law Enforcement and Criminal Services:** Police Detectives and staff from the State’s Attorney’s Office assist victims seeking to file charges.

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**What is Domestic Violence?**
Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in a current or former intimate relationship. This can take many forms including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, technological abuse and/or stalking.

Are you afraid of your partner? Does your partner:

- Physically hurt you?
- Strangle or choke you?
- Control who you see, where you go, or what you do?
- Insult, demean or shame you?
- Take your money or refuse to give you money for necessary expenses?
- Monitor your texts, social media or demand your phone passcode?
- Threaten to harm or take away your children?
- Prevent you from working or attending school?
- Destroy your property?
- Intimidate you with guns, knives or weapons?
- Pressure you to have sex when you don’t want to?
- Pressure you to use drugs or alcohol?
- Threaten to kill themselves if you leave?
- Threaten to kill you?

*These are just a few examples of abusive behavior.*

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**Is someone you know being abused?**

**Acknowledge their situation and listen to them**

**Connect them to the Family Justice Center**

**Tell them it’s not their fault**