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A Domestic Violence Safe Place.

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ComWell is a Domestic Violence Safe Place

ComWell is proud to announce its partnership with the Violence Prevention Center – Southwestern Illinois to become a Safe Place for survivors of domestic violence.

ComWell staff have completed PurpleOne training that prepares

them to recognize, respond and refer individuals to connect with help. This program will change our community's response to domestic violence and allow survivors to access safe and compassionate help wherever they are located. PurpleOne dots have been placed at ComWell's Red Bud, Chester &



Okawville locations and will soon be placed at the Sparta location.



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The PurpleOne dot indicates that ComWell is a safe place for individuals affected by domestic violence. As we partner with the Violence Prevention Center in Southwestern Illinois, it is our job to recognize, respond and refer. It is noteworthy that it is not our job to fix or counsel. If an individual enters our office and indicates domestic violence, we should follow these steps:

- 1. Move to a confidential area and help them feel comfortable
- 2. Ask the person do they feel safe?
 - a. If yes, offer to help them call the Violence Prevention Center together and give them resources/information about VPC
 - i. If they do not wish to call the Violence Prevention Center, let them know they can call or come back if they change their mind
 - b. If no, Do they want to call 911?
 - i. If they want to call 911, help them make that call
 - ii. If they don't want to call 911, offer to help them call the Violence Prevention Center