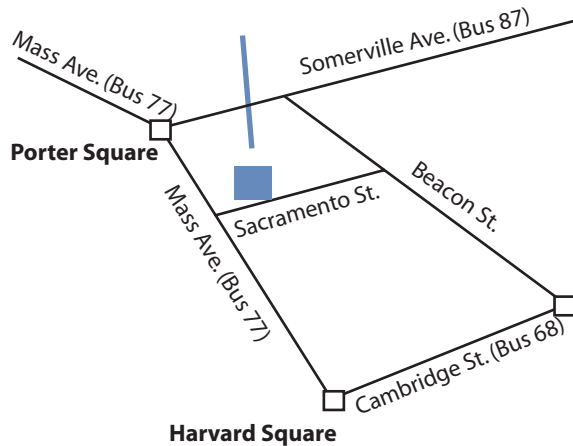


FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Has your child(ren) witnessed or been affected by domestic violence?
- Do you have questions about what services are available for you and your child(ren)?
- Are you a professional looking for consultation or trainings about domestic violence issues?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, assistance is available. Please contact Dr. Ilana Amrani-Cohen, Program Director, at 617.284.5134 or icohen@gcinc.org for more information.

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AGENCY OVERVIEW

Founded in 1954, The Guidance Center is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to be a leading provider of developmental, mental health and family support services to children, including the youngest and most vulnerable, in respectful partnership with their families and our community colleagues. We work with more than 3,500 children and families annually in Cambridge and Somerville, Massachusetts.

Our multicultural, multilingual staff has expertise in addressing a range of health and family challenges, including pre-mature births, developmental delays or disabilities, substance abuse, depression and domestic violence.

Our continuum of care includes 16 separate programs across three categories: Early Childhood Services, Child and Adolescent Services, and



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Program Brochure

What is Children With Voices?

Children With Voices is a program that works in collaboration with area domestic violence agencies such as RESPOND and Transition House. The program focuses on enhancing and facilitating services for child witnesses of domestic violence and their caretakers.

Whom Does Children With Voices Serve?

Children With Voices serves residents of Cambridge, Somerville, and surrounding communities. The program works with children, ages birth to 18, who have witnessed domestic violence and their non-offending (non-abusive) parents.



How is Children With Voices Staffed?

Children With Voices has the following professionals on staff:

- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Psychiatrists
- Family Therapists
- Domestic Violence Advocates



How Does the Program Work?

Making a Referral

Individuals may call directly to refer themselves. Community agencies, such as school systems, battered women's shelters and the Department of Children and Families (formerly the Department of Social Services), may refer families as well.

Evaluating Needs

Program staff contact the non-offending parent to arrange an intake meeting. Staff also will contact other care providers, when signed permission is granted, in order to make a thorough assessment of the client family's safety and therapeutic needs.

Developing a Treatment Plan

A treatment plan is developed by the program's multidisciplinary team. The team considers the therapeutic needs of the child(ren) and the family, as well as safety, language and transportation needs.

Types of Services Provided

- Evaluation and Assessment
- Individual and Family Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Advocacy Services
- Consultations and Training

Families can take part in any or all of the above. Please call for more information.



A boy in one of the Children With Voices groups takes part in a unique exercise. Each week, Children With Voices leads groups to help children identify feelings, learn positive conflict resolution and build self esteem.