Film Night Helps Send Anti-Abuse Message

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The Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center screens films every Wednesday night as part of its Wednesday Night at the Movies program, intended to help victims cope with domestic violence and sexual assault and abuse. This month's films include topics such as divorce, domestic violence, violent crime and verbal abuse.

Angela Bowling is the outreach coordinator at KWRCC. She said that the Wednesday night film program, which is open to all adults, both male and female, supports victims by teaching coping techniques as well as putting a face to issues and problems they may be experiencing in their own lives.

-- (KWRCC 1 45 sec. "If somebody's been ... discuss the movie afterwards.")

Bowling said KWRCC provides other evening programs for people going through domestic violence and abuse as well, citing Tuesday night's weekly, open-forum discussion as an example.

-- (KWRCC 2 15 sec. "We kind of have an open talk ... choose a topic and talk.")

Bowling said turnout for the center's programs has been good so far this year, but that KWRCC staff always welcomes greater participation.

-- (KWRCC 3 14 sec. "This year's been a busy ... there's a pretty good turnout.")

KWRCC provides resources and crisis services, as well as shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Bowling described KWRCC's core mission as a simple one: to stop abuse, for which she says there is no excuse. She said the films and open discussions play a key role in accomplishing that mission, by bringing people in and encouraging dialog on

topics that are often difficult to discuss. This week's film is "Listen to the Children," followed by "Woman in the Moon" on June 17th and "Hurting With Words" on June 24th. All films begin at 7 p.m. and are followed by a discussion facilitated by one of the center's advocates. Childcare and activities for children are provided during film screenings and discussions.

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