

Mission

The Women's Center serves the unique needs of the college's female students, staff and community members by providing a safe physical location that offers the following: consultation/referral to counseling, support/discussion groups, workshops, gender-specific resources, networking opportunities and county referral, outreach programming, celebrations, and speakers on women's and gender issues. Emergency financial services and the Smart Choices Program are offered to CLC students only.

The Center supports special college populations, including the following: single mothers, returning female students, displaced homemakers, nontraditional career seekers, victims of rape/sexual abuse and domestic violence, women in cultural transition, and gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender individuals.

While the Center focuses on services geared toward the CLC female population, its doors are open to both women and men. Several events throughout the academic year invite a diverse audience. Both women and men have been integral in the development of the center.

A Collaborative Effort

The Women's Center collaborates with other College departments, groups, and clubs as well as with community organizations and businesses on a regular basis in order to make available an extensive set of services and programs. In particular, the Center will "share" Counseling staff who have expertise in personal/crisis counseling for women, utilize advocates from local women's organizations and refer students to county support services.

Emergency Fund

The Emergency Fund exists to assist CLC students and their families who are economically disadvantaged. The fund covers financial emergencies with tuition/books, child care, utilities, and work/school transportation. Monies are obtained solely through donations from the community. See the Coordinator for more information about applying for or donating funds.

We were delirious with learning, discovering art, growing in self-esteem, *and still doing the laundry.*

— *Kathleen Betsko, English theater historian, editor, playwright*

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Scholarships Available through the Women's Center!

NICASA Women of Worth (WOW) Scholarship pays \$500 to assist a Women's Center client, enrolled at least part-time, with tuition and books. Preference given to a student with at least one year of established substance abuse recovery. Submit an essay that includes biographical information, academic goals, and how this scholarship will benefit you. Lake County residency and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 required.

Paul Christensen Scholarship pays tuition/fees/books for one 3-credit hour class per year. Applicants must be residents of Lake County; preference given to residents of North Chicago, Waukegan, and Zion. Enrollment in an AAS program and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 required.

Thomas Technology Computer Scholarship is awarded in December and May to a student for use toward the purchase of technology, such as a computer.



Spring 2012




Room B120d/B120e
Student Empowerment Center

Grayslake Campus Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday at Grayslake: 9am-12pm

Lakeshore Campus Hours:
Friday - by appointment ONLY

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Reclaiming Eve: A Feminist Discussion Group

Reclaiming Eve is a forum for informal discussion on gender topics ranging from pregnancy to politics. This lively group is open to female and male students, faculty and staff. This group is facilitated by CLC faculty members Teresa Aguinaldo and Patrick Gonder. Everyone is welcome to join us. Meetings are every Wednesday, 12-1 in the Glass Lounge (C125). First meeting of Spring 2012: **Wednesday, February 8th.**

The Giving Tree

Co-sponsored by AAWCC and the Women's Center, this program is for students and their families who are in need of assistance beyond what financial aid and local organizations can provide. Please contact the Women's Center for information about donations of goods; however, we have limited storage, so please discuss any donations with us prior to dropping them off. Donations of material goods must meet the needs of our clients.

Resource Area

Ideal for classroom use, research and referral, the Resource Area houses gender-specific books, journals, and audio visuals. Materials can be checked out for two weeks at a time. There is a fee for late returns.

Smart Choices for Student Success

In an effort to provide our clients with the tools for success, we offer a year-round workshop series that addresses issues relevant to our students' lives at school, at home and in the workplace.

Topics covered include: household budgeting, health care, domestic violence, child support enforcement, legal information, self-defense, and auto repair. These workshops are designed to be informative and helpful, offering resources, strategies and contacts that can assist our clients while at CLC and beyond. [Attend workshops and volunteer for the Women's Center to earn Smart Choices Rewards!](#) Drop by the Women's Center to enroll now!

Women's Center Spring Events

Personal Budgeting Workshop

Tuesday, February 14

12:30-1:30pm, C003

Sherry Ridge, owner and manager of Ridge & Associates a Debt and Household Budgeting Educational Services company, and CLC part-time instructor, will help you plan your personal budget on a limited income. Pizza provided. Please RSVP by Monday, February 13.

Smart Choices Program: 1 credit

Budgeting Your Finances With Sherry Ridge, Financial Independence Consultant

Learn a step-by step practical approach to creating and following your own personal household budget and eliminating debt.

30-minute one-on-one appointments are available upon request:

Smart Choices Program: 1 credit

Women's Center Clients ONLY - Call/Email for appt.

Storage Days

Friday, February 17th 9am-2pm

Bldg. 12 storage area

Shop in our room full of donated women's and children's clothing & household items.

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Legal Considerations

Lake County Women's Business Exchange

Thursday, February 23

6:00pm-8:00pm, Glass Lounge (C125)

Members of the Lake County Women's Business Exchange will conduct a workshop on business legal matters for anyone interested in becoming an entrepreneur. Light dinner provided.

Please RSVP by February 21.

Smart Choices Program - 1 Credit



Women's Center Fall Events (cont.)

Sexual Assault and SAFE Training

Chris Conley, CLC Police Officer & ZCenter

Friday, March 9 Southlake Campus

11:00-1:00pm, Location: TBD

RSVP by March 7

Friday, April 27 Grayslake Campus

11:00-1:00pm, Location: TBD

RSVP by April 25

As part of CLC's Sexual Assault education program, representatives from Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center and CLC Police will provide awareness and self-defense training for students. A light lunch will be provided. Per grant requirements, open to female students only.
Smart Choices Program - 2 Credits

Automotive Care: Part 1: Hands-On Car Care Ted Wells, Instructor of Automotive Tech.

Friday, March 16

12:00-1:30pm, T020

Ted Wells, CLC Instructor of Automotive Technology will conduct a hands-on basic training for car care. Gain confidence and save money! Learn how to check & change the oil, change a tire, jump start the battery, save money on repairs, be safe when traveling, and more! Light lunch will be provided. Space is limited, so please RSVP to 847.543.2711 by March 14.

Smart Choices Program: 2 credits

Victim-Blaming: From Argument to Education Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Wednesday, April 25

1:00-2:30pm, C005 (Auditorium)

Gail Stern, Co-founder and Director of Consulting, Education and Training at Catharsis Productions, offers a dynamic and thought-provoking presentation on sexual assault awareness.

Smart Choices Program - 2 Credits

Programs open to the community, except where designated.

VOLUNTEER at the Women's Center for Smart Choices Credit!

One and one-half hours = 1 credit

Two - three hours = 2 credits

(Three-credit limit per semester)

Call the Women's Center for details!