**Abby’s House**

**Our Mission**

Our mission is to provide the WOU community with educational programming, information, and referral services designed to promote equity and non-violence. We embrace a feminist model that empowers all people to actively stand against all forms of violence, harassment, verbal abuse, discrimination, and hatred.

Abby’s House strives to be a comfortable place where community members can feel safe while getting the resources and support they need.

**Abby’s House Advocates**

Our office is staffed by volunteer advocates who work 4-5 hours per week. Our advocates go through an intensive training on the following topics: resources and referrals, mental health issues, gender and cultural diversity, handling crisis situations, and sexual misconduct.

**Our Services**

* **Resource and Referral Center**

Students, faculty, and staff can visit our office and we can help them find the services they need.

We have an extensive list ofoff and on campus resources on the following issues: Child Abuse, Childcare/Parenting Issues, Counseling, Disability Services, Domestic Violence, Eating Disorders, Income Assistance, Financial Stress, Mental/Physical Health, Pregnancy, Sexual Violence, Sexual Harassment, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Stalking, Substance Abuse, Suicide, Women’s Health and others.

* **Library**

We have an extensive library of books on women and gender issues. These materials are available to be loaned to members of the campus community.

* **Educational Programming**

Abby’s House and our student organization SPEAK, provide educational programming for the campus community. We provide programming about domestic violence, sexual assault, financial stress, depression, eating disorders, body image, the wage gap and other topics.

**SPEAK: Students Promoting Equity, Activism, and Knowledge (SPEAK) at Abby’s House**

Abby’s House is the sponsor of a student organization, SPEAK whose focus is to support Abby’s House by providing educational programming designed to promote equity and non-violence. SPEAK is open to all students. Members of this organization may choose to be trained to become an Abby’s House advocate, but it is not required for membership in SPEAK.

**Scholarship**

Abby’s House awards the Jeanne Deane Abby’s House Scholarship yearly. This is a $600 scholarship awarded to a WOU student.

**Campus Against Sexual Assault (CASA)**

As a part of a campus grant from the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Abby’s House will be expanding our services and developing a survivor assistance program for survivors of sexual assault. Advocates will be trained to help survivors through reporting, medical examinations, counseling, and the judicial/ legal process. More information about the grant will be shared with the campus community in Fall 2011.

**Our Name**

The name Abby’s House was chosen in honor of Abigail Scott Duniway, who fought for women’s right to vote and to own property in Oregon and nationally. She was the first woman to register to vote in Oregon. She founded a newspaper called *The New Northwest* and also wrote 22 novels. In addition, she raised 6 children, supported her family as a teacher and business owner after her husband became disabled.

For more information about Abby’s House, please visit our website: [www.wou.edu/student/club/abbyshouse/](http://www.wou.edu/student/club/abbyshouse/)

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