



# CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

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24-Hour Hotline  
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The Clothesline Project is an interactive project designed to provide opportunities for people affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating t-shirts. When the t-shirts are hung together on a clothesline to be viewed by others, they provide a powerful testimonial to the problem of violence against women.

Sponsoring a Clothesline Project event can be a very effective in terms of raising awareness about sexual violence. Most events include a shirt making session, held in conjunction with a display of recently or previously created shirts. Alternatively, you might arrange simply to display previously created T-shirts.

## **Color Code** (optional)

You may choose to use 'color coded' shirts to provide another visual reminder of the types of violence to which women are exposed. The following color code is commonly used:

### Color

Red, pink or orange

Blue or green

White shirts

Yellow or beige

Purple or lavender

Black or gray

### Represent

women who have been raped or sexually assaulted  
survivors of incest or child sexual abuse

women who have been murdered as a result of  
sexual or domestic violence

women who have been battered

women attacked because they were or  
were thought to be lesbian

your choice of designation (for example, women who  
have a disability who could not escape their attacker  
or those attacked because of their political activities.)

## **Resources**

In Kentucky, many rape crisis centers maintain a Clothesline Project. Contact the center in your area for more information. There is also a long-standing Clothesline Project located in Louisville that provides information and assistance to interested parties throughout the Commonwealth, including loaning shirts for displays. For more information, contact 502-895-1967 or email [AmondorKy@aol.com](mailto:AmondorKy@aol.com). More information is available online at [www.clotheslineproject.org](http://www.clotheslineproject.org).

## **Rules**

According to [www.clotheslineproject.org](http://www.clotheslineproject.org), the following boundaries must be honored by all "Clothesline Projects":

1. Violence against women must be the foundation and focus of all "Clothesline Projects." All publications (brochures etc.) must clearly state this as the main purpose.
2. There can be no charge or fee required by any "Clothesline Project" for making a shirt and/or hanging it on the line.
3. Only shirts are to be submitted (no pants, underwear, etc.).

