

MEMBERSHIP

MONDAY: Casa Myrna

Highlighting Casa Myrna's Impact on the Community

At the Providers' Council, we are proud to highlight the incredible work of our members who are making a difference in the human services sector. This week, for Membership Monday, we are featuring Casa Myrna, Boston's largest provider of shelter, supportive services, and domestic violence awareness initiatives. Through a wide range of free, multilingual programs, from emergency housing and counseling to legal advocacy, financial literacy, and youth prevention. Casa Myrna empowers survivors to heal from trauma, achieve long-term stability, and build lives free from violence.

Who is Casa Myrna and What Do They Do?

Casa Myrna is Boston's largest provider of shelter, supportive services, and domestic violence awareness initiatives. For more than 45 years, the organization has empowered survivors of domestic and dating violence by offering a comprehensive range of free services in both Spanish and English.

Each year, Casa Myrna supports over 2,200 survivors through:

- Residential programs, including the Mary Lawson Foreman Emergency Program and Teen Parenting Program.
- Housing advocacy and rapid rehousing support, helping survivors secure and maintain affordable housing.
- Community-based advocacy, with specialists meeting survivors in courts, health centers, schools, and other community sites.
- Legal advocacy and representation, including a statewide Legal HelpLine and assistance with family law, immigration, and restraining orders.
- Counseling services provided by licensed social workers and graduate interns.
- Children's services that support families residing in their programs.
- Economic stability programming, such as financial literacy workshops and individualized coaching to help survivors build credit, budget, and achieve self-sufficiency.

Casa Myrna also operates SafeLink, Massachusetts' statewide 24/7 toll-free domestic violence hotline, which fields more than 32,000 calls annually. All calls are free, confidential, anonymous, and answered by multilingual advocates. In addition to direct services, Casa Myrna runs education, prevention, and awareness campaigns that challenge myths about domestic violence and provide tools to identify red flags.

Since 1995, their teen dating violence prevention work has been a cornerstone of community education, now strengthened through partnerships with programs like Start Strong and digital initiatives like Red Flags and Roses. Casa Myrna also reaches adults through workshops, public presentations, and awareness ads across Boston's transit system. The organization is committed to serving survivors of any race, ethnicity, language, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, disability, age, or sexual orientation.



When Did Casa Myrna Join The Providers' Council and Why?

Casa Myrna has been a proud longtime member of the Providers' Council, joining to be part of a statewide network of human service organizations committed to building stronger, safer communities.

Their mission to support survivors of domestic and dating violence aligns closely with the Council's broader mission of promoting dignity, opportunity, and self-sufficiency for people across Massachusetts. By engaging with the Council's advocacy, training, and member community, Casa Myrna is able to connect with other mission-driven organizations, amplify the voices of survivors, and strengthen the collective effort to ensure all individuals have access to safety, stability, and opportunity.



A Voice from Casa Myrna's Team

At Casa Myrna, we believe every relationship should be safe and healthy. Through our youth and prevention work, our support services for survivors and their children, and the operation of our 24/7 hotline SafeLink, we work with thousands of people each year. Being part of the Providers Council is an important part of the multifaceted work that we do advocating for survivors in Boston and across Massachusetts.



Looking Ahead: Casa Myrna's Continued Commitment to Support and Innovation

Looking ahead, Casa Myrna continues to expand its services and prevention efforts to meet the evolving needs of survivors and the community. Casa Myrna is advancing several important initiatives to strengthen support for survivors. The organization recently received a \$55,000 grant from the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement to expand its capacity to offer immigration-related legal services to Boston residents. With this funding, Casa Myrna will be able to represent more survivors and will also host a Know Your Rights and Family Preparedness training this fall for community members.

Another growing area of focus is housing access. Casa Myrna is extending support through its youth housing and homelessness prevention initiatives, which provide low-barrier assistance to young adult survivors facing obstacles to housing stability. Participants receive personalized Housing Stabilization Plans, along with rental and moving assistance, to help prevent homelessness.

Casa Myrna's next major event is a benefit lunch at California Pizza Kitchen in the Prudential Center on Wednesday, September 17, from 12 to 2 p.m.. Guests who dine in or order takeout and mention Casa Myrna will have 20% of their meal price donated to the organization. Online orders can also contribute by using the promo code BACK20%.

Want to learn more about Casa Myrna, their upcoming initiatives and events, and the Providers' Council? Visit our websites to explore our work, services, and opportunities to get involved!

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