Established in 1975, Bradley Angle’s mission is to provide safety, healing, and hope to all survivors of domestic violence. As the first domestic violence shelter for women on the West coast, Bradley Angle’s history is as strong and diverse as the survivors we support.

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This year Bradley Angle celebrated its 45-year anniversary. We are incredibly honored to still be serving our community and working to accomplish the goals of our founders after all these years. Since 1975, Bradley Angle has served the survivors of intimate partner violence in Portland by actively working with survivors of diverse backgrounds to identify their unique needs and challenges.

Before domestic violence even had a name, the founders of Bradley Angle recognized that the current systems in place did not benefit everyone. In 1975, 2.1 million women experienced violence at the hands of their partners, yet there were no shelters, services, or help to turn to. What began as a movement with no name, now 45 years later, not only has a name, but a face, a voice, and a community that represents a wide spectrum of survivors from a multitude of backgrounds. Bradley Angle is no longer just a shelter. We are committed to supporting survivors through every step of their healing journey. This means we are committed to providing services that address the inequities in our community and ensure survivors can flourish in spite of the ever-changing barriers in their paths.

During 2020 our communities have experienced a global pandemic, significant economic hardship, deadly wildfires, and a seemingly never-ending threat to social justice. While these occurrences have impacted every member of our community, we acknowledge the struggle of those who have been disproportionately affected.

At Bradley Angle we have spent 45 years fighting to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live a life free from violence, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. Available resources for survivors of intimate partner violence are scarce. Accessing these resources becomes even more challenging for survivors who experience inequality and oppression on a daily basis. These last several months have only confirmed that our fight is not over.

As we prepare for a new year, with new unimaginable challenges, we will continue to ask ourselves: How can we create more culturally responsive services that address the needs of our survivors? How can we engage our community to address and raise awareness about systemic issues impacting our most vulnerable survivors?

Bradley Angle founder, Bonnie Tinker, said it best: “It is a critical movement. If we are not safe in our homes, we have no freedom to look beyond our homes to the forces that create institutional violence and injustice in the world.”

Bri Condon
Executive Director, Bradley Angle
Our Programs

Bradley Angle builds programs that focus on responding to the greatest and most imminent needs of the survivors in our community. Our priority isn’t just providing safe shelter. We want to ensure that survivors are given the time, tools, and resources to heal from their abuse and independently thrive after Bradley Angle.

Not only are survivors at Bradley Angle involved in our supportive programs, they also have access to mental health counseling services, kitchen and bathroom facilities, computers, and on-site food pantry and supply room at our Resource Center in North Portland.

79% of survivors served at Bradley Angle were BIPOC

173 children and youth were served at Bradley Angle

80 survivors and their children were provided housing assistance

Bonnie Tinker & Tami Best Shelters

Our Bonnie Tinker Shelter, named after Bradley Angle’s founder, is a nine bedroom transitional shelter located in North Portland. Within the last year, the Bonnie Tinker Shelter has provided safety to 65 survivors and their children. As one of the few gender inclusive DV shelters in the state, last year we assisted both transgender and gender noncomforming survivors.

In 2016, Bradley Angle expanded our shelter capacity by launching the Tami Best Scattered Site Shelter in partnership with REACH Community Development. Our Tami Best Shelter includes 4 rental properties that are spread throughout Portland and can house larger families seeking emergency shelter.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bradley Angle has shifted operations to allow one of our Tami Best units to serve as a two-week quarantine area before allowing new residents to enter the Bonnie Tinker Shelter. This process has enabled us to continue to open beds for survivors in our community despite the pandemic.
Housing Program

Domestic violence is a leading cause of housing instability and homelessness. In Oregon, 48% of domestic violence survivors remain in an abusive relationship because they don’t have a safe and affordable place to live. At Bradley Angle, we know that housing plays a huge role in the long-term health and well-being of survivors in our community.

In Portland, 1 in 4 homeless women cite domestic violence as the reason behind their homelessness.

To help increase housing opportunities for survivors, Bradley Angle works with a local network of domestic violence providers to ensure survivors get equitable access to housing resources in a nation-wide effort to tackle housing and homelessness known as Coordinated Access. So far in 2020, we have secured affordable housing for 46 survivors and their children.

Economic Empowerment

The number one reason most survivors do not leave an abusive relationship is due to lack of financial resources. It’s also the reason many survivors who do leave an abusive relationship return to their abuser. Survivors who experience financial abuse face the difficult choice to either risk staying in an abusive relationship or facing poverty and becoming homeless.

Every year, our Economic Empowerment Program supports 80-100 survivors in building emotional and financial independence by increasing access, and removing barriers to, financial assistance resources, asset building tools, and job opportunities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our EEP staff has remained vigilant in educating and empowering our survivors by providing virtual one-on-one financial planning advocacy, sending weekly job updates and opportunities via email, and organizing virtual workshops for survivors to learn about saving, budgeting, and credit repair.
The LGBTQ+ Program is Bradley Angle’s longest running program after emergency shelter. Despite Portland having the second highest population of LGBTQ+ individuals in the country, Bradley Angle is only one of two Portland-area DV agencies that provide culturally specific programs for LGBTQ+ survivors. 

Members of the LGBTQ+ community experience intimate partner violence at the same rate as heterosexual, cis-gender individuals, but they face far greater challenges in accessing supportive services. 85% of domestic violence advocates across the country have worked with an LGBTQ+ survivor who was denied services because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. In addition, LGBTQ+ survivors are often hesitant to trust service providers if there is a lack of understanding of the spectrum of sexual and gender identities. 

At Bradley Angle, we know that simply being LGBTQ+ inclusive is not enough. Since our LGBTQ+ Program began in 1999, we have continuously strived to establish trust within the LGBTQ+ community as a safe and culturally responsive resource for survivors. LGBTQ+ survivors who come to Bradley Angle know that they will receive advocacy from and be supported by members of their own community who personally understand their challenges and barriers to receiving help.

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What does it mean to provide a culturally specific service?

Culturally specific services are created by and for specific communities who have shared experiences of oppression on the basis of such identities as race, ethnicity, language, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, ability, and religion. Culturally specific services, like Bradley Angle’s Healing Roots and LGBTQ+ Programs, address the needs of these communities by emphasizing the voices and experiences of survivors who have been unserved, underserved, or inadequately served.

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Domestic violence is the number one health issue facing Black women in our country. Although Black and African American females experience intimate partner violence at a rate 35% higher than that of white females, they are less likely to receive support or seek help in comparison to their white counterparts. In 2018, only 5.5% of survivors helped by DV agencies in Oregon identified as Black or African American.

Bradley Angle’s Healing Roots program is designed for and run by Black and African American women who have shared lived experiences and personal knowledge of the challenges facing their community. Culturally appropriate advocacy is one of many steps we have taken to remove the barriers preventing Black and African American domestic violence survivors from receiving the help and support they need.

In 2020, Bradley Angle began an initiative to expand our Healing Roots program to address intergenerational trauma and the role it plays in continuing cycles of abuse in our communities. In the next few years, we plan for rapid program expansion that will assist not only Black and African American survivors, but their families and communities as well.

Why are culturally specific services necessary?
They eliminate structural barriers and provide a sense of safety and belonging that will lead to better outcomes for people whose access to safety, resources, and services is extremely limited due to systemic racism, homophobia, transphobia, and xenophobia.

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These financials represent Bradley Angle’s 2019/2020 fiscal year. Due to the impact of COVID-19, we saw a decrease in individual and corporate giving which required us to rely on more government grants than in previous years. In 2021 Bradley Angle seeks to decrease our reliance on Government grants and increase Foundation grant giving.

During our 2020/2021 fiscal year, Bradley Angle plans to increase our expenditures in both our Healing Roots and LGBTQ+ programs as we will be prioritizing our culturally responsive services. During these challenging times, we recognize that our underserved communities need access to more services and resources as their current options are limited.
Established as the first domestic violence shelter on the West Coast.

Began offering support groups for women who identify as lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.

Purchased 18-bed transitional shelter now known as the Bonnie Tinker Shelter.

Joined with Healing Roots to open the Bradley Angle Resource Center.

Started the Economic Empowerment Program, one of the first in Oregon.

Launched the Freedom from Violence Project to interrupt cycles of violence in Black and African American communities.
Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Bradley Angle’s Healing & Hope fundraiser, our first online campaign. We raised over $45,000 to provide direct support to survivors of domestic violence in Portland. As COVID-19 continues to impact our community, we plan to host another virtual fundraiser in 2021 to ensure the safety of all our friends and supporters. Check-out the Bradley Angle website home page in the new year for more details!

For more information about our upcoming drives and how to donate, visit www.bradleyangle.org/holiday

November 30 - December 16

Holiday Gifts for Survivors Drive

In 2019, Bradley Angle provided holiday gifts to over 150+ survivors and their children. Please help make this upcoming holiday season memorable by donating gifts to Bradley Angle during the month of December.