Self-sufficiency begins one step at a time; take the first step today.

Services are free and are provided at four convenient Brookdale locations. Please contact us.

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You Are Not Alone Anymore!

Are you in a marriage that is not working out? Are you facing loss of income due to separation from a spouse or long-term, live-in partner, divorce, death, disability of your spouse or long term live-in partner and need to become head of household?

We look forward to helping you succeed!

Brookdale’s Displaced Homemakers Services offers a compassionate, non-judgmental support system. We provide referrals to a broad array of resources including social service agencies, educational institutions and training programs, as well as financial aid information.
“I cannot express enough how much this experience has changed my outlook on life. Before I took this computer class and met all these wonderful women, I was at a very low point in my life. My marriage was over and my health was failing. I felt lonely, out of control and lost. I knew I needed to update my skills and begin a path to becoming self-sufficient, but I didn’t know where to begin. I had no idea what to expect but was very much looking forward to ‘getting out,’ learning new things and meeting new people. Little did I know that I would find such a wonderful support system AND a great education."

“Today, thanks to Displaced Homemakers Services, I am proud to say that I have achieved my goal and conquered my fear. Knowledge is power!”

“Gratefully, I enrolled in the computer class. I was quite apprehensive. I had reached my 50th birthday and found myself on a college campus in a computer training class. In retrospect, the class was a turning point in my life. You knew it would be, but I had doubts at the time. I found myself in a totally intimidating environment, along with eleven other women of the same mindset. Our backgrounds were diverse, but we were unified in our collective fear of the unknown computer age. Our teacher was the perfect combination of knowledge, compassion, patience and teaching ability. She not only taught us computer skills, but she mastered the fine art of accessing our individual ways of learning.”

“Today, you have me feeling like life is again worth living!”

“Thank you for your continued encouragement and generosity.”

“This program has given me hope and will power to move forward with my head held up high. I feel so empowered and have a bright future in the health care field thanks to you all.”

Names have been omitted to protect the privacy of our clients.

How can our services help you?

The Displaced Homemakers Services at Brookdale Community College offers you free, confidential, holistic, customized support to enable you to reach your full potential. Our services include:

- Personal counseling and emotional support
- Peer support group where you have a safe place to share and bond with women in similar life circumstances
- Career development to help you explore and choose training for an occupation that matches your interests, abilities and the current job market
- Job search skills including learning to network, resume writing and interviewing
- Computer training to help you become comfortable with current technology
- Career clothes closet for interview attire
- Workshops on diverse topics to help manage your transition to self-sufficiency
- Community referrals to assist with various needs

Success Stories from Former Displaced Homemakers

When I first came to Displaced Homemakers, I felt hopeless, scared, hurt and I was a little tense. Although I didn’t know it at the time, I was taking a step that was forever going to change the course of my life. They offered me a safe place to go and talk and re-education through their computer course and seminars. A year ago I was in a dark tunnel. They put a light at the end of the tunnel to lead me and then actually came into the tunnel with me to make sure I made it out.”

“I am beginning to believe in myself, and my self-esteem is slowly rising, helping me to believe a better future is on the horizon for me. Thank you for your continued encouragement and generosity.”

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