

NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



FLORIDA

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN FLORIDA

- In 2004, there were 119,772 reported domestic violence incidents. There were 64,072 arrests.¹
- Of those domestic violence reports, there were 184 murders, 111,573 assaults, and 4,551 threats/intimidation.²
- In 2004, there were 751 reports of stalking.³
- Of the victims of domestic violence, 30,427 were the spouse of the perpetrator, 36,289 cohabited with the abuser, and 9,213 were the child of the abuser.⁴
- In 2003, 19% of murders were domestic violence related. 59% of the victims were a spouse or cohabiting partner of the perpetrator, and 13% were children.⁵
- In FY 2003-2004, 43% of domestic violence murder victims had reported prior domestic violence incidents.⁶
- 87% of perpetrators of domestic violence murders were male, and 70% of domestic violence murder victims were female.⁷

CHALLENGES

- Domestic violence service providers must continue to focus on reaching previously underserved populations, such as communities of color, battered immigrants and adults 60 years or older.⁸
- Domestic violence service providers must continue to increase services to rural areas, including training to advocates, health departments, and businesses.⁹

SEXUAL ASSAULT IN FLORIDA

- In 2004, there were 12,427 reported sexual offenses.¹⁰
- Of those reports, there were 6,168 reports of rape by force, 1,490 reports of forcible sodomy, and 4,328 reports of forcible fondling.¹¹
- Florida Council Against Sexual Violence is committed to serving survivors of sexual assault. FCASV provides technical assistance and training to Florida rape crisis centers, educates the public and professionals through public awareness campaigns, and advocates for public policy on the issues of sexual violence.¹²

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- The FCADV supports 41 certified domestic violence centers serving 67 Florida counties.¹³
- Member programs provide shelter and support to survivors of domestic violence.
- In FY 2003-2004, domestic violence centers responded to 132,629 crisis calls, provided counseling services to 197,787 individuals, and provided emergency shelter to 14,467 individuals.¹⁴
- In FY 2003-2004, there was a 4.5% increase in the number of individuals in shelter from the previous year and a 65% increase in the number of individuals seeking shelter who received referrals to other shelters, hotels, and safe places from the previous year.¹⁵

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship and wants help, please contact the Florida Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119, the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE, or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.

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Every Home A Safe Home

The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.

FLORIDA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1ST DISTRICT¹⁶

Shelter House, Inc.
Fort Walton Beach
(850) 243-1201
(850) 863-4777 Hotline
(800) 442-2873 Hotline

FavorHouse of Northwest Florida, Inc.
Pensacola
(850) 434-1177
(850) 994-3560 Hotline

2ND DISTRICT

Refuge House of Leon County, Inc.
Tallahassee
(850) 922-6062
(850) 681-2111 Hotline

Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program
Panama City
(850) 769-7989
(850) 763-0706 Hotline
(800) 252-2597 Hotline

3RD DISTRICT

Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network
Gainesville
(353) 377-5690
(352) 377-8255 Hotline
(800) 393-7233 Hotline

Hubbard House, Inc.
Jacksonville
(904) 354-0076
(904) 354-3114 Hotline

Harbor House
Orlando
(407) 886-2244
(407) 886-2856 Hotline

Safehouse
Sanford
(407) 302-5220
(407) 330-3933 Hotline

5TH DISTRICT

Sunrise of Pasco County, Inc.
Dade City
(352) 521-3358
(352) 521-3120 Hotline

Citrus Abuse Shelter Association, Inc.
Inverness
(352) 344-8111

Another Way, Inc.
Lake City
(386) 719-2757
(352) 493-6743 Hotline

Dawn Center of Hernando County
Springhill
(352) 592-1288
(352) 799-0657 Hotline

6TH DISTRICT

Quigley House
Orange Park
(904) 284-0340
(904) 284-0061 Hotline
(800) 339-5017 Hotline

Ocala Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Center
Ocala
(352) 622-5919

Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties, Inc.
Leesburg
(352) 787-5889
(325) 753-5800 Hotline

7TH DISTRICT

Family Life Center
Bunnell
(386) 437-7610
(386) 437-3505 Hotline

Domestic Abuse Council, Inc.
Daytona Beach
(386) 257-2297
(386) 255-2102 Hotline

Betty Griffin House
St. Augustine
(804) 808-8544
(904) 824-1555 Hotline

9TH DISTRICT

The Haven of RCS
Clearwater
(727) 442-4128
(727) 344-5555 Hotline

The Salvation Army Domestic Violence
Shelter
Hudson
(727) 856-6498
(727) 856-5797 Hotline

10TH DISTRICT

Community Action Stops Abuse
St. Petersburg
(727) 895-4912

11TH DISTRICT

The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc.
Tampa
(813) 247-5433
(813) 247-7233 Hotline

12TH DISTRICT

Peace River Center Domestic Violence
Shelter
Bartow
(863) 413-2708
(863) 413-2800 Hotline

18TH DISTRICT

Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc.
Marathon Shores
(305) 743-5424
(305) 451-5666 Hotline

13TH DISTRICT

Hope Family Services, Inc.
Bradenton
(941) 747-8499
(941) 755-6805 Hotline

Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)
Sarasota
(941) 365-0208
(941) 365-1976 Hotline

14TH DISTRICT

Shelter for Abused Women & Children
Naples
(239) 775-3862
(239) 775-1101 Hotline

Abuse Counseling & Treatment, Inc.
Fort Myers
(239) 939-2553
(239) 939-3112 Hotline

15TH DISTRICT

Salvation Army Brevard County Domestic
Violence Program
Cocoa
(321) 631-2766
(321) 631-2764 Hotline

Serene Harbor, Inc.
Palm Bay
(321) 953-5389
(921) 726-8282 Hotline

Help Now
Kissimmee
(407) 847-3260
(407) 847-8562 Hotline

16TH DISTRICT

Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Inc.
Punta Gorda
(941) 639-5499
(941) 627-6000 Hotline

Martha's House, Inc.
Okeechobee
(863) 763-2893
(863) 763-0202 Hotline

20TH DISTRICT

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc.
Fort Lauderdale
(954) 760-9800
(954) 761-1133 Hotline

23RD DISTRICT

Safe Space, Inc.
Fort Pierce
(772) 595-0042
(772) 464-4555 Hotline

YWCA Harmony House
West Palm Beach
(561) 640-0500
(561) 640-9844 Hotline
(800) 973-9922 Hotline

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