

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS: ALABAMA



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.¹ **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.²
- ◇ An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.³
- ◇ The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend.⁴
- ◇ The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.⁵
- ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.⁶

CHALLENGES

- On one day in November 2006, Alabama shelter programs reported that 5,157 requests for victims services from adults and children went unmet due to a lack of resources.⁷
- Outreach to rural populations remains a challenge, as does serving newly identified Latino communities and the elderly population.¹⁰

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

“Alabama’s local domestic violence programs go above and beyond to find a way to meet victims’ needs. Shelters will put victims on couches or cots if needed.”

-Director, Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence⁷

“We have good ideas, but not the money. Alabama is historically poor.”

-Director, Alabama Coalition Against Rape¹⁰

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN ALABAMA

- There were 26,051 domestic assaults in 2005.⁷
- Hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 51% of the offenses. Other dangerous weapons were used in 17% of the offenses, including knives and firearms.⁷
- There were 1,564 forcible rapes committed in 2005.⁸
- There were 27 homicides due to domestic violence in 2005.⁷
- There were 57,176 shelter nights provided for adults and children in Alabama shelters in fiscal year 2006.⁷
- There were 17,081 crisis calls to the Alabama Domestic Violence Hotline in fiscal year 2006.⁹

STATE RESOURCES

The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence⁹
www.acadv.org

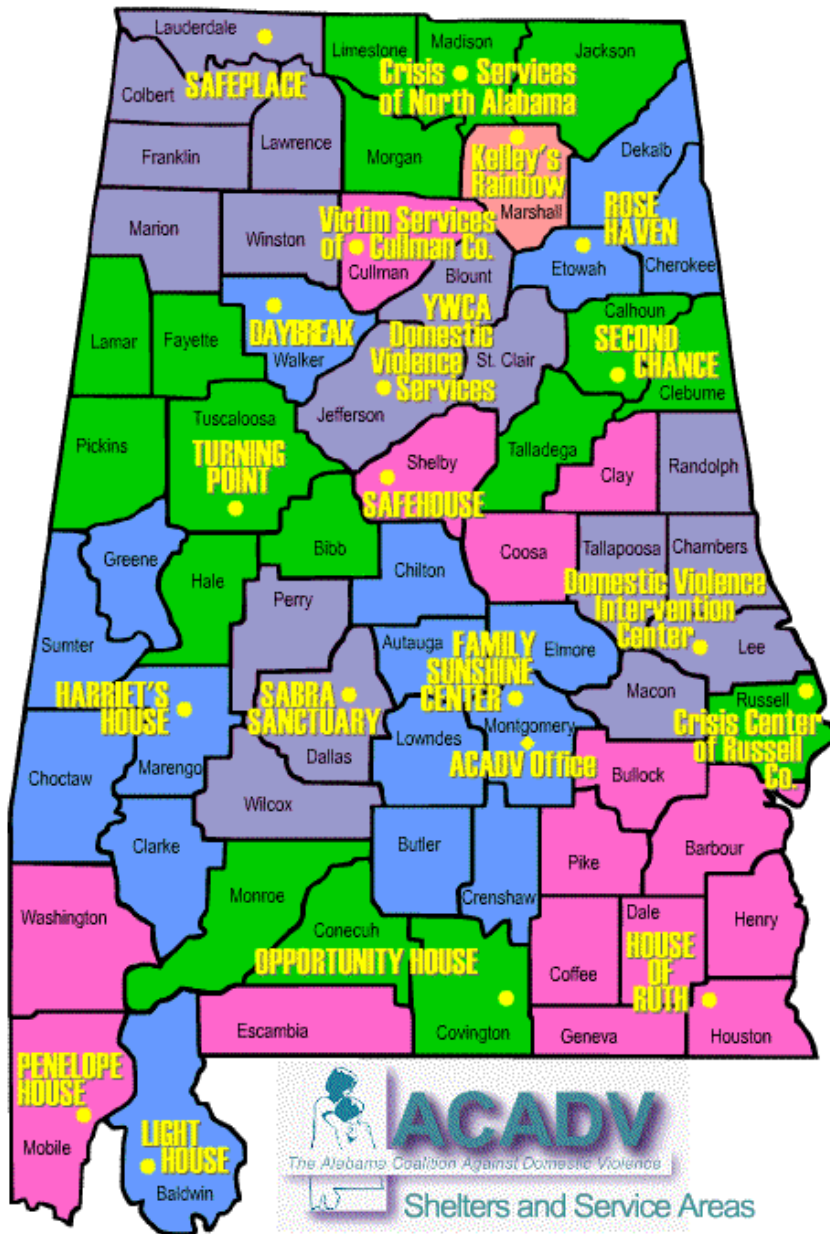
- ◇ The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide network of community based programs providing shelter, support, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children. The ACADV serves domestic violence victims throughout the state through its 19-member shelter programs and 24-hour crisis line for domestic violence.

The Alabama Coalition Against Rape¹¹
www.acar.org

- ◇ The Alabama Coalition Against Rape is a statewide nonprofit organization working to prevent sexual violence in the State of Alabama. Since its inception in 1995, ACAR has utilized its voice to advocate for the rights of countless victims and affect critical change through its active role in public policy, education and training.

For more information or to get help, please contact the
 Alabama Domestic Violence Hotline at
1-800-650-6522

The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE
 The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE



Public Display of the ACADV Clothesline Project

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NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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.