

NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



ARKANSAS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ARKANSAS

- An overall look at Arkansas state data in the year 2000 yielded 17 domestic violence homicides and 8,227 protective orders filed.¹
- Arkansas ranks among the top three states for domestic homicides.²
- The state of Arkansas is ranked first in domestic violence homicides for African-American women in the United States.³
- During the year 2000, 309 victims had to be referred elsewhere due to the state's shelters being at their capacity.⁴
- Arkansas ranked seventh in the country in the number of females killed by males in the year 2000.⁵

SEXUAL ASSAULT IN ARKANSAS

- In 2000, the Arkansas Crime Information Center reported 847 rapes reported in Arkansas.⁶
- According to the Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the most common location for the occurrence of rape is the victim's own residence.⁷
- There are 11 sexual assault centers in the state of Arkansas.⁸

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- The Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) is a nonprofit organization that has served both urban and rural areas since its inception in 1981.
- ACADV provides statewide training and technical assistance to domestic violence service providers, law enforcement, judges, attorneys, educators and victims.
- ACADV maintains a lending library with information on victims, batterer intervention programs, survival, legislation, substance abuse, sexual violence, child custody, stalking, nonprofit boards and nonprofit management.

CHALLENGES

- Arkansas currently has no health care statutes in the areas of domestic violence training, screening, protocol or insurance discrimination. Such laws and policies are necessary to improve the health care response to domestic violence in Arkansas.¹⁰
- Arkansas has no current laws requiring unemployment insurance for victims of domestic violence. Without such laws, victims who must leave their jobs because of violence may not receive benefits.¹¹

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship and wants help, please contact the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 800-269-4668, 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.

ARKANSAS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT¹²

1ST DISTRICT

Family Violence Prevention , Inc. Batesville (870) 246-2587 (870) 246-3122 Hotline	The Haven of Northeast Arkansas Blytheville (870) 532-6669 NE Arkansas Council on Family Violence Jonesboro (870) 933-9449	Ozark Family Development Center and Rape Crisis Center Cherokee Village (870) 856-4119 (888) 659-7273 Hotline
Margie's Haven House, Inc. Heber Springs (501) 362-6757	Stone County Abuse Prevention Mountain View (870) 269-9941 (870) 269-4888 Hotline	Hope Foundation Marshall (870) 448-5955 (870) 448-2273 Hotline
Serenity House Mountain Home (870) 425-7576 (870) 424-7233 Hotline	Restoration of Hope Stuttgart (870) 672-4341 (870) 872-4341 Hotline	White River Battered Women's Shelter, Inc. Newport (870) 523-9902 (870) 523-5000 Hotline
Angels of Grace West Helena (870) 572-9530		Families in Transition West Memphis (870) 732-4077
New Directions of Cross County, Inc. Wynne (870) 238-7790		

2ND DISTRICT

Saline county Safe Haven, Inc. Benton (501) 778-7234 (501) 315-7233 Hotline	Dove House Inc. Clinton (501) 745-5657	Women's Shelter of Central Arkansas Conway (501) 329- 7405 (501) 329- 2255 Hotline
Rape Crisis, Inc. Little Rock (501) 663-3334 (800) 813-5433 Hotline	The Dorcas House Little Rock (501) 374-4-22	Women and Children First Little Rock (501) 376-3219
The Safe Place Morrilton (501) 354-1884	Women's Project Little Rock (501) 372-5113	White County Domestic Violence Prevention Searcy (501) 278-5130 (501) 278-4673 Hotline

3RD DISTRICT

Benton County Women's Shelter Bentonville (479) 273-5702 (479) 273-0730 Hotline	Project for Victims of Family Violence Fayetteville (479) 442-9811	Crisis Center for Battered Women Fort Smith (479) 782-1821 (479) 782-4956 Hotline
Sanctuary, Inc. Harrison (870) 741-2121	River Valley Shelter for Battered Women Russellville (479) 968-3110	

4TH DISTRICT

Courage House Arkadelphia (870) 246-2587 (870) 246-3122 Hotline	Women's Crisis Center of South Arkansas Camden (870) 836-0375 (888) 836-0325 Hotline	SW Arkansas Domestic Violence Center DeQueen (870) 584-3441
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4TH DISTRICT

Union County Family Violence Program
El Dorado
(870) 862-0929
(888) 880-0929 Hotline

CASA-Women's Shelter
Pine Bluff
(870) 535-2955
(870) 535-0287 Hotline

Covenant House
Mena
(479) 394-7745

Keeping the Faith
Sheridan
(870) 942-7373
(870) 942-6219 Hotline

Options, Inc.
Monticello
(870) 367-3448
(501) 367-3488 Hotline

Domestic Violence Prevention and
Sexual Assault Services
Texarkana
(903) 794-4000
(903) 793-4357 Hotline

SOURCES

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⁶ *Violence Against Women in Arkansas: A Community Needs Assessment*. <http://www.accadv.uams.edu/Assessment%20REDO%204-4-03.pdf>

^{7, 8} *Facts About Sexual Assault in Arkansas*. <http://www.acasa.ws/facts>.

⁹ Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence. www.acadv.org

¹⁰ Family Violence Prevention Fund. *State-by-State Report Card on Health Care Laws and Domestic Violence*. <http://endabuse.org/statereport/list.php3>

¹¹ Legal Momentum. *Unemployment Insurance*. <http://www.legalmomentum.org/issues/vio/ui.pdf>.

¹² 2004 National Directory of Domestic Violence Programs. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. For a copy of this directory, please contact the main office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence at P.O. Box 18749 Denver, CO 80218 (303) 839-1852.