



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

CHALLENGES⁷

- A lack of adequate legal resources continue to hinder Ohio victims' ability to escape abuse. Although the Attorney General's Office, through its Victims of Crime Compensation Fund, will pay for legal counsel assisting victims in obtaining a civil protection order, few attorneys take advantage of this opportunity for their clients..
- Funding is a large challenge faced by Ohio domestic violence service providers. Part of each domestic violence program's funding comes from a percentage of marriage license fees which are population based and controlled by each county, leaving rural programs with no based of financial support through state or local governments.

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

"Money is the biggest issue for each of our domestic violence member program's. One large area where money is sorely lacking is for children recovering from domestic violence."

~Advocate, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

"Ohio state budgeting restructuring has significantly reduced funding historically dedicated to domestic violence programs and shelters which affects not only our center but every domestic violence shelter and provider in the entire state and the end result is less funds to provide needed assistance to victims."

~Executive Director, Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN OHIO

- 20,608 domestic violence cases were filed in Ohio in 2006.⁸
- 135,645 people received domestic violence services in 2006.⁸
- 10,484 domestic violence victims received shelter in 2006.⁸
- 34,027 arrests were made under Ohio's domestic violence statute and 4,485 domestic violence arrests were made under other sections.⁸
- 345 deaths occurred as a result of domestic violence in 2006.⁸
- 4,548 forcible rapes were reported in Ohio in 2006.⁹
- 25,928 domestic violence victims were wives, or live-in partners of their offenders.¹⁰

STATE RESOURCES

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network

www.odvn.org

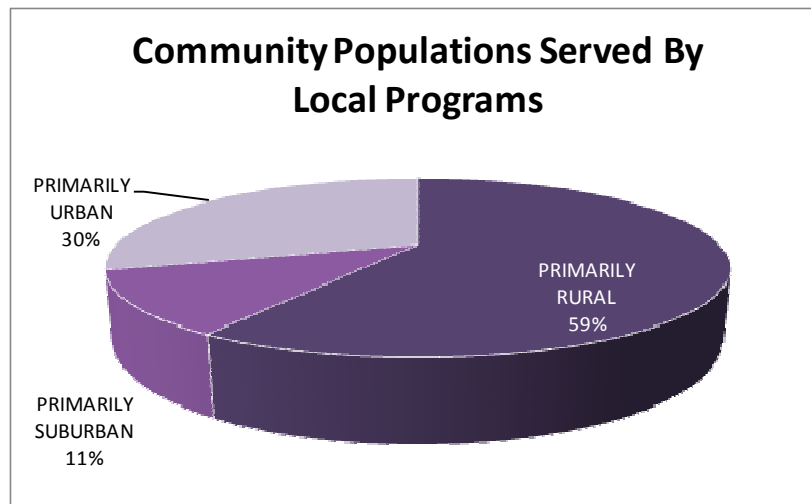
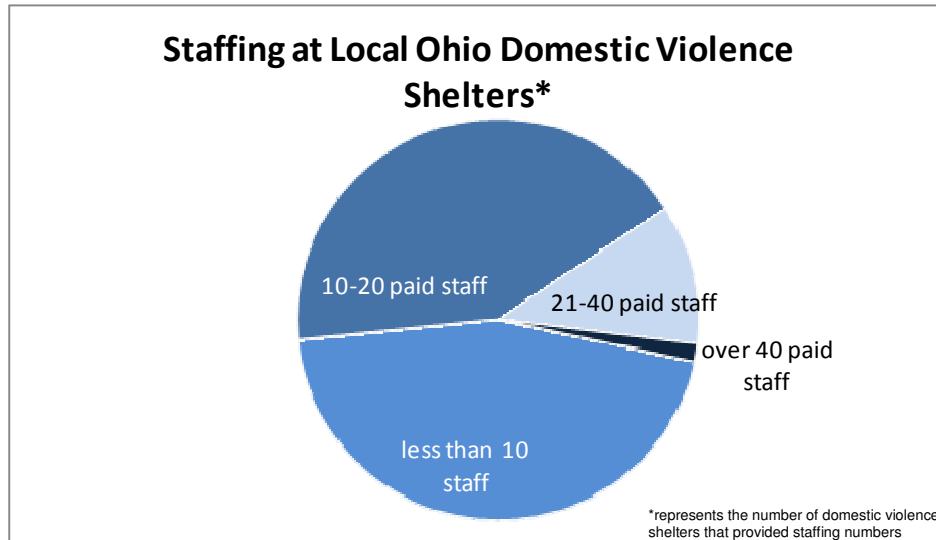
- ◇ The ODVN, as a statewide coalition of domestic violence programs, supportive agencies and concerned individuals organized to ensure the elimination of domestic violence, is Ohio's largest and most comprehensive resource on domestic violence. Its members' services include: providing technical assistance, resources, information and training to those who address or are affected by domestic violence; and promoting social and systems change through public policy, awareness, and education initiatives.

For more information or to get help, please contact the
 Ohio Domestic Violence Network at
1-800-934-9840

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

Domestic Violence in Ohio, 2006¹¹

On November 2, 2006, 76% of Ohio's local domestic violence programs participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. Although it was an undercount of the actual number of victims who sought and received services, this Census gives a powerful glimpse of a 24-hour period in the life of a local domestic violence program in Ohio.¹¹



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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.