



## Domestic Violence in Georgia

### WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA

- In 2013, 29779 victims were served by Georgia domestic violence services.<sup>i</sup>
- 27 counties in Georgia have no access to domestic violence services. Another 26 counties have very limited access.<sup>ii</sup>
- Georgia ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men.<sup>iii</sup>
- In Georgia in 2014, firearms were involved in 66% of all domestic violence fatalities.<sup>iv</sup>
- In 2014, children witnessed 29% of Georgia intimate partner violence.<sup>v</sup>

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.<sup>vi</sup>
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, 15 calls per minute.<sup>vii</sup>
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.<sup>viii</sup>
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.<sup>ix</sup>
- 72% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>x</sup>

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN GEORGIA

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District

Camden Community  
Crisis Center  
St. Mary's  
912.882.7858

Fair Haven  
Jesup  
912.588.1998

Glynn Community Crisis  
Center  
Brunswick  
912.264.1348

St. Bernard Battered  
Women's Program  
Arabi  
504.277.3177

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District

Liberty House of Albany  
Albany  
229.439.7094

Crisis Line and Safe House of Central Georgia  
Macon  
478.745.9292

#### **If you need help:**

Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
Or, online go to [DomesticShelters.org](http://DomesticShelters.org)





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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

Carroll County Emergency Shelter  
Carrollton  
770.834.9178

Hope Harbour  
Columbus  
706.256.0237

Community Welcome House  
Newnan  
770.304.0966

### 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Partnership Against Domestic  
Violence  
Atlanta  
404.870.9600

International Women's House  
Decatur  
770.413.5557

Women's Resource Center  
Decatur  
404.370.7670

### 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Colquitt County Serenity House  
Moultrie  
229.782.5394

Ruth's Cottage  
Tifton  
229.387.9697

The Haven  
Valdosta  
229.244.1765

Halcyon Home  
Thomasville  
229.226.6682

Salvation Army Safe House  
Warner Robins  
478.923.2348

### 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Support in Abusive Family  
Emergencies  
Blairsville  
706.379.1901

Northeast Georgia Council on  
Domestic Violence  
Hartwell  
706.376.7111

Circle of Hope  
Cornelia  
706.776.3406

Gateway House  
Gainesville  
770.539.9080

Fight Abuse in the Home  
Clayton  
706.782.1338

No One Alone  
Dahlonega  
706.344.3853

North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network  
Blue Ridge  
706.632.6619

### 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Project Safe  
Athens  
706.549.0922

Circle of Love  
Greensboro  
706.453.4017

Project Renewal  
Conyers  
770.860.1659

Peace Place  
Winder  
770.307.3633

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### 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Cherokee Family Violence Center  
Canton  
770.479.1804

Tranquility House  
Cartersville  
770.386.8093

Family Haven  
Cumming  
770.889.6384

### 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Safe Homes of Augusta  
Augusta  
706.736.2499

WINGS  
Dublin  
478.272.5880

Safe Haven  
Statesboro  
912.764.4605

The Refuge Domestic  
Violence Shelter  
Vidalia  
912.538.9936

### 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Share House  
Douglasville  
770.949.0626

YWCA of Northwest  
Georgia  
Marietta  
770.427.3390

Promise Place  
Fayetteville  
770.460.7233

Henry Haven House  
McDonough  
770.954.1008

### 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Polk County Women's  
Shelter  
Cedartown  
770.748.2300

Hospitality House for  
Women  
Rome  
706.235.4673

Shepherd's Rest  
Dallas  
770.443.5213

Northwest Georgia  
Family Crisis Center  
Dalton  
706.278.6595

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