



## Domestic Violence in Mississippi

### 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 MISSISSIPPI

- On September 14, 2014, 393 domestic violence victims (197 children and 196 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.<sup>i</sup>
- 72 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups on a single day in September 2014.<sup>ii</sup>
- In the 24-hour survey period in September of 2014, local and state hotlines answered 181 calls, averaging more than 7 hotline calls every hour.<sup>iii</sup>
- Since formation of the Mississippi Attorney General’s Office Domestic Violence Unit seven years ago, Mississippi has dropped from fifth highest in the nation to 34<sup>th</sup> in the number of females murdered by men.<sup>iv</sup>

### DID YOU KNOW?

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

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN MISSISSIPPI

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

Safe Haven, Inc.  
Columbus  
662.327.6118

Shelter & Assistance  
in Family Emergencies  
Tupelo  
601.841.9138

SAFE  
Tupelo  
662.841.2273

House of Grace  
Southaven  
662.342.1432

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

Haven House Family Shelter  
Vicksburg  
601.638.0555

Our House, Inc.  
Greenville  
662.332.5683

The Center for Violence  
Prevention  
Vicksburg - 601.932.4198

#### **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

Care Lodge Domestic Violence  
Shelter  
Meridian  
601.482.8719

Catholic Charities Shelter for  
Battered Families  
Jackson  
601.355.8634

Angel Wings Outreach Center  
Mendenhall  
601.847.5802

Catholic Charities The Guardian  
Shelter for Battered Families  
Natchez  
601.442.4579

W.I.N.G.S.  
McComb  
601.684.9225

Center for Violence Prevention  
Pearl  
601.932.4198

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

Gulf Coast Women's Center For Nonviolence  
Biloxi  
228.435.1968

Adrienne's House - Gulf Coast Women's Center for  
Nonviolence  
Pascagoula  
228.205.4502

<sup>i</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence (2015). *2014 domestic violence counts: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services*. Retrieved from <http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/MS.pdf>.

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid

<sup>iii</sup> Ibid

<sup>iv</sup> DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REDUCTION EFFORTS YIELD DRAMATIC DROP IN MISSISSIPPI'S DOMESTIC HOMICIDE RATE. (2015, September 17). Retrieved from <http://www.ago.state.ms.us/releases/domestic-violence-reduction-efforts-yield-dramatic-drop-in-mississippi-domestic-homicide-rate/>

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<sup>vii</sup> Truman, J. & Morgan, R. (2014). *Nonfatal domestic violence, 2003-2012*. Retrieved from <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ndv0312.pdf>.

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<sup>ix</sup> Violence Policy Center. (2012). *American roulette: murder-suicide in the United States*. Retrieved from: [www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf](http://www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf)

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