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To the Chairs of the Senate and House Courts of Justice Committees, Virginia Crime Commission, and to Members of the General Assembly:

It is my pleasure to present to you the Annual Report on Domestic and Sexual Violence in Virginia, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-515.1.

The Annual Report highlights various initiatives throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, including public awareness campaigns, training activities, and other statewide efforts to combat domestic and sexual violence. The Report offers an overview of grant programs and services available to domestic violence and sexual assault victims in the Commonwealth, as well as the major funding sources for those programs and services.

The Report uses current statewide data and other information to highlight these critical issues that impact the criminal justice system. It also includes information about social services programs, local domestic violence programs, and sexual assault crisis centers in communities across the Commonwealth.

Finally, the Report makes specific recommendations for future efforts and initiatives to combat domestic and sexual violence in Virginia in a comprehensive effort to make our communities safer.

I am very proud of the accomplishments we have made in addressing domestic and sexual violence in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I am confident that in the years ahead, Virginia will continue to assist victims by providing programs and services to combat domestic and sexual violence in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert F. McDonnell".

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## Attorney General's Message



The issues of domestic violence and sexual assault continue to threaten our families, our schools, our workplaces, and our communities across the Commonwealth of Virginia. In response to this threat, Virginia agencies, organizations, local governments and communities have worked diligently to end violence against women and children through the development of initiatives directly targeted at preventing and responding to domestic and sexual violence. These initiatives include state and local collaborative efforts with health care and victim services providers; legislative efforts to promote victim protection and offender accountability; training and technical assistance efforts for law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts; and public awareness campaigns to bring attention to domestic violence and sexual violence issues.

Combating domestic and sexual violence is truly a collaborative effort. We must all work together to bring hope and provide assistance to victims of these criminal acts. In this spirit, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Social Services, the Department of State Police, the Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Virginia Center on Aging, the Virginia Poverty Law Center, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance for their continued collaboration and willingness to work closely with the Office of the Attorney General to address domestic and sexual violence issues in Virginia. These agencies and organizations have contributed valuable information for this Annual Report.

I am honored to share with you the outstanding accomplishments over the past year and some recommendations for the future as we continue to combat domestic and sexual violence and provide better protection for victims. Together, we can work to make this a safer and stronger Virginia.

Bob McDonnell

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## Executive Summary

On a daily basis, domestic and sexual violence confront our citizens and our communities. In 2007\* alone, 25% of all homicides were related to domestic and intimate partner violence;<sup>1</sup> 5,009 forcible sex offenses and 22,515 incidents of assault and battery against a family or household member were reported to law enforcement;<sup>2</sup> 29,934 emergency protective orders for family abuse incidents were issued by magistrates;<sup>3</sup> and 6,436 men, women, and children stayed in domestic violence shelters.<sup>4</sup>

In 2008, lawmakers, agencies, and organizations continued their efforts on the state and local level to combat domestic and sexual violence in the Commonwealth.

The Virginia General Assembly enacted important legislation to assist victims of sexual and domestic violence. Among the significant changes to Virginia law were: eliminating the defense of marriage in statutory rape cases, allowing victims of sexual assaults to undergo forensic examinations without requiring their participation in the criminal justice system, preventing polygraph testing of victims as a precondition to investigation or prosecution of sexual assault cases, expediting entry of protective orders into the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN), expanding the pilot Address Confidentiality Program, requiring retention of court records for misdemeanor convictions of assault and battery against a family or household member and violation of a protective order for 20 years, and requiring law enforcement agencies to develop policies and procedures for domestic violence arrests and responding to sexual assault incidents.

Agencies and organizations continued their efforts to provide tools and resources to prosecutors, law enforcement, victim advocates, health care providers, social service providers, and allied professionals. State, local and private partners also continued to promote public awareness and prevention initiatives, as well as support collaborative efforts among agencies and organizations to enhance the overall response to domestic and sexual violence.

State and local agencies and organizations collected data on domestic violence-related fatalities, domestic and sexual abuse, protective orders, and services to victims and children in order to assist in providing a broader picture of these issues that confront our communities. A great deal of the information collected by local and state medical examiners, law enforcement agencies, domestic and sexual violence service providers, and grant programs is included in this year's Report.

State and local agencies also worked collaboratively on existing as well as new initiatives to improve the response to domestic and sexual violence at all levels. The Governor's Commission on Sexual Violence brought together legislators and representatives from state agencies, the court system, programs and organizations, and local sexual assault crisis centers to develop and recommend ways to strengthen Virginia law. As a result of the collaborative work

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\* This Report relies heavily upon statistical and numerical data from 2007 as the most complete data available as of the writing of this Report. Where available, data for 2008 (through November 7, 2008, unless otherwise noted) has been included in this Report. Complete data for the year 2008 will not be available until early 2009.

and recommendations of the Commission, several important bills which enhance protection for victims of sexual assault were enacted into law during the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

Additionally, the Virginia Partnership to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP), a partnership of five state agencies and one statewide nonprofit organization, continued its efforts to provide intensive training and technical assistance, at the state and local level, to promote practices that enhance victim safety and offender accountability. The GEAP partnership sponsored a number of domestic violence training events for law enforcement, prosecutors, fatality review teams, advocates, and court personnel. The GEAP partnership also worked with community stakeholders in thirteen localities to assess their local responses to domestic violence.

As further example of public-private collaboration, in October 2008, the Attorney General launched “Safe in Our Communities: Community Recognition Program for Promising Practices in Domestic Violence Response.” This Program was developed with input from several state agencies and organizations and is supported by Verizon Wireless. The Program recognizes localities for their innovative and promising practices to combat domestic violence. Selected communities will receive formal recognition from the Attorney General, as well as monetary awards from the Verizon Wireless HopeLine Program.

The Office of Family Violence (OFV) in the Department of Social Services (DSS) coordinates the Domestic Violence Action Team (DVAT), a multidisciplinary team of state and local domestic violence stakeholders. The Team focuses on the statewide response to victims of domestic violence. In 2008, DVAT addressed the need for greater collaboration between local domestic violence programs and local departments of social services, particularly with regard to the issue of elder abuse and the service needs of elderly victims. As a result, a successful training curriculum is being modified to address the specific needs of elderly victims.

Despite continued progress by many agencies and organizations in addressing domestic and sexual violence issues, it is important to note that a number of state and local programs and initiatives have been curtailed in the past year due to continued reduction in federal funding for domestic and sexual violence programs across the country. In 2008, federal funding from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), which supports domestic and sexual violence programs as well as victim-witness programs, was reduced drastically by 17%, representing the lowest amount of VOCA funding distributed to Virginia in more than eight years. The amount of federal funds available to all states through the Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) also decreased in FY 2008. Except for a slight increase in STOP Program funding predicted for FY 2009, these funds have decreased steadily since FY 2000. Consequently, the pool of funding available to state and local domestic and sexual violence programs, shelters, victim-witness programs, law enforcement agencies, and Commonwealth’s Attorneys’ offices has decreased. As a result, there has been a reduction in services to victims and their children. There also has been a reduction in intervention and treatment services for perpetrators, as well as a reduction in training and technical services available to local law enforcement agencies.





## Domestic and Sexual Violence in Virginia

### On an average day in Virginia:

- Domestic violence service providers respond to 130 crisis situations, including 106 hotline calls and 24 in-person requests for assistance.<sup>5</sup>
- Sexual violence service providers respond to 34 crisis situations, including 24 hotline calls and 10 in-person requests for assistance.<sup>6</sup>
- Domestic violence shelters provide overnight accommodations to 505 adults and 356 children.<sup>7</sup>
- Law enforcement officers across the Commonwealth make nine arrests for violations of protective orders.<sup>8</sup>
- Arrests are made for approximately 62 instances of assault and battery against a family or household member.<sup>9</sup>
- Magistrates issue 82 Emergency Protective Orders to victims across the Commonwealth.<sup>10</sup>
- There are more than 15,000 active protective orders in the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN).<sup>11</sup>

The issues of domestic and sexual violence affect people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, and socioeconomic backgrounds. These issues have direct physical and emotional consequences for tens of thousands of victims, family members, and children. Domestic and sexual violence clearly impact the community as a whole. These criminal acts present a challenge for multiple disciplines, particularly during difficult economic times.

In 2007 and 2008, agencies and organizations across the Commonwealth of Virginia devoted significant resources to the prevention of and response to domestic violence and sexual assault incidents. These agencies and organizations also collected data to assess the current programs and services in an effort to ensure the best resources at the state and local level.

How are domestic and sexual violence defined? What does the available data demonstrate about the current status of domestic and sexual violence in Virginia?

As broadly defined by the Virginia Code, the term “domestic violence” means physical, emotional, psychological, and sexual acts committed by or threatened by one person against either:

- (1) a family or household member;
- (2) a person for whom he or she is a caretaker;
- (3) a person who has obtained a protective order against him or her; or
- (4) a person with whom he or she has a child in common.<sup>12</sup>

Domestic violence can include elder abuse, abuse of incapacitated adults between the ages of 18 and 59, child abuse, stalking, dating violence, sexual abuse, and trafficking in women and children. Other terms often used in the Virginia Code and elsewhere to describe domestic violence, and the various relationships that fall within the broader definition of domestic violence, include “family abuse,” “spousal abuse,” and “intimate-partner violence.”<sup>13</sup>

The terms “sexual assault” or “sexual violence” imply sexual contact without consent, and with or without the use or threat of force, regardless of the relationship of the parties. Pursuant to the Virginia Code, sexual offenses include rape (§18.2-61), forcible sodomy (§18.2-67.1), object sexual penetration (§18.2-67.2), aggravated sexual battery (§18.2-67.3), sexual battery (§18.2-67.4), and attempted sexual offenses (§18.2-67.5). For state reporting purposes, the Incident Based Reporting System used by the Virginia Department of State Police defines “forcible sexual offenses” as forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, and forcible fondling. “Non-forcible sexual offenses” include incest and statutory rape.<sup>14</sup> For federal reporting purposes, the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Reporting System defines a forcible rape as “the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.” Sexual offenses are defined as “offenses against chastity, common decency, morals, and the like” and include sodomy, incest, statutory rape, indecent exposure, indecent liberties, and attempted sexual offenses.<sup>15</sup>

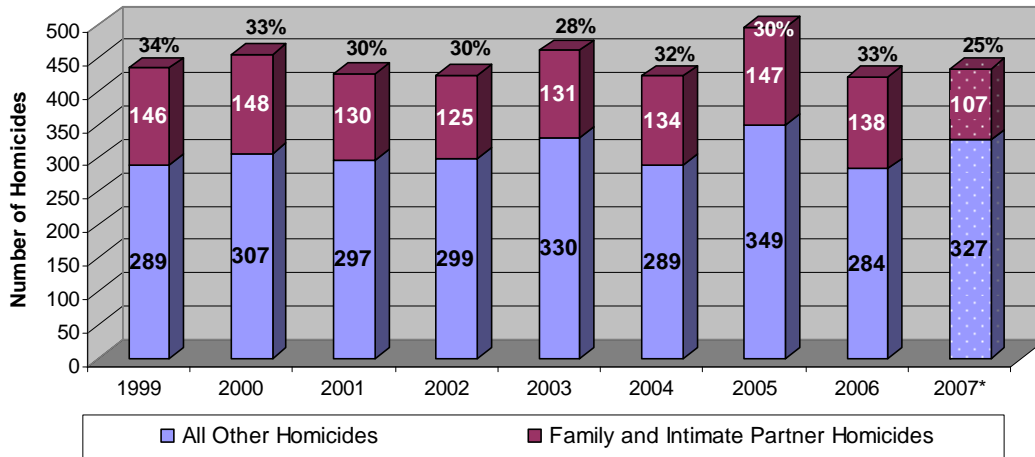
- **1 in 3:** Almost one in three forcible sex offenses reported to law enforcement agencies in 2007 involved victimization by a family or household member, or an intimate dating partner.<sup>16</sup>
- **1 in 3:** Roughly one in three homicides from 1999 to 2006 were related to family and intimate partner violence.<sup>17</sup>

### **Domestic and Sexual Violence Offenses**

The ultimate tragedy in any domestic violence case is homicide. In 2006, there were 138 domestic violence homicides. Ninety (90) of these homicides were attributed to intimate partner or intimate partner-related violence in Virginia.<sup>18</sup> Deaths from domestic violence represented 33% of the total homicides in 2006.

Based upon a preliminary analysis of homicide data for 2007, there were at least 107 domestic violence homicides, of which 70 homicides have been attributed to intimate partner or intimate partner-related violence. So far, deaths from domestic violence represent roughly 25% of the total homicides in 2007.<sup>19</sup> As investigation continues in many of these cases, the total number of domestic violence-related homicides in 2007 may change.

**Figure 1: Relationship of Family and Intimate Partner Homicides\*\* to Total Homicides, 1999-2007**



\* 2007 numbers reflect preliminary findings as of October 24, 2008

\*\* Homicides as defined and captured by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Source: Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Since 1999, close to one in three homicides has been related to family and intimate partner violence. Despite changes in law, policy, and practice during this eight year period, the proportion of domestic violence homicides has remained relatively consistent on a yearly basis.<sup>20</sup>

An alarming aspect of the statistics regarding family and intimate partner homicides is the data regarding the presence of children during homicide events. While additional data is still being collected for homicides that occurred in 2006 and 2007, according to data released by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in July 2007, a total of 56 children were present during the 147 family or intimate partner homicide events that occurred in 2005. This figure includes children who saw or heard the homicide occur; children who were also attacked by the alleged perpetrator and survived; and children who found the homicide victim.

**Table 1: Children Present During Family and Intimate Partner Homicides, 2005**

Saw the homicide	8
Attacked by perpetrator and survived	5
Heard the injury inflicted	5
Found the homicide victim	4
Other <sup>21</sup>	34
<b>Total present during homicide events</b>	<b>56</b>

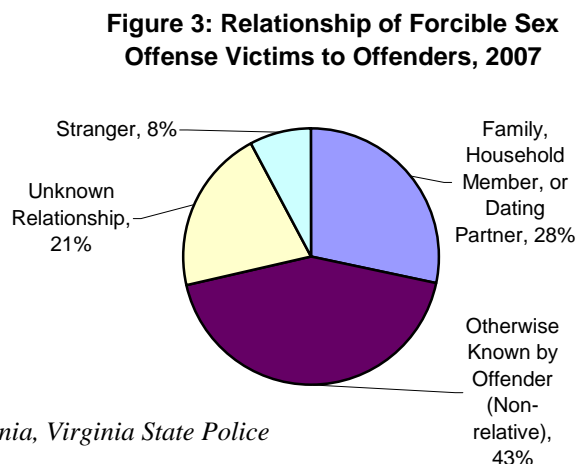
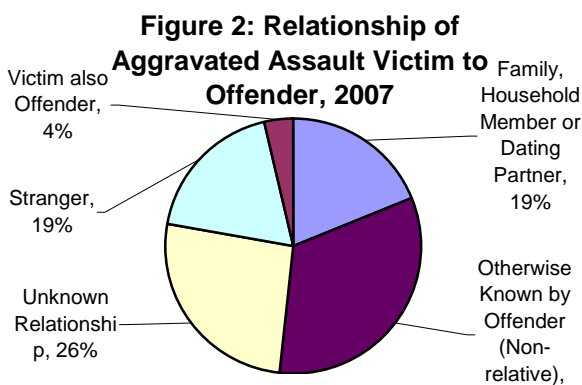
Source: Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Domestic violence also plays a role in other violent crimes, including aggravated assault, simple assault, and forcible sex offenses. In 2007, approximately 13% of 22,792 violent crimes committed in Virginia and reported to law enforcement agencies were committed against family

or household members, or intimate dating partners.<sup>22</sup> Of the 22,792 violent crimes reported, 9,689 were aggravated assault incidents involving 11,125 victims. These aggravated assault crimes include assaults, attempted murder, poisoning, assault with a deadly weapon, maiming, mayhem, assault with explosives, and assault with disease (knowledge of infection and attempt to infect another). Of the total aggravated assaults reported, 19% were committed against family members, household members, or dating partners.<sup>23</sup> (Figure 2)

The total number of violent crimes reported in 2007 also includes 5,009 forcible sex offenses involving 5,317 victims. Forcible sex offenses reported include forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, and forcible fondling. Of the reported victims of forcible sex offenses, 87% were female. Nearly two-thirds (61%) of reported victims, both male and female, were under the age of eighteen.<sup>24</sup> Approximately 1,497, or 28%, of the forcible sex offenses involved offenses committed against family or household members or intimate dating partners.<sup>25</sup>

According to offense reporting statistics, a majority of forcible sex offenses occurred outside of a domestic violence context. A sizeable percentage of the incidents (41%), however, were committed by perpetrators known by or acquainted with the victim. Of the remaining offenses reported, 21% were committed by unknown assailants and 8% were committed by strangers.<sup>26</sup> (Figure 3) The majority of forcible sex offenses (71%) were nonstranger offenses, emphasizing the significance of interpersonal relationships in sexual assault cases.<sup>27</sup>



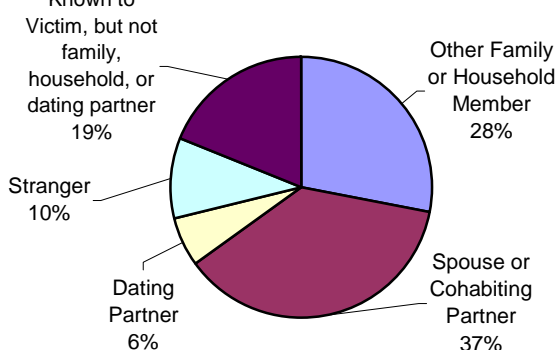
Source: *Crime in Virginia, Virginia State Police*

There were 1,430 arrests in 2007 for sexual offenses including forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling, incest, and statutory rape, representing approximately one percent of all recorded arrests by law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth. Arrests of juveniles accounted for 20% of these recorded arrests. Ninety-one percent of the arrests for sexual offenses were for forcible offenses.<sup>28</sup> (Table A-1, Appendix A)

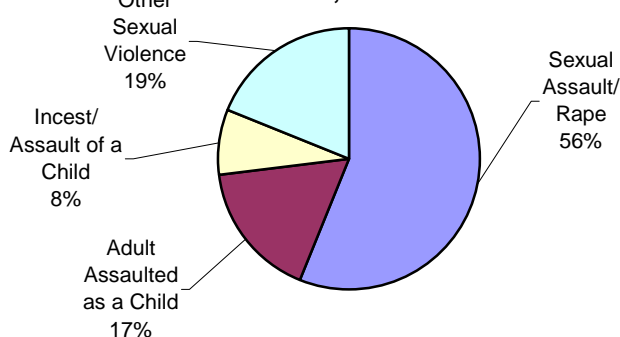
Despite the statistics from the Virginia Department of State Police, however, incidents of sexual violence go largely unreported to law enforcement agencies. According to information captured and analyzed by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA), *fewer than half* of the individuals who sought sexual violence crisis services in

Virginia had reported the incident to law enforcement. In addition, 28% of sexual offenses actually reported to law enforcement involved victimization by a family or household member or by an intimate dating partner. However, two out of three adults who received services from a sexual violence crisis center in 2007 indicated that they were the victims of sexual violence at the hands of a family member, including a spouse and/or cohabiting partner. (Figure 4) Further, 43% of the children who sought services were sexually violated by their parent, step-parent, or parent's intimate partner, and an additional 23% were victimized by another family or household member.<sup>29</sup> (Figure 6)

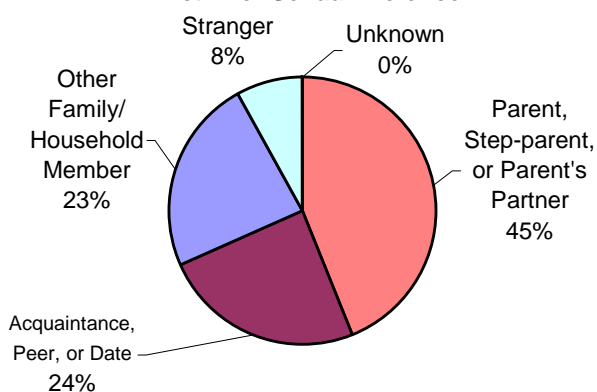
**Figure 4: Relationship of Perpetrator to Adult Victim of Sexual Violence**



**Figure 5: Sexual Violence Reported by Adults to Sexual Violence Service Providers, 2007**



**Figure 6: Relationship of Perpetrator to Child Victim of Sexual Violence**



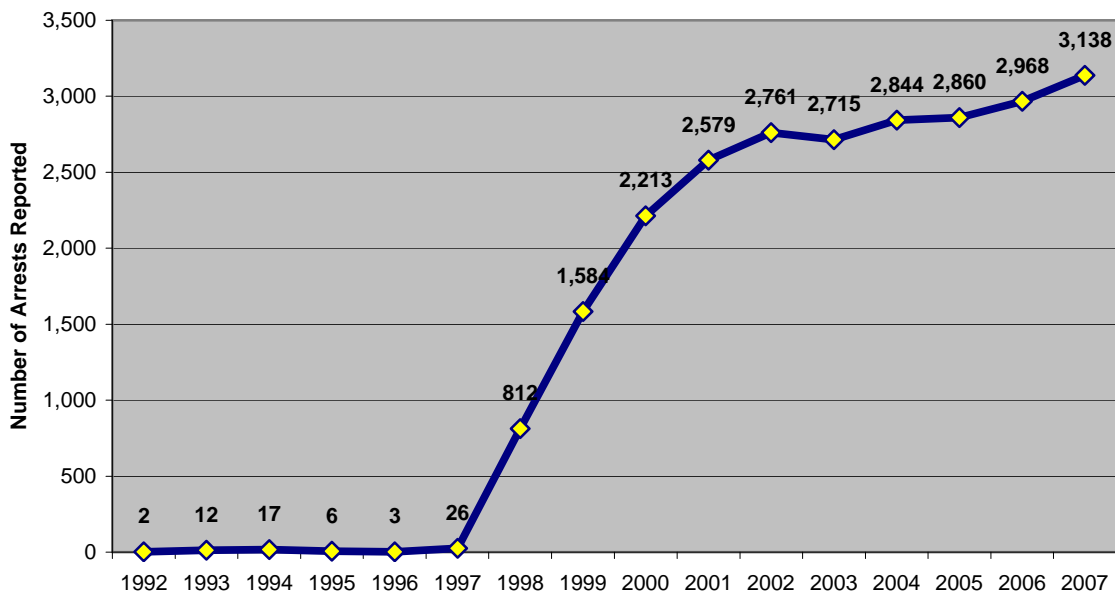
*Source: 2007 Sexual Violence Services in Virginia, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance*

Domestic violence also results in a significant number of charges for crimes including assault and battery, stalking, and protective order violations. In 2007, 22,515 charges were filed across the Commonwealth for assault and battery against a family or household member. Of the charges filed, 4,670, or 21%, resulted in convictions.<sup>30</sup> In addition to these charges, a significant number of individuals were charged as repeat offenders. There were 1,176 felony charges for third or subsequent offenses of assault and battery against a family or household member, resulting in 516 (44%) convictions.<sup>31</sup> Also during 2007, a total of 927 charges were filed for

stalking, resulting in 181 convictions.<sup>32</sup> Additional charge and disposition information for assault and battery and stalking offenses is provided in Appendix A.

The number of charges for assault and battery against a family or household member and for stalking have remained relatively consistent for the past five years. However, arrests for protective order violations continue to increase. A total of 3,138 arrests for violation of family abuse protective orders were reported by law enforcement agencies across Virginia, representing an increase of 6% since 2006. There has been an overwhelming increase in the number of arrests since July 1, 1997, when Virginia Code § 19.2-81.3 was amended to require law enforcement officers to arrest for protective order violations. In 1997, there were 26 arrests for protective order violations. Ten years later, in 2007, there were 3,138 arrests. This represents roughly a 12,000% increase.<sup>33</sup> (Figure 7)

**Figure 7: Arrests for Protective Order Violations, 1992-2007**



*Source: Virginia State Police*

In addition, records maintained by the Virginia Department of State Police indicate that 1,063 (approximately 34%) of the reported protective order arrests in 2007 resulted in convictions. A total of 1,486 arrests (47%) resulted in dispositions categorized as deferred, dismissed, or nolle prossed. No court disposition was recorded for the remaining 589 arrests.<sup>34</sup> (Appendix A)

In addition to criminal caseloads, domestic violence cases impact the civil dockets of our courts and the magistrate system. In 2007, a total of 24,331 spousal abuse petitions were initiated in juvenile and domestic relations district courts across the Commonwealth. This represents roughly 10% of all domestic cases filed.<sup>35</sup> These petitions include initial petitions for family abuse protective orders, as well as motions to amend or dissolve existing orders. In addition to petitions by victims, magistrates across the Commonwealth issued 29,934 emergency protective orders for family abuse incidents.<sup>36</sup>

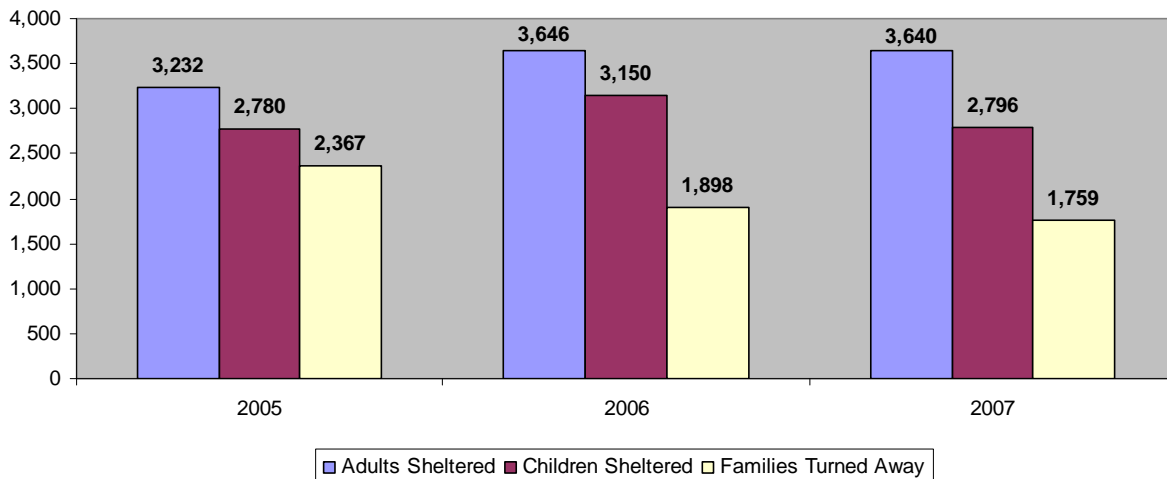
## Services to Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence

While domestic and sexual violence cases have a distinct impact on the criminal justice system, these offenses also impact social services. Domestic and sexual violence service providers engage in crisis intervention and provide hotline, shelter, and advocacy services to thousands of victims and their children each year. Among the advocacy services provided are: education, safety planning, group and individual counseling, mental health services, accompaniment to court, referral to legal services, financial and housing assistance, and transportation.

In 2007, domestic violence service providers from 47 local programs, supported by funding from the Department of Social Services, responded to 47,526 crisis situations, including 8,728 in-person requests for crisis services and 38,798 hotline calls through Virginia domestic violence hotlines. Local programs also provided advocacy services to 5,823 adults and 2,823 children.<sup>37</sup>

Through public and private funding sources, emergency and temporary shelter services are provided to thousands of men, women, and children who are victims of domestic violence. In 2007, domestic violence shelter programs provided 314,480 nights of emergency shelter to 3,640 adults and 2,796 children. On an average night in 2007, about 861 adults and children stayed in a domestic violence shelter.<sup>38</sup> However, due to a lack of bed space, not all victims who requested shelter services in 2007 were able to secure shelter accommodations. A total of 1,759 families who requested shelter services in 2007 had to be turned away.<sup>39</sup> (Figure 8) The availability of shelter services for all victims requesting shelter continues to pose a problem for local programs.

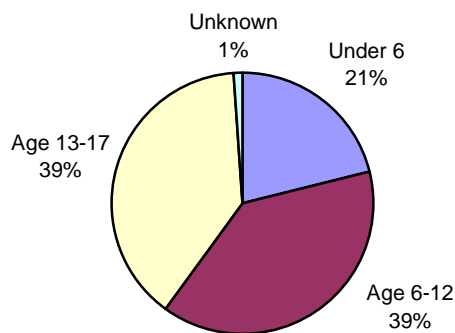
**Figure 8: Shelter Services Provided and Families Turned Away Due to Lack of Shelter Space, 2005-2007**



Source: *Domestic Violence Services in Virginia, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance*

In 2007, sexual violence service providers in 39 sexual assault crisis centers across the Commonwealth responded to 12,535 crisis situations and provided 2,703 adult and child victims with 42,108 hours of advocacy services in an effort to ease the emotional trauma to victims and to facilitate the reporting process.<sup>40</sup> Of the children who received services in local crisis centers, the majority (60%) were under the age of twelve.<sup>41</sup> (Figure 9)

**Figure 9: Age of Children Receiving Services from Sexual Violence Crisis Centers, 2007**



*Source: Sexual Violence Services in Virginia, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance*

In addition to domestic violence and sexual assault programs, local and state victim-witness programs provide direct services to victims of crime, including victims of domestic and sexual violence. Victim-witness programs provide information and referrals, support throughout the criminal justice process, assistance with victims' compensation claims from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, and personal advocacy. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) administers grant funding to 102 local victim-witness programs and four state-level victim-witness programs.

In 2007, victim-witness programs provided services to 71,247 crime victims across the Commonwealth, including 19,025 victims of domestic violence.<sup>42</sup> These programs also provided services to 1,705 adult victims and 2,989 child victims of sexual assault.<sup>43</sup>

### **Services to Children Who Witness Domestic Violence**

Providing services to children who witness domestic violence in the home is critical due to the lifelong effect that domestic violence may have on a child. Fifty-three percent (53%) of the children who received services from local domestic violence programs in 2007 directly witnessed violence in the home. In addition, 21% of children had been emotionally abused or neglected, 14% had been physically abused, and 6% had been sexually abused.<sup>44</sup>

In 2006, a statewide "needs assessment" was conducted by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA) and the Department of Social Services (DSS), Office of Family Violence. Data from the needs assessment indicated a gap in services for youth exposed to domestic violence and a lack of sufficient services offered to youth in community settings. As a result, VSDVAA developed a curriculum for domestic violence advocates on



effective advocacy services for children and youth and made increased training available to advocates statewide.<sup>45</sup>

Despite an increased awareness of the need for additional local services to youth and children, local programs continue to struggle with funding to provide comprehensive services to children and youth. In 2008, DSS offered a one-time opportunity for currently funded local programs to increase their capacity to provide services to children and youth exposed to domestic violence. Despite an overall reduction in grant funding to local programs in 2008, DSS allocated \$986,000 in reverted funding from the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), that otherwise would have been returned to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to fund one-time projects on a local level. Local programs have designated the funds for a variety of projects, including providing training for staff; instituting mentoring programs for children; purchasing child-friendly materials for program use; and providing a higher level of children's advocacy. Unfortunately, this funding source will not continue beyond the one-year grant. As a result, additional resources will be required to address services for children and youth in the future.<sup>46</sup>

## Funding Sources and Grant Programs

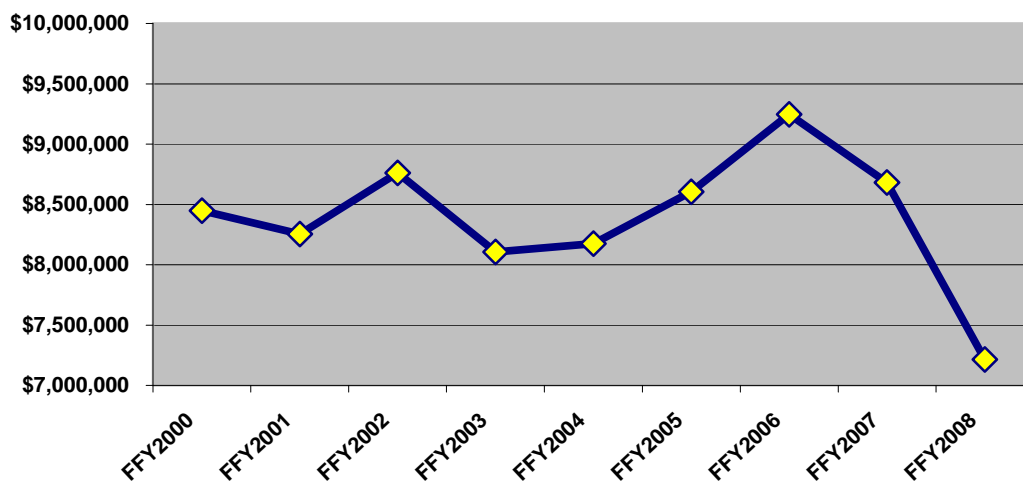
Funding for state and local programs that provide services to victims and enhance prosecution and law enforcement efforts in domestic and sexual violence cases is critical in the effort to combat domestic and sexual violence in our communities. As funding from both federal and state sources continues to decrease, however, state and local agencies that rely upon those funding sources must seek alternate funding sources, or must make difficult decisions regarding the services that can be provided to victims of sexual and domestic violence.

A substantial source of federal funding for all states is the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). VOCA funding, administered in Virginia by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), supports domestic and sexual violence programs, victim-witness programs, and programs that provide services to child victims. In FY 2008, federal VOCA funding to Virginia was drastically cut by 17%, representing the lowest amount of VOCA funding distributed to Virginia in more than eight years. (Figure 10)

Federal funds awarded to states through the Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) administered by the Office on Violence Against Women also decreased in FY 2008. Despite a slight increase in funding predicted for FY 2009, overall, federal STOP Program funds to Virginia have continuously decreased since FY 2000. (Figure 11)

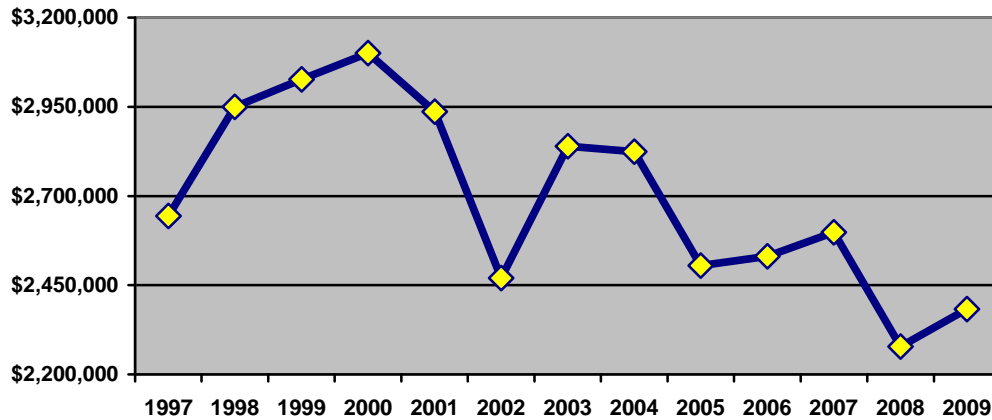
The overall funding to local and statewide programs is expected to decrease in the coming year. In addition to other likely decreases in federal funding, in FY 2009, the overall award from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to local and statewide domestic violence programs will decrease by more than 3%. Unfortunately, due to slow economic forecasts and the budget crisis currently facing local, state, and federal government agencies, it is unclear how long the trend of decreased federal and state funding will continue into the future.

**Figure 10: Total VOCA Available for All Programs, FFY2000 - FFY2008**



Source: Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

**Figure 11: Virginia STOP Allocations, 1997-2009**



*Source: Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services*

It is in this economic and budgetary context that public-private partnerships, as well as agency collaborations, become even more important in the effort to support domestic and sexual violence programs. In 2008, Verizon Wireless partnered with the Office of the Attorney General and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA) to launch “Safe in Our Communities: Community Recognition Program for Promising Practices in Domestic Violence Response.” Through its HopeLine program, Verizon Wireless pledged \$10,000 in grant funding over two years to provide monetary awards to communities recognized by the Program.

An overview of state and federal funding sources, as well as the state grant programs that fund local domestic and sexual violence programs, is provided below. A listing of funding sources is also provided in Appendix A.

## **FUNDING SOURCES<sup>47</sup>**

### **Victims of Crime Act**

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), through the Office for Victims of Crime, United States Department of Justice, provides supplemental funding for reimbursement of victims through the Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (compensation funds), and provides funding for victims’ services programs (assistance funds) across Virginia. VOCA funds are derived from fines, penalty assessments, and bond forfeitures collected from convicted federal offenders, as well as gifts, donations, and bequests from private entities. VOCA compensation funds are administered in Virginia by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF). VOCA assistance funds are administered by DCJS. VOCA assistance funding supports services including crisis intervention, counseling, transportation, services for elderly and disabled victims, shelter services, volunteer coordinators, translation services, needs assessments, and other

support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. VOCA compensation funding supplements the CICF, which assists crime victims who have suffered physical or emotional injury or death with payment of their unreimbursed expenses.

In FY 2008, Virginia received a total of \$7,215,250 in VOCA funding, representing a 17% decrease from FY 2007. These funds provided financial support to 38 local sexual assault programs, 32 local victim-witness programs, and 46 local domestic violence programs.

### **Family Violence Prevention and Services Act**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) was enacted by Congress in 1984 in order to promote public awareness and prevention of family violence as well as to provide services for victims and their dependents. FVPSA funds enable local programs to provide residential and nonresidential services to victims, including shelter or transitional housing, safety planning, counseling, legal services, child care, services for children, career planning, education, public awareness, and necessities (such as clothing, food, and transportation).

Funds from FVPSA are administered by DSS. In FY 2008, DSS administered \$2,001,270 in FVPSA funds to 46 local programs.

### **Public Health Service Act**

The Public Health Service Act (PHSA) authorizes funding for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHS) through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These funds are used for rape prevention, training, education, and other activities to reduce preventable morbidity and mortality, as well as to enhance the quality of life. In FY 2008, DCJS received \$131,000 in grant funds to support statewide sexual assault services.

### **Violence Against Women Act**

The Federal Violence Against Women Act Grant Program (VAWA) provides funding through the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), United States Department of Justice, for a number of grant programs for victims of domestic and sexual violence. It includes the Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant (STOP Program), the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP), and other discretionary grants.

In calendar year 2008, DCJS received \$2,234,238 in federal VAWA funding under the STOP Program, which in turn supported 87 programs statewide in the effort to strengthen law enforcement, investigation strategies, prosecution strategies, and victims' services. In October 2007, DCJS, in partnership with the Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Virginia State Police, and the VSDVAA, applied for a competitive Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP) and was awarded two-year GEAP continuation funding in the amount of \$1,264,542. This funding was allocated to support statewide efforts, as

well as efforts in 14 target localities, to strengthen domestic violence-related arrest policies and the enforcement of protective orders.

In 2008, the Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention (DIVP), received \$948,000 in VAWA funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support Virginia's Rape Prevention and Education initiative. Using VAWA funds, DIVP provided funding and technical assistance to 15 local sexual assault crisis centers to promote sexual violence prevention education in local communities.

Finally, OVW awards VAWA grants to each state's domestic violence coalition and sexual assault coalition for the purposes of coordinating state victims' services activities, as well as collaborating and coordinating with federal, state, and local entities. In Virginia, the state domestic and sexual violence coalition, VSDVAA, receives approximately 45% of its funding from federal sources, including VAWA funds, to support its statewide efforts to combat domestic and sexual violence.<sup>48</sup>

### **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds are used to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, who are either pregnant or who have dependent children. Program services to victims supported by TANF funds include a 24-hour confidential crisis hotline services, shelter services, crisis and supportive counseling, information and referral, transportation, legal advocacy services, and basic services for children. A total of \$1,187,500 in TANF funds were appropriated for FY 2008 for domestic violence services. Through contracts with DSS, 46 local domestic violence programs received TANF funds in 2008.

TANF funds are also used to support the Statutory Rape Awareness Program, a program federally mandated by The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and administered by the Virginia Department of Health. In FY 2008, the Statutory Rape Awareness Program was awarded \$127,500 in TANF funds to promote public awareness of and to reduce the incidence of statutory rape.

### **Virginia Family Violence Prevention Program**

Virginia established the Virginia Family Violence Prevention Program (VFVPP) in 1983 to provide additional funding for the prevention of family violence and intervention in situations involving family violence, particularly situations involving child abuse and neglect. In addition to prevention and intervention services, activities funded with VFVPP funds include the statewide Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline, statewide training, and technical assistance.

DSS administers VFVPP funds. Grants awarded through the VFVPP support basic crisis services as well as projects for the prevention of family violence on the local and state levels. In FY 2008, DSS administered \$1,500,000 in VFVPP grant funds to 46 local programs and to the statewide coalition, the VSDVAA.

## **Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund**

The Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund (VWF) was established in 1995 by Virginia Code §19.2-11.3 to support the Victim-Witness Grant Program, which provides funding for services to victims and witnesses of all crimes, including victims of domestic and sexual violence. The VWF is funded by a designated percentage of court fees and costs collected by local district and circuit courts from convicted offenders.

The VWF is administered by DCJS. In FY 2008, \$2,943,106 in funds from the VWF provided support to 102 local victim-witness programs, and four state-level victim-witness programs.

## **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund**

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) was created in 2004 by Virginia Code §9.1-116.1 to support the prosecution of domestic violence, sexual violence, sexual abuse, stalking and family abuse cases, and to support victims' services. The VSDVVF is funded by a designated percentage of court fees and costs collected by local district courts from convicted offenders.

The VSDVVF is administered by DCJS. In 2008, DCJS awarded a total of almost \$2,400,000 to 29 local Commonwealth's Attorneys to enhance prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases, as well as to 33 local domestic and sexual violence programs to fund services for victims.

## **Federal and State Shelter Grants**

In addition to two state funding sources, the State Shelter Grant (SSG) and the Child Services Coordinator Grant (CSCG), Virginia receives federal funding for homeless shelter programs through the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Child Care for Homeless Children Program, funded through a block grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. State and federal shelter grant funding is administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) through the State Homeless Housing Assistance Resources (SHARE) Program.

Although shelter grants focus primarily on shelter services for the homeless population, funds from these programs also provide support to domestic violence shelters. Approximately 40% of the emergency shelters throughout the Commonwealth, funded by these state and federal programs, are categorized as domestic violence shelters. In FY 2008, DHCD administered a total of \$8.4 million in SSG and ESG funds to 116 shelter service providers, including 32 domestic violence shelters.<sup>49</sup> For FY 2009 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009), 37 domestic violence shelters will receive approximately \$1.2 million in SSG and ESG funds. In addition, 20 domestic violence shelters will receive approximately \$400,000 in CSCG funding.

## **Kids First License Plates**

The Family and Children's Trust (FACT) Fund generates revenue from the sale of KIDS FIRST license plates. These funds support grants for family violence programs and public awareness initiatives. In 2007, KIDS FIRST license plates generated a total of \$247,425 in revenue.<sup>50</sup>

## **Income Tax Refund Donation**

Taxpayers may voluntarily donate all or part of their state income tax refund to FACT. Revenue from income tax check-off supports family violence prevention, treatment, and public awareness projects. In 2007, the income-tax check-off program generated approximately \$30,000 in revenue.<sup>51</sup>

## **GRANT PROGRAMS**

### **State Homeless Housing Assistance Resources (SHARE) Program**

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) administers the SHARE Program. The SHARE Program provides funding for emergency and transitional housing, including domestic violence shelters. SHARE funds are used for maintenance, rent and utilities, or for other residential and non-residential services for those in shelter. In FY 2008, 32 domestic violence shelters receiving funds from DHCD provided shelter to 2,467 households, a total of 4,456 people.

### **Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Program**

The Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Program is a program of the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS). This Program promotes awareness, education, prevention, and service programs. DSS awards grants to public and private nonprofit, incorporated agencies and organizations that provide direct crisis services to victims of domestic violence.

In FY 2008, DSS awarded approximately \$6,902,466 in funding to local and statewide domestic violence programs, using a combination of federal grant funds from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and state funds. The state funds are derived from the Virginia Family Violence Prevention Program (VFPVPP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), and general appropriations. In FY 2009, however, due to a decrease in federal VOCA and FVPSA funds, the overall award to local and statewide programs is expected to decrease by more than 3%.

### **Sexual Assault Grant Program**

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services administers the Sexual Assault Grant Program (SAGP), which distributes funds to local sexual assault crisis centers and statewide programs to provide or enhance direct services to victims of sexual assault. SAGP awards are made to local and state programs using a combination of federal and state funds,

including VOCA funds, Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHS) funds, and state general funds. In FY 2008, DCJS awarded almost \$3 million to 38 local and statewide sexual assault programs.

### **Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP)**

The GEAP program is a federal discretionary grant funded by VAWA funds administered by the OVW. The goal of the GEAP program is to encourage communities to adopt a coordinated community response in the treatment of domestic violence as a serious violation of criminal law.

In October 2007, DCJS, in partnership with the Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Virginia Department of State Police, and VSDVAA, applied for this competitive grant and received two-year GEAP continuation funding in the amount of \$1,264,542. The GEAP funding will support local and statewide efforts to strengthen domestic violence-related arrest policies and the enforcement of protective orders. Currently, the agencies of the Virginia GEAP partnership provide local assistance to fourteen target communities statewide: the Counties of Albemarle, Dickenson, Fairfax, Henry, Lee, Russell, Scott, Washington, and Wise; the Cities of Charlottesville, Roanoke, Martinsville, and Norfolk; and the University of Virginia. These localities were selected for GEAP assistance after an analysis of a number of data elements, including population, domestic violence-related crime statistics, and available data related to the issuance and service of protective orders.

### **Victim-Witness Program Grant**

Victim-Witness grants provide funds to local victim-witness programs and statewide victim assistance programs that provide information, direct services, and assistance to victims and witnesses of crime as required by Virginia's Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act. In FY 2008, DCJS awarded a total of \$9,272,662 to a total of 106 state and local programs using a combination of funds from VOCA, the Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund (VWF), and general funds.

### **STOP Violence Against Women Grant (STOP)**

Federal Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grants are awarded to states to develop and strengthen the response of the criminal justice system to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to support and enhance services for victims. In Virginia, federal STOP funding is referred to as Virginia-STOP or "V-STOP" funding. In 2008, DCJS awarded \$2,234,238 in V-STOP funding to 87 law enforcement agencies, Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices, and domestic violence programs statewide.

### **Sexual Violence Prevention Programming Grant**

The Division for Injury and Violence Prevention of the Virginia Department of Health (DIVP) contracts with local sexual assault centers to provide sexual violence prevention



programming in localities. Services and activities funded include: intensive youth-peer education; multisession, curriculum-based education; community education; train-the-trainer programs; and public awareness campaigns or events. In 2008, DIVP administered funds to 15 local sexual assault crisis centers across the Commonwealth.

### **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund**

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) administers grant funds from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) to support the prosecution of domestic violence cases, law enforcement efforts, and victim services (including sexual assault, stalking, and civil legal assistance programs). One-half of the funds are dedicated to supporting the prosecution of felonies and misdemeanors involving domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking, and family abuse. In FY 2008, DCJS awarded \$2.4 million in funds to 29 localities and 33 state and local agencies for prosecutor positions, victims' services, and law enforcement programs.

## **Agency Efforts and Initiatives**

In 2008, agencies and organizations across the Commonwealth continued their efforts to provide services to victims of domestic and sexual violence; increase public awareness and educate communities about domestic and sexual violence; and hold offenders accountable. These agencies and organizations also developed new programs and initiatives to support the fight against sexual and domestic violence.

### **Office of the Attorney General**

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) promotes public awareness of domestic and sexual violence issues in the Commonwealth through the implementation of a number of domestic violence initiatives, training, collaboration, and grant programs. The OAG actively promotes sound public policy and legislative efforts to enhance victim safety and to hold offenders accountable. The OAG also collaborates with state agencies, nonprofit organizations, and businesses to address the issues of domestic and sexual violence in communities across the Commonwealth. Further, the OAG assists with providing training to prosecutors, law enforcement, and allied professionals, as well as provides resources to victims of domestic and sexual violence. The OAG employs the Statewide Facilitator for Victims of Domestic Violence, a position created by Virginia Code §2.2-515.1, to assist agencies with the implementation of domestic violence programs.

#### **Training and Technical Assistance**

Through two grants from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), the STOP Violence Against Women Grant (V-STOP) and the Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP), the OAG provides training and technical assistance to prosecutors, law enforcement, and allied professionals in the criminal justice system on domestic and sexual violence issues.

Through funding from the V-STOP grant, the OAG produces resource materials and provides training for law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service providers, and victims. The materials and training includes information on domestic and sexual violence laws; accessing domestic violence resources; and working with victims from underserved communities, including victims from the elderly, disabled, non-English speaking, tribal, and immigrant populations.

The OAG also participates in the Virginia GEAP Partnership, a collaborative effort of five state agencies and one nonprofit organization. In October 2007, the Virginia GEAP Partnership was awarded a total of \$1,264,542 in continuation funding for a two-year grant cycle, ending September 30, 2009. The OAG received \$193,904 from this amount to fund an Assistant Attorney General position and to provide training and technical assistance to prosecutors and law enforcement on domestic and sexual violence issues. Currently, the Virginia GEAP Partnership provides training and technical assistance on domestic violence

issues including arrest policies, protective orders, and community collaboration to stakeholders in fourteen Virginia communities.

As a joint effort under the V-STOP and GEAP Grants, in August and September 2008, the OAG conducted two training conferences for 122 prosecutors, law enforcement, and victim-witness assistants entitled “Prosecuting Domestic Violence Cases.” Training topics included an overview of domestic and sexual violence laws and recent legislation, evidence-based prosecution of domestic violence cases, working with elderly and disabled victims, overcoming cultural barriers, and working with forensic nurse examiners in domestic and sexual violence cases.

### **Address Confidentiality Program**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-515.2, the OAG also administers the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), a voluntary, confidential mail-forwarding service for victims of domestic violence who have recently moved to a location unknown to their abusers. The Program permits a participant to use a “substitute” mailing address in lieu of his or her home address in an effort to keep the victim’s physical location confidential. The substitute address is a post office box, maintained by the OAG in Richmond, with no relation to the participant’s actual address. The OAG serves as each program participant’s legal agent for receipt of mail and for service of process. The OAG receives participant mail and is responsible for forwarding the mail to the participant. When a program participant applies for government services, state and local government agencies must accept the ACP substitute address as though it is the participant’s actual residential address.

The ACP originally was piloted in July 2007, in Arlington County. The pilot program provided limited data after its first year of operation in a single county. As a result of legislation passed during the 2008 General Assembly Session, effective July 1, 2008, the Program was expanded to include eighteen localities: the Counties of Albemarle, Arlington, Augusta, Dickenson, Fairfax, Henry, Lee, Rockbridge, Russell, Scott, Washington, and Wise, and the Cities of Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Lexington, Martinsville, Norfolk, and Roanoke.

While the ACP cannot provide absolute protection for victims, it can be an effective element of an overall safety plan. Victims are encouraged to seek counseling through a local domestic violence program, a sexual assault crisis center, or through shelter services for safety planning information. Additional information on the ACP can be found at: <http://www.vaag.com>.

### **Public Awareness**

In 2008, as part of the continuing effort to promote public awareness of domestic and sexual violence issues across the Commonwealth and in underserved communities, the OAG provided outreach and public awareness materials to attendees at Native American Pow-Wow Conferences in Central Virginia and worked with the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance to provide training to allied professionals on the Eastern Shore of Virginia on working with underserved populations.

In addition, the OAG continued its efforts to raise public awareness about domestic violence through the Cut Out Domestic Violence Program, an effort designed to provide salon professionals with information on domestic violence and how to help clients who are victims of abuse. Although the program provides information on domestic violence, it is not designed to train salon professionals to become domestic violence counselors; salon professionals are not encouraged or required to report suspected cases of abuse. In 2008, the OAG provided Cut Out Domestic Violence information to cosmetology students at Hermitage Technical Center in Henrico County.

The OAG also provides access to resources and printed materials, including resources on domestic violence in the workplace, stalking, and batterer intervention programs, on the OAG website: [www.vaag.com](http://www.vaag.com).

### **Safe in Our Communities: Community Recognition Program for Promising Practices in Domestic Violence Response**

On October 3, 2008, the OAG launched “Safe in Our Communities: Community Recognition Program for Promising Practices in Domestic Violence Response.” This Program was developed in partnership with several state agencies and organizations, including the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Virginia Poverty Law Center, the Virginia State Police, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. The Community Recognition Program recognizes localities for their innovative practices to combat domestic violence.

The application deadline for localities is January 30, 2009. Localities selected for recognition through the Program will receive formal recognition from the Attorney General in the spring of 2009. Additionally, through its own generosity, Verizon Wireless will provide recognized localities with monetary awards from the Verizon Wireless HopeLine Program. The promising and innovative practices of localities will be highlighted at domestic violence awareness events throughout 2009.

### **Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia<sup>52</sup>**

The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia (OES) coordinates programs to improve the administration of Virginia courts and publishes reference materials for judges, magistrates, and court personnel. The OES also provides ongoing training and technical assistance to judges, magistrates, and court personnel across the Commonwealth on a range of issues that impact the courts, including training on domestic and sexual violence issues. The OES administers the I-CAN! project in Virginia, as well as an initiative to establish guidelines for court referral of domestic violence offenders to education and treatment programs.

#### **I-CAN!**

I-CAN! is an online forms completion program that creates properly formatted petitions for individuals seeking family abuse protective orders in Virginia. Instructions for completion of

the petition are provided in both English and Spanish, with all petitions generated in English for the court. The I-CAN! project has been funded through V-STOP grants since 2003.<sup>53</sup> Officially launched in 2004, I-CAN! is accessible to all citizens through the Supreme Court of Virginia's website, [http://www.courts.state.va.us/programs/asst\\_with\\_family\\_abuse\\_protective\\_orders.html](http://www.courts.state.va.us/programs/asst_with_family_abuse_protective_orders.html).

In addition to the development, maintenance, and management of the I-CAN! family abuse protective order module, V-STOP grant funds have provided for the development and delivery of training for judges and clerks in Virginia and the development of a training manual for local working groups wishing to implement I-CAN! in their jurisdictions. Technical assistance has also been provided to 12 Virginia localities in the formation of interdisciplinary I-CAN! working groups.

In July 2008, the Supreme Court also completed work on the I-CAN! Accessibility Project with representatives from agencies including the Office of the Attorney General, Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Social Work and Partnership for People with Disabilities, and the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in an effort to improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities to protective orders through the I-CAN! online system.

### **Court Referral Methods for Domestic Violence Offenders**

In 2004, the General Assembly directed the OES to “determine appropriate standards for the approval of education and treatment programs for persons accused of assault and battery against a family or household member pursuant to §18.2-57.3 and arrange for such programs to be approved by an appropriate entity.”<sup>54</sup> As a result, the OES formed a state-level advisory group and implemented a local court pilot program to develop court orders for assault and battery cases under Virginia Code §18.2-57.2, to review certification of local batterer intervention programs, and to identify ways of monitoring offender compliance with court orders.

In February 2008, the OES issued a report outlining the findings of the state-level advisory group as well as the findings of the local court pilot program. The report includes recommendations regarding the assessment and referral of domestic violence offenders, the standards for certification of batterer intervention programs by the state and use of batterer intervention programs by the courts, the use of probation supervision and sanctions for noncompliance with court orders, and the need for communication and coordination among courts and agencies involved in domestic violence cases.<sup>55</sup>

### **Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence Issues in Virginia's Courts**

In 2007, Chief Justice Leroy Rountree Hassell, Sr., established the Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence Issues in Virginia's Courts to provide advice and guidance on the courts' handling of domestic violence-related cases. The Committee also addresses the content and format of domestic violence-related training provided to judicial personnel including judges, magistrates, and clerks. The Committee's first meeting was held on July 19, 2007.

The full Committee meets three times a year in addition to subcommittee meetings. Members include representatives from the Virginia Court of Appeals, the circuit, general district, and juvenile and domestic relations district courts, magistrates, court clerks, the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, attorneys in private practice, law enforcement agencies, and representatives of the OES.

The Advisory Committee has provided guidance to the Chief Justice and the OES on several domestic violence issues. In 2007, the Advisory Committee's Subcommittee on *Pro Se* Litigants and Concurrent Civil and Criminal Matters reviewed and provided recommendations on court referral methods for domestic violence offenders developed pursuant to Senate Bill 236, Chapter 972 (2004), and I-CAN!, Virginia's family abuse protective order online forms completion program. Additionally, in 2008, the Collaborative Community Response and Interagency Communications/Database Subcommittee reviewed and provided recommendations on the conformance of Virginia's family abuse protective order forms with Project Passport<sup>56</sup> and federal requirements regarding judicial notice of federal firearms prohibitions.

### **Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protective Orders (GEAP)**

The OES receives funding as a member agency of the Virginia GEAP Partnership,<sup>57</sup> a collaborative effort of five state agencies and one nonprofit organization to provide statewide and local training and technical assistance on domestic violence issues with the goal of improving arrest policies and enforcement of protective orders.

In October 2007, the Virginia GEAP Partnership was awarded a total of \$1,264,542 in continuation funding for a two-year grant cycle, ending September 30, 2009. Of this amount, the OES received \$196,210 to fund a Domestic Violence Program Analyst position and to provide training and technical assistance to judges, magistrates, and court personnel on domestic and sexual violence issues.

### **The Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia<sup>58</sup>**

The Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT) was created by the General Assembly in 1986 as a public-private partnership for the prevention and treatment of family violence, including child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and neglect, dating violence, and suicide.<sup>59</sup>

FACT is administered by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The Board of Trustees is vested with the statutory authority to: (1) encourage, approve, and accept gifts, contributions, bequests, or grants from any public or private source to carry out the purposes of FACT; (2) administer and disburse any funds available to FACT and monitor the use of those funds; (3) engage in fundraising activities to expand and perpetuate the FACT Fund; (4) coordinate activities with other state efforts to prevent and treat family violence; and (5) encourage public awareness activities concerning family violence.<sup>60</sup>

FACT not only relies on public funding sources, it also relies on support from private organizations and individuals. Virginia citizens may purchase KIDS FIRST license plates or donate some or all of their Virginia State income tax refund to FACT. In 2007, FACT received \$247,425 in funding from the Kids First license plate campaign, and approximately \$30,000 in funding from income tax refund donation.<sup>61</sup>

In 2008, FACT funding supported 41 local projects and programs, including programs that offered parenting education classes, shelter services, outreach and counseling services, services for children exposed to domestic violence, services for underserved populations, and hotline services. FACT funding also supported a Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Video targeting teachers and others working with children; “Open Eyes, Open Arms,” a video about dating violence targeting middle school children; and “Together Against Violence,” a statewide family violence public awareness campaign. Ordering information for these videos and other resources can be obtained online at [www.fact.state.va.us](http://www.fact.state.va.us).

Also in 2008, FACT sponsored a training conference, “Community Collaboration in Preventing Family Violence,” focused on building collaborative and cooperative community efforts to address family violence. The Conference highlighted a variety of topics including social indicators of family violence, funding development, successful family violence programs, and creating successful community collaborations.

## **Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Center on Aging<sup>62</sup>**

The Virginia Center on Aging (VCoA), housed at Virginia Commonwealth University, was created by legislation enacted by the Virginia General Assembly in 1978. The Center is “an interdisciplinary study, research, information and resource facility for the Commonwealth of Virginia.” VCoA is the only such center in Virginia.

VCoA has four core operating objectives: 1) training, education, and lifelong learning; 2) Alzheimer’s research and education; 3) expanding the community’s capacity to provide caregiving to the aging population; and 4) serving as a statewide resource center for aging Virginians. VCoA also addresses the issue of domestic violence against women aged 50 and older. VCoA receives V-STOP (Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors) funding from the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to address domestic violence and sexual assault committed against victims in later life. VCoA receives funding from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) to support statewide efforts against family violence, including training and technical assistance, as well as training materials on elder abuse and domestic violence in later life. Additionally, VCoA receives funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), United States Department of Justice, to pilot a three-year training project for criminal justice professionals on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic and sexual violence in later life.

### **Domestic Violence in Later Life Grant Projects**

VCoA is the leading agency of the Central Virginia Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life, a regional collaboration of aging services, criminal justice professionals, domestic

and sexual violence programs, and allied professionals working together to raise awareness and improve the community response to women aged 50 and older who are the victims of domestic and sexual violence.

VCoA administered two grant projects on behalf of the Task Force in 2007-2008: the Central Virginia Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life Project and the Family Violence Project.

In both 2007 and 2008, VCoA was awarded \$31,467 in annual V-STOP grant funding for the Central Virginia Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life Project.<sup>63</sup> The goal of the project is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated, and cross-trained community response to domestic violence and sexual assault in later life by increasing awareness, education, and specialized resources for law enforcement, criminal justice professionals, aging service providers, domestic violence advocates, and allied service professionals. The project currently focuses its efforts on the City of Richmond and Counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico. During 2007, the project trained 352 individuals, and in 2008, through September, 165 individuals.

Also in 2007 and 2008, VCoA was awarded \$9,808 in annual continuation funding from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) for the Family Violence Project.<sup>64</sup> The goal of the statewide project is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated, and cross-trained community response to family violence that impacts women aged 50 and older. During 2008, the project coordinator provided consultations and presentations at meetings of statewide organizations, assisted the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA) with the Rural Outreach and Education for Sexual Abuse Services initiatives, and worked with the Women's Resource Center of New River Valley for a conference in October 2008. Also in 2008, the project coordinator participated in national presentations on domestic violence in later life, including a presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, and a co-presentation on "Community Collaboration: Responding to Domestic Violence in Later Life" at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference.

### **Central Virginia Training Alliance to Stop Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation**

VCoA and a coalition of Richmond area law enforcement agencies, Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices, and service providers were awarded one of ten competitive grants in October 2006 to pilot a three-year training project for criminal justice professionals on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. During 2007 and 2008, the Central Virginia Training Alliance to Stop Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, funded by the OVW, focused on building cross-sector collaboration (investigation to prosecution) and providing access to training for law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges. The Alliance offered five two-day training programs for law enforcement officers in Central Virginia, training a total of 120 officers and 13 additional allied professionals on elder abuse dynamics and investigation strategies. Training funds were also used to send eight prosecutors and one judge to national discipline-specific trainings on elder abuse. In addition to training efforts, the Alliance is nearing completion of a legal remedies



booklet for training participants, project collaborators, and other community stakeholders. The booklet will be distributed at training courses in 2009.

## **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services**<sup>65</sup>

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is charged with planning and implementing programs to improve the functioning and effectiveness of the criminal justice system. DCJS accomplishes its mission through providing funding, training, and technical assistance to agencies, programs, individuals, and localities. Through the Victims Services Section, DCJS develops, coordinates, and funds victim-witness programs, sexual assault crisis centers, and programs that combat violence against women. DCJS offers services, training, and resources to victim service providers, law enforcement officers, allied professionals, prosecutors, and other local government officials. The Victims Services Section also provides technical assistance to localities in establishing, maintaining, and expanding victim assistance programs; monitors, assesses, and disseminates information on victim-related legislation; and monitors and evaluates grant programs.

In 2008, the Victim Services Section administered more than \$16.8 million in grant funding to support local victim assistance programs, local prosecutors, local domestic and sexual violence agencies, and state and local victim-witness programs. As a result, thousands of victims received services from local programs, thousands of law enforcement officers and allied professionals received domestic and sexual violence-related training, and dozens of localities benefited from funding and technical assistance.

### **The Virginia Partnership Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP)**

In October 2007, the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women awarded a competitive federal Grant to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP) to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the amount of \$1,264,542. DCJS, along with partner agencies—the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia State Police, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the Virginia Department of Health, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, applied for this grant as the Virginia “GEAP” Partnership. The goal of the GEAP Partnership is to improve coordinated community response to domestic violence on the local and state levels.

As a member of the GEAP Partnership, DCJS conducts instructor schools for law enforcement trainers at the local level to obtain advanced skills in the area of domestic violence intervention and nonstranger, adult sexual assault. DCJS also works with local law enforcement agencies and task forces on improving the reporting, investigation, and documentation of domestic and sexual violence incidents. In November 2008, DCJS conducted a three-day train-the-trainer program, “Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence,” for teams of law enforcement officers and domestic violence advocates in Bristol, Virginia. In addition, DCJS will offer a three-day train-the-trainer program for law enforcement officers and sexual violence advocates in 2009 entitled “Law Enforcement Response to Adult Sexual Violence.”

## **The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund**

First created by legislation enacted by the Virginia General Assembly in 2004, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) provides funding to assist in protecting and providing necessary services to victims of and children affected by sexual violence, domestic violence, stalking, and family abuse.

VSDVVF funds are generated by a two dollar increase in the assessment of misdemeanor fees in general district courts. During the past two-year period, approximately \$2.4 million has been deposited into the VSDVVF fund for the purpose of funding discretionary victims' services programs. An additional \$2.4 million has been deposited for the purpose of funding local prosecutors.

During the 2007–2008 funding cycles, VSDVVF grants were awarded by DCJS to 31 discretionary programs for the purpose of providing services to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and family abuse. Funding was also provided to 29 local units of government for the purposes of funding the costs of additional prosecutors, paralegals, or legal secretaries, or to enhance existing resources that provide services to victims and their children who are affected by domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking and family abuse.

In 2007, VSDVVF supported victims' services programs provided services to 4,693 victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and family abuse. Also, in 2007, a total of 8,700 charges involving adult and/or child victims were reported by programs and agencies supported by VSDVVF funding.

VSDVVF funds were used to support important and innovative programs on the local level. For example, VSDVVF grant funds supported a program at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital (SNGH) that trained and certified six emergency room nurses as Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE). Using VSDVVF funds, SNGH also plans to establish a mobile sexual assault program that would eliminate excess travel to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and allow SANE nurses immediate access to victims.

In 2007-2008, programs supported by VSDVVF funds also continued to increase and enhance community support for domestic and sexual violence efforts. In October of 2008, The James House in Hopewell was selected to receive the Cleveland A. Wright Award for Outstanding Community Service, which recognizes nonprofit programs for their commitment to caring and generosity of spirit, as well as its openness and accessibility.

In addition to funding, DCJS provided technical assistance to aid local programs in achieving and reporting on their grant goals and objectives. During the 2008 funding cycle, localities including Essex County, New Kent County, and Loudoun County received extensive technical assistance in an effort to improve the reporting process.

## **Virginia – Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (V-STOP)**

DCJS was designated in 1995 as the Virginia agency to implement the Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The STOP Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. The STOP Program also encourages the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and strengthening of victims services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

Virginia's STOP grant program is referred to as "V-STOP." The year 2008 marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year that Virginia has received federal STOP funding to support projects serving diverse localities across the state. Currently, there are a total of 87 initiatives funded in Virginia, including 19 law enforcement initiatives, 16 prosecution initiatives, five court-related initiatives, 38 victims' services initiatives, and 13 discretionary initiatives.

In 2006, there were a total of 898 training events that were funded with V-STOP funding, training a total of 14,227 allied professionals and volunteers in Virginia.<sup>†</sup> The most common training topics included: overview of domestic violence, dynamics and services; law enforcement response; advocate response; safety planning for victims/survivors; and protective orders (including full faith and credit). Also in 2006, victims' services subgrantees provided services to 16,587 victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking to help them become and remain safe from violence.

Additionally, V-STOP funded law enforcement officers investigated a total of 2,927 cases related to domestic, sexual, and/or dating violence and stalking. Finally, in 2006, V-STOP funded prosecutors worked on 67 sexual violence related cases, 4,769 cases related to domestic violence, and 72 stalking related cases.

### **Sexual Assault Grant Program**

The purpose of the Sexual Assault Grant Program (SAGP) is to provide or enhance direct services to victims of sexual assault. SAGP seeks to ensure that 100% of Virginia's citizens have access to comprehensive sexual assault intervention services.

There are three funding sources for SAGP. First, annual appropriations from the State General Fund have partially funded local and statewide intervention efforts since 1989. Second, federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds have supported services to sexual assault victims since 1984. Finally, federal Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) funds have been used for the statewide administration and management of local programs and activities since 1999.

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<sup>†</sup> Data for 2007 and 2008 STOP funded programs has not been released by the Office on Violence Against Women as of the date of compilation of this Report.

SAGP funds 37 local sexual assault crisis centers. The Program also funds sexual violence programming of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. Direct services supported by SAGP funds include crisis intervention, follow-up contact, emergency assistance, assistance with compensation claims, information and referrals, personal advocacy, and criminal justice support.

The direct beneficiaries of this funding are primary and secondary victims of sexual assault. In FY 2007, SAGP funded services for 10,293 new victims of sexual violence.

## **Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention**<sup>66</sup>

The Division of Injury and Violence Prevention (DIVP) provides funding and technical assistance to local sexual assault centers for local prevention education efforts. The DIVP also provides training and resources on sexual and domestic violence to health care providers, including resources directed at improving the healthcare response to youth violence.

The DIVP also collects and analyzes data on the prevalence of sexual violence in the Commonwealth. The DIVP participates in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), an on-going telephone health survey system that tracks health conditions and risk behaviors of adults in the United States. Results from the Virginia BRFSS survey, which includes survey data on sexual violence and intimate partner violence, are reported on the DIVP website: [www.vahealth.org/civp](http://www.vahealth.org/civp).

### **Project RADAR**

An initiative of the Division of Injury and Violence Prevention, Project RADAR assists Virginia health care professionals in effectively identifying, assessing, and managing patients experiencing intimate partner violence. Project RADAR provides information on best practice policies, guidelines, and assessment tools; training programs and specialty-specific curricula; awareness and educational materials; and information on the latest research related to intimate partner violence.

#### **Project RADAR:**

**R**outinely inquire about current and past violence  
**A**sk direct questions  
**D**ocument findings  
**A**ssess safety  
**R**eview options and referrals

In 2007, more than 1,400 health care professionals across the Commonwealth were trained using Project RADAR curriculum. In 2007 and 2008, in collaboration with the Old Dominion University College of Health Sciences, a number of Virginia hospitals participated in a hospital domestic violence policy analysis project, involving a review of the hospitals' relevant abuse policies based on best practice standards. Additional information regarding Project RADAR can be found online at: [www.vahealth.org/civp/projectradarva/](http://www.vahealth.org/civp/projectradarva/).

### **Rape Prevention and Education Initiative**

Virginia's Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) initiative provides funding and technical assistance to local sexual assault centers so that they can offer prevention education in

local communities. RPE collects and analyzes data on the prevalence of sexual violence, provides training and develops and promotes resources.

In 2008, the RPE initiative provided support to 15 sexual assault crisis centers across Virginia. Also in 2008, RPE, in partnership with the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, offered trainings on effective prevention strategies for sexual and intimate partner violence, and continued development of guidelines for primary prevention programs that are expected to be distributed statewide in 2009.



RPE also provides outreach to males to encourage involvement in the issue through training, education and a public awareness campaign. In 2008, RPE continued the Men Ending Violence public awareness campaign, which focuses on the role men can play in sexual violence prevention. The goal of the Men Ending Violence Program is not only to involve men in prevention efforts, it is also to send the message that rape and sexual assault are not “just women’s issues.”

*Virginia Department of Health's  
Men Ending Violence Campaign*

### **Statutory Rape Awareness Program**

The Virginia Department of Health receives funding through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) to provide training and resources to address statutory rape and sexual coercion of minor teens. The goals of the Statutory Rape Awareness Program are to: raise community awareness of the problem of statutory rape, reduce the incidence of statutory rape, educate youth service professionals on topic of statutory rape, and educate youth about sexual coercion. The program provides education and training on the issue of statutory rape to state and local education systems, family planning nurses, relevant counseling services, and youth. It also educates men about statutory rape by working with professionals whose clients are men and boys. For more information on the Statutory Rape Awareness Program, visit: <http://www.vahealth.org/civp/sexualviolence/statutoryrape.asp>.

### **Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**<sup>67</sup>

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 32.1-283.3 (B), the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) conducts surveillance of fatal family violence and provides technical assistance to local teams conducting family and intimate partner fatality review. Fatal family violence is defined as any fatality attributed to homicide or suicide occurring as a result of abuse between family members or intimate partners. The OCME collects and analyzes data on fatal family violence in Virginia and publishes a yearly report entitled “Family and Intimate Partner Violence Homicide.” Yearly reports can be accessed at: [www.vdh.virginia.gov/medExam/Violence.htm](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/medExam/Violence.htm).

In addition, as part of its surveillance efforts, the OCME receives grant funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for the Virginia Violent Death Reporting System (VVDRS). VVDRS conducts surveillance of violent death cases for reporting to the CDC. VVDRS cases include, but are not limited to, homicide and suicide cases related to domestic violence.

In October 2007, the OCME received two-year grant funding in the amount of \$186,499 as a partner agency under The Virginia Partnership Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP). Under the GEAP grant, the OCME works with jurisdictions across Virginia as they come together to plan and implement local or regional fatality review teams. Fatality review teams carefully examine the dynamics and circumstances associated with family and intimate partner-related deaths in order to identify prevention strategies and strengthen community capacity to respond effectively when domestic violence occurs.

As of October 1, 2008, twelve local domestic violence fatality review teams have been established across the Commonwealth of Virginia. A listing of local fatality review teams is provided in Appendix B.

## **Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development**<sup>68</sup>

The mission of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is to create safe, affordable, and prosperous communities to live, work and do business in Virginia. DHCD partners with Virginia's communities to develop their economic potential; regulates Virginia's building and fire codes; provides training and certification for building officials; and invests more than \$100 million each year into housing and community development projects throughout the Commonwealth. The majority of these projects are designed to help low-to-moderate-income citizens. By partnering with local governments, nonprofit groups, state and federal agencies, and others, DHCD strives to improve the quality of life for Virginians.

DHCD administers four grants to support homeless shelters in Virginia. While none of the grants are targeted specifically toward domestic violence service providers or programs, the shelter grant programs (State Shelter Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, Child Services Coordinator Grant, and Child Care for Homeless Children Program) are available to homeless shelter providers that target victims of domestic violence. Approximately 40% of the emergency shelters throughout the Commonwealth funded by these programs are categorized as domestic violence shelters.

The State Shelter Grant (SSG) and federally funded Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) provide funding to support the operation and administration of shelter facilities for the homeless, as well as support services. In fiscal year 2008, 32 domestic violence shelters supported by SSG and ESG funds provided shelter to 2,467 households – a total of 4,456 people. Approximately 15% of all individuals served by SSG and ESG funds were domestic violence victims.<sup>69</sup> For the upcoming fiscal year, 37 domestic violence shelters will receive approximately \$1.2 million in SSG and ESG funds.

The Child Services Coordinator Grant (CSCG) provides salary support for coordinators of services to ensure that the special health, mental health, and education needs of homeless children residing in shelters are addressed. In fiscal year 2009, 20 domestic violence shelters will receive approximately \$400,000 to aid in this effort. In addition, the Child Care for Homeless Children Program (CCHCP) grant assists homeless families in shelter facilities with the cost of childcare while working or participating in an educational or job training program. These funds are very limited (\$300,000 statewide for all homeless facilities) and are requested on an as needed basis.

## **Virginia Department of Social Services, Office of Family Violence**<sup>70</sup>

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 63.2-1611 through 63.2-1615, the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) is responsible for the coordination and management of domestic violence prevention and service efforts across the Commonwealth. In accomplishing its statutory mission, the Virginia Department of Social Services, Office of Family Violence (OFV), funds local public and private nonprofit domestic violence programs that address the issue of domestic violence within their community and provide services to all people in that community who have experienced or been impacted by domestic violence. The OFV's primary goals are to support local domestic violence programs; to provide leadership and coordination within DSS on domestic violence as it relates to child and abuse and neglect and other DSS service areas; to educate local DSS agencies, community organizations and the general public on the effects of domestic violence; and to work collaboratively with the state domestic violence coalition and other state agencies. The OFV endeavors to provide consistent and reliable services through local service providers for victims and children in every locality of the Commonwealth.<sup>71</sup>

### **Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Program - Support to Domestic Violence Programs**

In 2007, OFV awarded approximately \$6.7 million in grant funding to 46 local domestic violence programs and to the statewide domestic violence coalition, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA).<sup>72</sup> In 2008, the OFV continued funding to these programs through 2009, awarding funds totaling approximately \$6.4 million.

Through contracts with local domestic violence programs and the VSDVAA, OFV funds enable local programs to provide an array of direct domestic violence services to victims and their children, including crisis hotline services; shelter services to victims and their children; transportation services; translation services for limited and non-English speaking victims; services for children and youth exposed to domestic violence; legal advocacy services, including court accompaniment, explanation of legal options and referrals to attorneys; assistance with applications for social services; and safety planning and counseling services for victims in crisis and noncrisis situations.

In addition to funding local programs that provide services to victims and their children, through a contract with VSDVAA, the OFV also supports the Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline, the Virginia Data Collection Project (VAdata), the provision of technical

assistance for local programs and communities, as well as the provision of training for local domestic violence advocates.

### Services to Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

Despite a reduction in overall grant funding to local programs in 2008, additional funding from the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) was used by the Office of Family Violence to offer a one-time opportunity for currently funded local programs to increase their capacity to provide services to children and youth who have witnessed domestic violence. Due to limited domestic violence funding, many programs were providing only very basic services to children. This one-time project distributed \$986,000 in funds that would otherwise be returned to the United States Department of Health and Human Services. It gave programs an opportunity to creatively provide additional services to children and youth who reside in domestic violence shelters or in the community. Programs are using the funds to obtain specific training for staff; provide a mentoring program for children; purchase child-friendly materials for their program to use; and provide a higher level of children’s advocacy. The diversity of the project proposals illustrated a tremendous need for ongoing child-specific funding.

### Public Awareness

In an effort to increase awareness regarding domestic violence issues, the OFV develops and distributes resource materials to local domestic violence programs, local social services departments, and the public. In 2008, the OFV produced a quarterly newsletter for local domestic violence programs, as well as a separate newsletter for local departments of social services. Both newsletters provided an opportunity to share valuable information on issues such as immigration, domestic violence in the workplace, and improving collaborative efforts.



In 2008, the OFV also continued promotion of the “Domestic Violence: It’s Closer Than You Think” public awareness campaign. This campaign sends the message to the public that anyone, regardless of age, race, sex or diversity, can be a victim of abuse. Posters, flyers, and brochures were sent to domestic violence programs, local departments of social services, local health departments, and many community groups throughout the Commonwealth. The electronic version of the campaign materials were made available to local domestic violence programs for their personalization. Additional information and resource materials for this campaign can be found online at: [www.closerthanyouthink.org](http://www.closerthanyouthink.org).<sup>73</sup>

### Domestic Violence Action Team

The OFV coordinates the Domestic Violence Action Team (DVAT), a multi-disciplinary team representing the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Virginia Department of Health, the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Housing and Community



Development, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, local domestic violence programs and local departments of social services. DVAT focuses on the statewide response to victims of domestic violence. In 2008, DVAT addressed the need for greater collaboration between local domestic violence programs and local departments of social services, particularly with regard to the issue of elder abuse and the service needs of elderly victims. As a result of DVAT discussions, a successful training curriculum is being modified to address this specific need. DVAT is also working on the development of guidelines for home-based advocacy. These guidelines should be available for distribution in 2009.

## **Virginia Department of State Police**<sup>74</sup>

In addition to its role as the state law enforcement agency, the Virginia Department of State Police (VSP) serves as the central repository for crime data reported by local law enforcement agencies. Through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, VSP collects and analyze crime statistics on selected crimes. VSP produces a report of crime statistics each year, *Crime in Virginia*, available online at: [http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime\\_in\\_Virginia.shtm](http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtm).

In 2008, VSP also received funding as part of the Virginia Partnership of the Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP), a collaborative effort of five state agencies and one non-profit organization. In October 2007, VSP was awarded a total of \$222,912 in GEAP funding for a two-year grant cycle, ending September 30, 2009. VSP's grant funding supports training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth regarding protective order issues in domestic violence cases. In addition, VSP audits local law enforcement agencies' protective order files to ensure accuracy in the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) systems. VSP also provides training on new software used by law enforcement (Messenger) and magistrates (E-Magistrate). Further, VSP works closely with the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to ensure accurate and timely entry of protective order information in the court case management and VCIN systems.

## **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance**<sup>75</sup>

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA) is a recognized leader in Virginia's response to domestic and sexual violence. VSDVAA is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing public access to resources and services, offering opportunities for professional development for victim services providers and victim advocates, and initiating legislative and policy change. VSDVAA is the statewide coalition, or alliance, of 47 domestic violence programs, 39 sexual assault crisis centers, allied organizations providing services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and individuals.

To accomplish its mission, VSDVAA relies upon federal and state grant funding, membership fees, and private contributions. In 2007, VSDVAA received 45% of its approximately \$2.3 million budget from federal grant programs, including funding from the Office on Violence Against Women. VSDVAA received 44% in funding from state

appropriations for the operation of the Virginia and Sexual Assault Hotline, for statewide data collection through the VAdatal system, and for statewide training, technical assistance and resource development. Finally, 11% of VSDVAA's funding was from private sources, including membership fees, training fees, and private contributions.<sup>76</sup>

In addition to its operation of the Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline, VSDVAA provides many unique initiatives to the Commonwealth of Virginia including: a Training Institute on Sexual and Domestic Violence; a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning Task Force; a Women of Color Leadership Conference; and public awareness initiatives such as the Beating Hearts Display, the Art of Surviving Exhibit, the Red Flag Campaign, and Rural Outreach Enhancement of Sexual Assault Services Project (ROESAS). Information for some of these initiatives is provided in this Report; however, additional information can be found online at: [www.vsdvalliance.org](http://www.vsdvalliance.org).

### **Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline**

Through a grant from the Department of Social Services (DSS), VSDVAA operates the statewide Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline. The Hotline links thousands of survivors and professionals to the appropriate services in their communities. The Hotline provides crisis intervention services, referrals to community domestic and sexual violence resources, and information and resources for victims, families and individuals throughout the Commonwealth. The Hotline also ensures that each community in Virginia has the resources it needs to effectively respond to sexual and domestic violence and educates professionals, communities, and legislators on how to stop sexual and domestic violence from happening and how to help those who have been hurt by violence. In 2007, the Hotline received 48,051 calls, an average of 132 calls per day.

### **Public Policy and Legislative Initiatives**

Public policy is a critical component of comprehensive and effective victim advocacy. VSDVAA monitors the development and implementation of state and federal laws that affect victims of sexual and domestic violence, non-profits, and sexual and domestic violence programs. VSDVAA also works collaboratively with state agencies including the Department of Social Services, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Health, Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, State Crime Commission and others. VSDVAA also holds an annual Legislative Advocacy Training Day and Lobby Day in order to inform members and elected representatives about legislation related to sexual and domestic violence.

### **Helping Children Who Are Exposed to Domestic Violence**

Statewide, a significant number of children are exposed to domestic violence, which has a profound impact on their lives. VSDVAA has been an active agent for the enhancement of services for these children throughout the Commonwealth.

In 2006, VSDVAA, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Social Services, Office of Family Violence (OFV), accepted a three year grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to develop a program to improve services to children who have been exposed to domestic violence and their non-abusing parents. In addition to the OFV, VSDVAA developed partnerships with three local domestic violence programs: ACTS Turning Points in Dumfries, Family Resource Center in Wytheville, and Samaritan House in Virginia Beach, to develop and test new service enhancement strategies. An Advisory Council was also formed to oversee the grant program.

In 2006, during the first year of the program, a statewide needs assessment of all certified domestic violence programs indicated a concerning gap in services for Virginia children who have been exposed to domestic violence and a lack of necessary resources and trained advocates to provide comprehensive services to this population. As a result, the Advisory Council developed new services for children and their non-abusing parents in domestic violence shelters as well as within communities. The Advisory Council also worked with VSDVAA to develop a Basic Child and Youth Advocacy training curriculum for domestic violence advocates.

In 2007 and 2008, the partnering domestic violence programs implemented, tested and evaluated the new service enhancement strategies in their shelters and communities. They also created guidelines for other domestic violence programs to enhance services to children and their non-abusing parents.

### **The Art of Surviving**



“As an incest survivor, I have managed to forgive and continue with my life anyway. I am very happy and finally at peace with the world. All of my life experiences have helped mold me into a very optimistic being. My paintings reflect the joy of being alive and still in awe of what life can bring.”

“Rapture” by Gerry Mitchell

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In April 2007, VSDVAA launched The Art of Surviving exhibit, a powerful exhibit of artwork and poetry created by survivors of sexual violence. In 2007, the Art of Surviving exhibit included a 4-part lecture series in Charlottesville entitled “Sexual Violence, Artistic Expression, and Spirituality: The Connections,” as well as a traveling exhibit that was shown at various locations in Virginia, including at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, at a meeting of the Governor’s Commission on Sexual Violence, and at the Hopewell Public Library.

In 2008, VSDVAA worked with MettaKnowledge for Peace and the University of Virginia (UVA) Library to request funding from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to create an Art of Surviving website and online digital exhibition. The UVA Library

professionally digitized all of the artwork for the online exhibit, which can be viewed at [www.artofsurviving.org](http://www.artofsurviving.org).

## The Red Flag Campaign

One in five college students report violence by a current dating partner. The Red Flag Campaign is an innovative bystander intervention campaign designed to address and promote the prevention of dating violence among college students. The campaign features a series of posters, an online resource center ([www.TheRedFlagCampaign.org](http://www.TheRedFlagCampaign.org)), and an extensive Red Flag Campaign Campus Planning Guide.

The campaign poster series depicts racially and ethnically diverse students, as well as students in same-sex relationships, and addresses a wide spectrum of indicators for dating violence, including stalking, jealousy, isolation, sexual assault, emotional abuse, victim-blaming and coercion. The online resource center offers college students helpful information related to preventing dating violence, the hallmarks of healthy relationships, and how to access support and crisis services, if needed. The Campus Planning Guide provides concrete suggestions to colleges and universities for using the campaign to enhance current campus programming.



The campaign was created collaboratively by VSDVAA, college students and campus personnel, and community victim advocates, in partnership with the Verizon Foundation. The campaign has been recognized nationally, including as a model “Innovative Coalition to Address Sexual Assault and Dating Violence” by the United States Department of Education’s Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention. The campaign’s evaluative components were also featured as in an article on VAWnet (Violence Against Women Net-November 2007) that highlighted promising practices in evaluating public awareness campaigns.

## COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

In addition to the efforts of individual agencies and organizations, several collaborative efforts have continued in 2008. These efforts have resulted in new legislation, new programs, and new policies to combat domestic violence and sexual assault in Virginia.

### Governor’s Commission on Sexual Violence

In 2006, Governor Timothy M. Kaine issued Executive Order 38 establishing the Governor’s Commission on Sexual Violence. The purpose of this Commission is to “improve the treatment of crime victims with emphasis on the Commonwealth’s efforts to prevent and respond to sexual violence.”<sup>77</sup> The Governor’s Commission brought together legislators and

representatives from local programs, statewide organizations, the courts, and state agencies, including the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Virginia Department of Health, the Virginia Department of State Police, the Supreme Court of Virginia, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance to review Virginia law and propose necessary amendments to improve protections and services relating to victims of sexual violence. As a result of the collaborative work and recommendations of the Commission, several important bills were enacted into law during the 2008 Session of the Virginia General Assembly to enhance protection for victims of sexual assault. Among the significant changes to Virginia law were: eliminating the defense of marriage in statutory rape cases; allowing victims of sexual assaults to undergo forensic examinations without requiring their participation in the criminal justice system; preventing polygraph testing of victims as a precondition to investigation or prosecution of sexual assault cases; and requiring law enforcement agencies to develop policies and procedures for responding to sexual assault incidents.

### **Virginia Partnership to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP)**

Another example of collaboration among Virginia state agencies and private organizations is a project called the Virginia Partnership to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GEAP), which is supported by a \$1.26 million competitive two-year grant from the federal Office on Violence Against Women. The Partnership includes five state agencies: the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Virginia Department of State Police, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; and one non-profit organization, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. This collaborative project is designed to provide intensive technical training and assistance on a statewide level and to fourteen target communities to promote arrest policies and practices that enhance victim safety and promote offender accountability. The project's goals are to facilitate access to and enforcement of protective orders for all domestic violence victims; support community-based, multidisciplinary fatality review; promote greater access to services for underserved populations; and improve the reporting, investigation and documentation of intimate partner sexual violence.

In 2008, the six state GEAP partners conducted community meetings in thirteen of the fourteen target localities to discuss collaborative community approaches to domestic and sexual violence issues. The community meetings involved a group discussion by representatives from local law enforcement agencies, courts, social services, offices of the Commonwealth's attorneys, domestic and sexual violence programs, government bodies, and allied professionals. The groups identified the strengths, challenges, and priorities in each community's response to domestic and sexual violence. Using this information, the GEAP partners will continue to work with the localities to offer training opportunities, provide technical assistance, and enhance community collaboration through the 2009 grant cycle.

## **Safe in Our Communities: Community Recognition Program for Promising Practices in Domestic Violence Response**

On October 3, 2008, the Office of the Attorney General launched Safe in Our Communities: Community Recognition Program for Promising Practices in Domestic Violence Response. The Program was developed in partnership with several state agencies and organizations, including the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court, the Virginia Poverty Law Center, the Virginia Department of State Police, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. The Community Recognition Program is designed to recognize localities for their innovative policies and practices to combat domestic violence. Selected communities will receive formal recognition from the Attorney General in the Spring of 2009. These communities will also receive monetary awards from the Verizon Wireless HopeLine Program, a private partner. In addition, the promising and innovative practices of localities will be highlighted at domestic violence awareness events throughout 2009.

### **Domestic Violence Action Team (DVAT)**

The Office of Family Violence (OFV) of the Department of Social Services (DSS) coordinates the Domestic Violence Action Team (DVAT), a multi-disciplinary team of domestic violence stakeholders representing DSS, the Virginia Department of Health, the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, local domestic violence programs and local departments of social services. DVAT focuses on the statewide response to victims of domestic violence.

In 2008, DVAT addressed the need for greater collaboration between local domestic violence programs and local departments of social services, particularly with regard to the issue of elder abuse and the service needs of elderly victims. As a result of DVAT collaboration, a successful training curriculum is being modified to address the specific needs of this important population. In addition, DVAT is developing guidelines for home-based advocacy services, which should be available for distribution in 2009.

## **2008 Legislative Update**

During the 2008 Virginia General Assembly Session, a number of important pieces of legislation were passed to: enhance victim safety, ensure the timely processing of protective orders, enhance law enforcement policies and training for domestic and sexual violence, and promote consistency in the response to domestic and sexual violence.

### **Faster Entry of Protection Orders**

Amends §§16.1-253, 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, 16.1-279.1, 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, 19.2-152.10, and 19.2-390 of the Code of Virginia with regard to the entry of protective orders by the court into the computer for transmittal to the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) system. Effective July 1, 2008, when a protective order is issued by the court, the court must enter and transfer identifying information to the VCIN system no later than the end of the business day on which the order was entered. This legislation ensures that law enforcement officers will be able to access updated protective order information in the VCIN system.

### **Physical Evidence Recovery Kits**

Amends §19.2-165.1 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, the Commonwealth will directly reimburse a health care provider for the costs of performing the physical evidence recovery kit (“PERK”) examinations used in cases of sexual assault. In addition, participation in the criminal justice system or cooperation with law enforcement will no longer be required in order for victims to be provided with these examinations free of charge. The defendant, upon conviction, is required to reimburse the Commonwealth for the cost of the exam.

### **Funding of Programs that Support Healthy Marriages and Strong Families**

Establishes §63.2-214.1 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, the Department of Social Services is directed to establish a program that supports educational initiatives intended to promote healthy marriages and strong families. The Department is also authorized, to the extent authorized by federal law, to allocate up to one percent of all funds received under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to support this program.

### **Victims of Sexual Violence Not Required to Submit to Polygraph**

Amends §19.2-9.1 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, no law enforcement officer, Commonwealth’s Attorney, or other governmental official shall ask or require a victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the criminal investigation of such an offense. If a victim is requested to submit to a polygraph examination during the course of a criminal investigation, such victim shall be informed in writing that the refusal of the victim to submit to such an examination shall not prevent the investigation, charging, or prosecution of the offense.

### **Presumption Against Granting Bail for Felony Domestic Violence Offenders**

Amends §19.2-120 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, there is a presumption, subject to rebuttal, against admitting to bail any person who is arrested for felony assault and battery against a family or household member. For these offenders, a judge is to presume that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person in court or the safety of the public, and thus bail should be denied.

### **Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Program Expanded**

Amends §2.2-515.2 of the Code of Virginia to expand the Address Confidentiality Program, a program originally piloted in Arlington County, and administered by the Office of the Attorney General. This Program is designed to protect victims of domestic violence by authorizing the use of substitute address for receipt of mail and service. Effective July 1, 2008, the Address Confidentiality Program is available to victims who reside in the Counties of Albemarle, Arlington, Augusta, Dickenson, Fairfax, Henry, Lee, Rockbridge, Russell, Scott, Washington, and Wise as well as the Cities of Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Lexington, Martinsville, Norfolk, and Roanoke. An interested victim may apply for the program in person at a local domestic violence program, which is a public and not-for-profit agency which has the primary mission of providing services to victims of sexual or domestic violence.

### **Domestic Violence Arrest Policies for Law Enforcement**

Establishes §9.1-1300 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, the Virginia Department of State Police and local law enforcement agencies are required to establish arrest policies and procedures for response to domestic violence and family abuse cases.

### **Sexual Assault Policies for Law Enforcement**

Establishes §9.1-1301 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, the Virginia Department of State Police, local law enforcement agencies and campus police departments are required to establish written policies and procedures regarding response to incidents involving sexual assault. The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall provide law enforcement agencies with technical support and assistance in developing the policies.

### **Training Standards and Model Policy for Law Enforcement**

Amends §9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, the Department of Criminal Justice Services is required to establish training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement personnel in the handling of family abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases, including standards for determining the predominant physical aggressor in accordance with §19.2-81.3. The Department shall provide technical support and assistance to law-enforcement agencies in carrying out the requirements set forth in §9.1-1301 and shall, by December 1, 2009, submit a report on the status of implementation of these requirements to the chairmen of the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees



### **Twenty Year Retention of Records in Domestic Violence Cases**

Amends §§16.1-69.55 and 17.1-213 of the Code of Virginia to extend the retention time for domestic violence cases. Effective July 1, 2008, records in cases involving misdemeanor convictions for (i) assault and battery against a family or household member, or (ii) violation of a protective order, shall be retained for twenty years. Records of felony convictions of domestic violence will also be retained for twenty years.

### **Creation of an Adult Fatality Review Team**

Establishes §32.1-283.5 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, an Adult Fatality Review Team is established to develop and implement procedures for the systematic review of certain adult deaths that occur in the Commonwealth. The Adult Fatality Review Team shall review the death of any adult, as defined in §63.2-1603, (i) who was the subject of an adult protective services investigation, (ii) whose death was due to abuse or neglect, or acts suggesting abuse or neglect, or (iii) whose death came under the jurisdiction of or was investigated by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to §32.1-283.

### **Stalking Victims May Recover from Victims Compensation Fund**

Amends definition of victim under §19.2-368.2 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, victims of stalking are eligible to collect funds from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

### **Repeal of Marriage as an Absolute Defense to Statutory Rape**

Repeals §18.2-66 of the Code of Virginia. Effective July 1, 2008, the subsequent marriage of an adult to a minor (14 years or older) is not a defense to statutory rape of that child.

## Future Recommendations

As evidenced in this Report, agencies, organizations, programs, and communities across the Commonwealth work on a daily basis to enhance the safety of victims of domestic and sexual violence and to hold offenders accountable. As part of the effort to address domestic and sexual violence in our communities, it is necessary to identify needs and make recommendations for future initiatives and identify areas of concern or focus.

The following recommendations reflect issues identified by agencies and organizations with a direct role in the prevention of and response to domestic and sexual violence. These recommendations also reflect issues identified during the compilation of this Report, including issues related to data collection and cooperative efforts among stakeholders.

**Recommendation 1. Data Collection and Analysis:** The collection of data for domestic and sexual violence issues is critical to the evaluation process. Currently, state agencies and other groups that collect data do not coordinate that process. Consequently, a data work group of stakeholder agency representatives should be formalized. This work group should (1) identify gaps in data collection; (2) establish consistent definitions and indicators for use by all agencies for data collection and tracking purposes; and (3) identify a central repository for the collection and analysis of data related to domestic and sexual violence.

This 2008 Report reflects a different format from previous years. State agencies and stakeholders agreed to dedicate time and energy to restructure the Report to provide more information to the reader. To compile this report, in September 2008, the Office of the Attorney General assembled a data working group including representatives from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court, the Virginia Poverty Law Center, the Virginia Department of State Police, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. The group discussed issues related to the collection and tracking of data for domestic and sexual violence crimes, court cases, and services for victims. In reviewing the types and sources of available data, the work group identified gaps, overlaps, and definition issues in data collection practices among agencies. The work group also determined that there was no central repository for domestic and sexual violence statistics and data in the Commonwealth that was available to agencies or lawmakers for planning, analyzing, and providing services and programs.

As a result, it is recommended that the work group be formalized and encouraged to continue its efforts in the next calendar year. This group should be tasked with resolving the data collection and tracking issues identified by agency participants.

**Recommendation 2. Collaborative Efforts:** This Report demonstrates the collaborative efforts of many agencies and groups dedicated to addressing and combating domestic and sexual violence. It is recommended that the Commonwealth continue to promote collaborative efforts between stakeholders at all levels of government, including coordinated community response teams on the local level and fatality review teams on the state and local level.

Interagency communication and collaboration is essential to providing services and resources to victims and in enhancing the systemic approach to address domestic and sexual violence. For example, coordinated community response teams provide a forum for collaboration and information-sharing at the local level. Multidisciplinary fatality review teams review the circumstances of domestic violence fatalities as well as make recommendations for enhancing the systemic response to domestic violence in a community. State-level collaborative efforts, such as the Virginia GEAP Partnership, improve communication between state agencies and organizations. The partnership results in better services and resources for local agencies, programs, and citizens. In addition, grant opportunities may exist for collaborative, multi-agency efforts that do not otherwise exist for individual agency efforts. Accordingly, the continuation and expansion of collaborative endeavors on the local and state levels, as well as the creation and enhancement of working relationships with federal agencies, should be encouraged and modeled.

**Recommendation 3. Services for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence:** This Report demonstrates the need to continue to develop ways to address providing services for children who are exposed to domestic violence. Therefore, it is recommended that efforts continue to be made to promote and provide resources for programs that provide direct services to children exposed to domestic violence.

Exposure to domestic violence has a profound impact on children who live in abusive home environments. These children face emotional, psychological, and physical consequences. In 2007 alone, 2,823 children received services from local domestic violence service providers. Fifty-three percent (53%) of these children directly witnessed domestic violence in their homes.<sup>78</sup> A three-year grant study conducted by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance and the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Violence, identified significant gaps in the services provided to children by local programs and agencies, as well as in the training provided to advocates working with children.<sup>79</sup> Although a training curriculum for advocates has been created and guidelines have been developed for local programs, on the whole, limited resources and funding exist to support expanded and statewide domestic violence services to children.

Accordingly, it is recommended that every effort be made to identify resources and funding to promote and expand services to children exposed to domestic violence, and to increase training for advocates and allied professionals working with these children.

**Recommendation 4. Prevention Efforts:** This Report documents the many effective prevention, educational, and training programs offered in Virginia to address domestic violence. During economic downturns, funding of programs becomes a major concern. The stakeholders feel strongly that progress made through the proven domestic and sexual violence prevention, education, and training programs should be considered when determining funding. Support of proven prevention efforts for domestic and sexual violence as well as prevention and education efforts at the elementary, middle, and high school levels should continue. If at all possible, funding should be increased for the proven programs.

One in five college students report violence by a current dating partner.<sup>80</sup> Education and awareness campaigns such as the Red Flag Campaign, which focuses on awareness and

prevention of dating and sexual violence on college campuses, have proven to be effective in promoting healthy relationships and educating the population on the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence. These efforts play an important role in the overall prevention of domestic and sexual violence in schools, campuses, and communities. Currently, limited funding and resources are devoted to programs dealing with prevention.

Accordingly, it is recommended that, whenever possible, increased support should be provided to proven prevention efforts for domestic and sexual violence issues in the areas of awareness, prevention, and education. It is also recommended that efforts be increased at the elementary, middle, and high school levels to ensure that children and youth are provided with information about healthy relationships and the prevention of dating and sexual violence.

**Recommendation 5. Shelter and Relocation Efforts:** Localities should be encouraged to make every effort to increase options for victims of domestic violence and their children to escape abusive environments by expanding shelter space and low-income housing opportunities. This is a complex public safety issue. Crimes of domestic and sexual violence render many victims and their children in need of temporary shelter.

Despite an increase in available shelter bed space in 2006, 1,759 families who sought shelter in 2007 were turned away due to lack of space.<sup>81</sup> In addition, where a lack of options for temporary shelter and housing exist for victims of domestic violence, it is more difficult for a victim to escape an abusive environment. Accordingly, it is recommended that efforts be made to expand shelter space and low-income housing opportunities for victims of domestic violence and their children.

**Recommendation 6. Education on Firearms Laws:** Local law enforcement should be encouraged to work together with state and federal authorities to ensure that persons subject to protective orders are educated about federal and state firearms laws.

Where volatile domestic violence situations exist, the presence of firearms can pose a serious safety risk for victims and children. Persons subject to protective orders are subject to federal and state firearms restrictions, as well as criminal penalties for firearms violations.<sup>82</sup> Under federal law, persons convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence are also subject to firearms prohibitions.<sup>83</sup> Although brochures and resources exist to inform about firearms restrictions, due to the potential risk to victims, it is necessary to ensure the information is widely disseminated not only to protect victims, but to prevent criminal violations.

In an effort to promote awareness for domestic violence offenders and persons subject to protective orders, it is recommended that additional efforts be undertaken to increase education for persons subject to protective orders about the implications of federal and state firearms restrictions.

**Recommendation 7. Training Efforts:** A critical piece to addressing domestic and sexual violence is education. The Commonwealth should encourage training for allied professionals on domestic and sexual violence issues, including but not limited to, the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence; the enforcement of protective orders; the exposure of children

to domestic violence; and the creation of collaborative community efforts such as coordinated community response teams, task forces, and sexual assault response teams (SARTs).

In-depth training on domestic and sexual violence issues should be encouraged for all professionals with a stake in preventing and responding to domestic and sexual violence. Training not only enhances professional skills, it also provides professionals with the forum to build relationships essential to building a coordinated response to domestic and sexual violence. Accordingly, it is recommended that the development of domestic and sexual violence training programs and the attendance of these programs at the state and local levels be encouraged for all allied professionals.

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<sup>5</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *2007 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia* (2008).

<sup>6</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *2007 Sexual Violence Services in Virginia* (2008).

<sup>7</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *2007 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia* (2008).

<sup>8</sup> Data from the Virginia State Police (September 9, 2008).

<sup>9</sup> Data from the Virginia State Police (November 7, 2008).

<sup>10</sup> Data from the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia (October 28, 2008).

<sup>11</sup> Data from the Virginia State Police (November 13, 2008). On November 13, 2008, there were 15,413 active protective orders in VCIN: Final Protective Orders – 12,749; Preliminary Protective Orders – 2,181; and Emergency Protective Orders – 482.

<sup>12</sup> Virginia Code § 38.2-508 (7); *See also* Virginia Code §§ 16.1-228, 2.2-515.2. Virginia Code § 16.1-228 defines “family or household member” as:

(i) the person's spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person, (ii) the person's former spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person, (iii) the person's parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, grandparents and grandchildren, regardless of whether such persons reside in the same home with the person, (iv) the person's mother-in-law, father-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law who reside in the same home with the person, (v) any individual who has a child in common with the person, whether or not the person and that individual have been married or have resided together at any time, or (vi) any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabited with the person, and any children of either of them then residing in the same home with the person.

Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-228 (Supp. 2008).

<sup>13</sup> “Intimate partner” has been defined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner as a spouse, former spouse, current or former boyfriend or girlfriend, same sex partner, or dating partner. Some relationships within the intimate partner classification do not fall within the statutory definition of domestic violence, where those relationships do not meet the cohabitation or child in common elements of Virginia Code § 16.1-228.

<sup>14</sup> Virginia State Police, *Crime in Virginia, 2007* 13 (2008).

<sup>15</sup> Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook* (2004).

<sup>16</sup> *See* Virginia State Police, *Crime in Virginia, 2007* (2008).

<sup>17</sup> Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Virginia Department of Health, *Family and Intimate Partner Homicide, Virginia, 2005* (July 2007).

<sup>18</sup> The categorization of homicides is based upon the relationship between the victim and the alleged offender. The 138 domestic violence homicides in 2006 include all homicides related to family and intimate partner violence. “Family violence” includes child and elder homicides by caregivers, family homicides (victims killed by individuals related to them biologically or by marriage), and family associated homicides (victims killed as a result of violence arising from a familial relationship). “Intimate partner homicide” includes homicides where victims were killed by a spouse, former spouse, current or former boyfriend, girlfriend, same sex partner, or dating partner, as well as intimate partner-related homicides where a victim was killed as a result of violence arising from an intimate partner relationship. *See* Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Virginia Department of Health, *Family and Intimate Partner Homicide, Virginia, 2005* (July 2007).

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- <sup>19</sup> The numbers for 2007 reflect preliminary findings as of October 24, 2008, as a number of these homicides still remain under investigation. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Virginia Department of Health.
- <sup>20</sup> Data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Virginia Department of Health. *See also* Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Virginia Department of Health, *Family and Intimate Partner Homicide, Virginia, 2005* (July 2007).
- <sup>21</sup> “Other” includes children who were present at the location of the homicide, but were unaware of the event, such as children who were asleep. *See Id.*
- <sup>22</sup> Virginia State Police, *Crime in Virginia, 2007* 42 (2008). For data purposes, “violent crime offenses” include murder/non-negligent manslaughter, aggravated assault, forcible sex offenses, and robbery, all involving the use or threat of force. “Family and household members” include spouse, “common law” spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandparent, grandchild, in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepsibling, ex-spouse, or other family member. “Intimate partner” or “dating partner” includes a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship or homosexual relationship.
- <sup>23</sup> Virginia State Police, *Crime in Virginia, 2007* 24-25 (2008).
- <sup>24</sup> *Id.* at v, 15.
- <sup>25</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>26</sup> Virginia State Police, *Crime in Virginia, 2007* 14 (2008).
- <sup>27</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>28</sup> *Id.* at 64-68.
- <sup>29</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *2007 Sexual Violence Services in Virginia* (2008).
- <sup>30</sup> Data from the Virginia State Police (November 7, 2008). There is no disposition on file for 3,512 charges, or 15.6%.
- <sup>31</sup> Data from the Virginia State Police (November 7, 2008).
- <sup>32</sup> Data from the Virginia State Police (September 9, 2008).
- <sup>33</sup> Data from the Virginia State Police (September 9, 2008). As of July 1, 1997, Virginia Code § 19.2-81.3 requires law enforcement officers to arrest for violations of family abuse and stalking protective orders where probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred.
- <sup>34</sup> Data from the Virginia State Police (September 9, 2008).
- <sup>35</sup> Supreme Court of Virginia, *Caseload Statistics of the District Courts, 01/07-12/07* (2008). Of 538,488 cases filed in Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts across Virginia in 2007, 284,100 cases, or 53%, were classified as juvenile cases, and 254,388 cases, or 47%, were classified as domestic cases.
- <sup>36</sup> E-Magistrate reporting data provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia.
- <sup>37</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *2007 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia* (2008).
- <sup>38</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>39</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>40</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *2007 Sexual Violence Services in Virginia* (2008).
- <sup>41</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>42</sup> Information provided by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.
- <sup>43</sup> Department of Criminal Justice Services, *Victim/Witness Program – Overview, Performance, and Funding* (October 16, 2008).
- <sup>44</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *2007 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia* (2008).
- <sup>45</sup> Information provided by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance.
- <sup>46</sup> Information provided by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Violence.
- <sup>47</sup> Funding information provided by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Department of Social Services, the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia State Police, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the Division of Injury and Violence Prevention, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Family and Children’s Trust Fund (FACT).
- <sup>48</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *Working Together for Peace and Justice, 2007 Annual Report* (2007).
- <sup>49</sup> Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, *Virginia’s Homeless Programs 2007-08 Program Year: A Report to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees* 14-20 (2008).
- <sup>50</sup> Revenue information for 2008 was not available as of the filing of this Report.
- <sup>51</sup> Revenue information for 2008 will not be available until after processing of 2008 income tax returns in 2009.
- <sup>52</sup> Information provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia.

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<sup>53</sup> The OES received \$37,120 in V-STOP funding in 2007, and \$35,237 in V-STOP funding in 2008 for implementation and administration of the I-CAN! Project. V-STOP funding for the I-CAN! project is administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

<sup>54</sup> 2004 Va. Acts ch. 972 (2004).

<sup>55</sup> Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia. February 22, 2008; *See also* Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia, *Report of the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia's Project Responding to SB 236, Chapter 972 (2004), Court Referral Methods for Domestic Violence Offenders* (2008).

<sup>56</sup> Project Passport is an initiative that originated in the state of Kentucky, which worked with its seven bordering states, including Virginia, to improve recognition and enforcement of protective orders within and between states by encouraging states to adopt a recognizable and consistent first page for protective orders.

<sup>57</sup> The Virginia GEAP Partnership consists of: the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia Department of State Police, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance.

<sup>58</sup> Information provided by the Family and Children's Trust Fund. Additional information available at: <http://www.fact.state.va.us/>.

<sup>59</sup> *See* Virginia Code §§ 63.2-2100 –2103.

<sup>60</sup> *See* Virginia Code § 63.2-2102.

<sup>61</sup> Information provided by FACT (November 12, 2008).

<sup>62</sup> Information provided by the Virginia Center on Aging, Virginia Commonwealth University.

<sup>63</sup> The Virginia Center on Aging receives V-STOP grant funding for the Central Virginia Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life Project through Grant #08-F4145VA07.

<sup>64</sup> The Virginia Center on Aging receives funding from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund for the Family Violence Project through Grant #08-C4895DV08.

<sup>65</sup> Information provided by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

<sup>66</sup> Information provided by the Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention.

<sup>67</sup> Information provided by the Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

<sup>68</sup> Information from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

<sup>69</sup> Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, *Virginia's Homeless Programs 2007-08 Program Year: A Report to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees* 15 (2008).

<sup>70</sup> Information provided by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Violence..

<sup>71</sup> *See* Department of Social Services, Office of Family Violence, *2007 Annual Report* (2008).

<sup>72</sup> The total grant funds administered by OFV in 2007 consist of funding from four federal and state grant sources: the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (\$2,363,991); the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) (\$2,001,321); the Virginia Family Violence Prevention Program (VFPVP) (\$1,435,462); and from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)/General Funds Program (\$1,187,500). The 46 local programs and statewide coalition received awards ranging from \$24,331 to \$573,373.

<sup>73</sup> Poster artwork for the "Domestic Violence: It's Closer Than You Think" campaign provided by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Violence.

<sup>74</sup> Information provided by the Virginia Department of State Police.

<sup>75</sup> Information provided by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance.

<sup>76</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *Working Together for Peace and Justice: Annual Report 2007*.

<sup>77</sup> Exec. Order No. 38 (October 10, 2006).

<sup>78</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *2007 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia* (2008).

<sup>79</sup> Information provided by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance and the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Violence.

<sup>80</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance.

<sup>81</sup> Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, *2007 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia* (2008).

<sup>82</sup> Va. Code Ann. §18.2-308 (E)(5); Va. Code Ann. §18.2-308.1:4; 18 U.S.C. §922 (g)(8); 18 U.S.C. §924 (a)(2).

<sup>83</sup> 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(9).

## Appendix A

**Table A-1: Gender, Race, and Age of Persons Arrested for Sexual Offenses in 2007**

Offense	Gender		Race			
	Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan	Asian or Pacific Islander
Forcible Rape	364	4	205	161	0	2
Sodomy	179	8	123	64	0	0
Sexual Assault With Object	97	2	60	37	0	2
Forcible Fondling	622	25	419	224	1	3
Incest	9	1	9	1	0	0
Statutory Rape	113	6	73	46	0	0
<b>TOTAL (of 1,430)</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

Offense	Age									
	Under 10	10-12	13-14	15-17	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	Over 65
Forcible Rape	0	7	8	28	102	100	73	34	12	4
Sodomy	1	13	29	31	29	33	29	16	2	4
Sexual Assault With Object	0	1	8	4	19	29	18	12	5	3
Forcible Fondling	8	32	53	49	107	135	107	85	48	23
Incest	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	2
Statutory Rape	0	0	1	18	64	26	9	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL (of 1,430)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>36</b>

Source: Virginia State Police

**Table A-2: Arrests and Case Dispositions for Protective Order Violations, 1992-2008**

YEAR	Arrests for Protective Order Violations	Resulting Convictions	Other Conviction	Non Convictions By Type						No Disposition on File
				Total	Deferred	Dismissed	Nolle Prossed	Not Guilty	Mental Insanity	
1992	2	1	0	0						1
1993	12	0	0	0						12
1994	17	0	2	0						15
1995	6	0	0	0						6
1996	3	0	0	0						3
1997	26	5	2	1		1				18
1998	812	11	289	402		178	172	52		110
1999	1,584	200	415	744		327	333	83	1	225
2000	2,213	747	79	1,100	1	494	469	135	1	287
2001	2,579	1,000	55	1,439	1	688	608	140	2	85
2002	2,761	1,115	55	1,525	7	686	663	169		66
2003	2,715	1,107	35	1,399		569	624	205	1	174
2004	2,844	1,016	36	1,563		604	734	225		229
2005	2,860	1,071	37	1,444		566	700	178		308
2006	2,968	1,083	33	1,379	2	494	702	180		473
2007	3,138	1,029	34	1,486	1	413	880	192		589
2008	2,272	421	11	690		195	416	89		1,150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,812</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>13,172</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5,215</b>	<b>6,301</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3,751</b>

NOTE: 2008 data reported as of September 9, 2008; Disposition of cases noted as of September 9, 2008.

Source: Virginia State Police



**Table A-3: Arrests and Case Dispositions for Arrests for Assault and Battery Against Family or Household Member, 2003-2008**

YEAR	Arrests for Assault & Battery Against Family/Household Member	Resulting Convictions	Non Convictions By Type						No Disposition on File
			Total Non-Convictions	Deferred	Dismissed	Nolle Prossed	Not Guilty	Mental Insanity	
2003	21,976	6,143	14,865	145	8,142	5,212	1,366	0	968
2004	22,125	5,988	14,814	181	8,104	5,144	1,385	0	1,323
2005	22,492	5,851	15,070	238	7,917	5,540	1,375	0	1,571
2006	22,138	5,492	14,317	956	6,328	5,669	1,364	0	2,329
2007	22,515	4,670	14,333	2,280	4,265	6,302	1,486	0	3,512
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111,246</b>	<b>28,144</b>	<b>73,399</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>34,756</b>	<b>27,867</b>	<b>6,976</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,703</b>

Source: Virginia State Police

**Table A-4: Arrests and Case Dispositions for Arrests for Assault and Battery Against Family or Household Member, Third or Subsequent Offense, 2003-2008**

YEAR	Arrests for Assault & Battery Against Family/Household Member - 3rd or Subsequent Offense	Resulting Convictions	Non Convictions By Type						No Disposition on File
			Total Non-Convictions	Deferred	Dismissed	Nolle Prossed	Not Guilty	Mental Insanity	
2003	1,040	458	524	4	219	251	47	3	58
2004	1,166	552	551	0	238	255	57	0	63
2005	1,298	566	642	5	268	313	56	0	90
2006	1,225	554	598	5	222	320	51	0	73
2007	1,176	516	599	8	202	332	57	0	61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,905</b>	<b>2,646</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>345</b>

Source: Virginia State Police

**Table A-5: Arrests and Case Dispositions for Stalking, 2003-2008**

YEAR	Arrests - Stalking	Resulting Convictions	Non Convictions By Type						No Disposition on File
			Total Non-Convictions	Deferred	Dismissed	Nolle Prossed	Not Guilty	Mental Insanity	
2003	1,021	206	736	0	359	299	78	0	79
2004	1,034	182	764	0	341	349	74	0	88
2005	911	198	636	0	261	291	84	0	77
2006	887	171	631	0	241	297	93	0	85
2007	927	181	634	1	237	316	80	0	112
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>3,401</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>441</b>

Source: Virginia State Police

**Table A-6: Arrests and Case Dispositions for Stalking, Third or Subsequent Offense in Five Years, 2003-2008**

YEAR	Arrests - Stalking, 3rd or Subsequent Offense in 5 Years	Resulting Convictions	Non Convictions By Type						No Disposition on File
			Total Non-Convictions	Deferred	Dismissed	Nolle Prossed	Not Guilty	Mental Insanity	
2003	27	3	20	0	6	11	3	0	4
2004	26	6	16	0	7	6	3	0	4
2005	19	4	10	0	3	7	0	0	5
2006	12	3	5	0	2	2	1	0	4
2007	12	2	8	0	0	6	1	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>

Source: Virginia State Police

**Table A-7: Funding Sources and Recipient Agencies**

Funding Source	Administering Agency(ies)
<b>Federal Sources</b>	
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	Department of Criminal Justice Services, Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund
Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)	Department of Social Services
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Health
Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHS)	Department of Health
Byrne Memorial Grant (BYRNE)	Department of Criminal Justice Services
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)	Department of Housing and Community Development
Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)	Department of Housing and Community Development
<b>State Sources</b>	
Virginia Family Violence Prevention Program (VFVPP)	Department of Social Services
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Department of Social Services
Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF)	Department of Criminal Justice Services
Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund (VWF)	Department of Criminal Justice Services
State Shelter Grant (SSG)	Department of Housing and Community Development
Child Services Coordinator Grant (CSCG)	Department of Housing and Community Development
Kids First License Plates	Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT)
Income Tax Refund Donation	Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT)
General Funds (GF)	All Agencies

# Appendix B

## State Agencies and Organizations

### **Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia (FACT)**

7 North Eighth Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 726-7604  
[www.fact.state.va.us](http://www.fact.state.va.us)

### **Office of the Attorney General**

900 East Main Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-2071  
[www.oag.state.va.us](http://www.oag.state.va.us)

### **Supreme Court of Virginia**

#### **Office of the Executive Secretary**

100 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-6455  
[www.courts.state.va.us](http://www.courts.state.va.us)

### **Virginia Center on Aging**

#### **Virginia Commonwealth University**

730 East Broad Street  
P.O. Box 980229  
Richmond, VA 23298  
(804) 828-1525  
[www.vcu.edu/vcoa](http://www.vcu.edu/vcoa)

### **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services**

202 North 9th Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-4000  
[www.dcjs.virginia.gov](http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov)

### **Virginia Department of Health**

#### **Division of Injury and Violence Prevention**

109 Governor Street, 8th Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 864-7732  
Injury Hotline: 1-800-732-8333  
[www.vahealth.org/civp](http://www.vahealth.org/civp)

### **Virginia Department of Health**

#### **Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**

400 East Jackson Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-3174  
[www.vdh.virginia.gov/medexam](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/medexam)

### **Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development**

The Jackson Center  
501 North Second Street  
Richmond, VA 23219-1321  
(804) 371-7000  
[www.dhcd.virginia.gov](http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov)

### **Virginia Poverty Law Center**

700 East Franklin Street  
Suite 14T1  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 782-9430  
[www.vplc.org](http://www.vplc.org)

### **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance**

5008 Monument Ave, Suite A  
Richmond, VA 23230  
(804) 377-0335  
[www.vsdvalliance.org](http://www.vsdvalliance.org)

### **Virginia Department of Social Services**

#### **Office on Family Violence**

7 North Eighth Street, 4th Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 692-1900  
[www.dss.virginia.gov](http://www.dss.virginia.gov)

### **Virginia Department of State Police**

P.O. Box 27472  
Richmond, VA 23261-7472  
(804) 674-2000  
[www.vsp.virginia.gov](http://www.vsp.virginia.gov)

# Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Programs by Locality

*Programs Serving both Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims are in Italics*

## **Accomack County**

Center for Sexual Assault Survivors  
11030 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601  
757-599-9844  
[www.visitthecenter.org](http://www.visitthecenter.org)

Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 3  
Onancock, VA 23417-0003  
877-787-1329  
[www.esva.net/~escadv](http://www.esva.net/~escadv)

## **Albemarle County**

Sexual Assault Resource Agency  
P.O. Box 6880  
Charlottesville, VA 22906  
434-295-7273  
[www.sexualassaultresources.org](http://www.sexualassaultresources.org)

Shelter for Help in Emergency  
P.O. Box 3013  
Charlottesville, VA 22903-0013  
434-293-8509 (hotline)  
[www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org](http://www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org)

## **Alexandria**

Alexandria Domestic Violence Program  
421 King Street, Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-838-4911  
[www.alexandriava.gov/women/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/women/)

Sexual Assault Response and Awareness  
421 King Street, Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-683-7273 (hotline)  
[www.alexandriava.gov/women/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/women/)

## **Allegheny County**

*Safehome Systems*  
P.O. Box 748  
Covington, VA 24426  
540-965-3237  
<http://safehome24426.tripod.com>

Total Action Against Poverty  
Women's Resource Center  
P.O. Box 2868  
Roanoke, VA 24001-2868  
540-345-6781  
[www.taproanoke.org](http://www.taproanoke.org)

## **Amelia County**

*Madeline's House*  
*(Southside Center for Violence Prevention)*  
P.O. Box 563  
Farmville, VA 23901  
434-292-1077  
888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)

## **Amherst County**

Amherst County Commission Against Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 1157  
Amherst, VA 24521  
434-946-0300

Sexual Assault Response Program  
Crisis Line of Central Virginia  
P.O. Box 3074  
Lynchburg, VA 24503  
434-947-7422  
434-947-RAPE (7273)  
[www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/](http://www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/)

YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center  
626 Church Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504  
888-528-1041  
[www.lynchburgywca.org](http://www.lynchburgywca.org)

## **Appomattox County**

Sexual Assault Response Program  
Crisis Line of Central Virginia  
P.O. Box 3074  
Lynchburg, VA 24503  
434-947-7422  
434-947-RAPE (7273)  
[www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/](http://www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/)

YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center  
626 Church Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504  
888-528-1041  
[www.lynchburgywca.org](http://www.lynchburgywca.org)

## **Arlington County**

Doorways for Women and Families (TACTS)  
P.O. Box 100185  
Arlington, VA 22210  
703-237-0881  
[www.doorwaysva.org](http://www.doorwaysva.org)

Bethany House For Battered Spouses  
6121 Lincolnia Road, Suite 303  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
703-658-3555  
[www.bhmv.org](http://www.bhmv.org)

### **Augusta County**

*New Directions, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 3069  
Staunton, VA 24402-3069  
800-56-HAVEN (42836)  
[www.newdircenter.com](http://www.newdircenter.com)

### **Bath County**

*Safehome Systems*  
P.O. Box 748  
Covington, VA 24426  
540-965-3237  
Toll Free: 877-393-3672  
<http://safehome24426.tripod.com>

### **Bedford County**

Bedford Domestic Violence Services  
P.O. Box 783  
Bedford, VA 24523  
540-587-0970  
[www.co.bedford.va.us](http://www.co.bedford.va.us)

Sexual Assault Response Program  
Crisis Line of Central Virginia  
P.O. Box 3074  
Lynchburg, VA 24503  
434-947-7422  
434-947-RAPE (7273)  
[www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/](http://www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/)

Turning Point (The Salvation Army)  
815 Salem Avenue SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-0400

YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center  
626 Church Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504  
888-528-1041  
[www.lynchburgywca.org](http://www.lynchburgywca.org)

### **Bland County**

*Family Resource Center, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 612  
Wytheville, VA 24383-0612  
800-613-6145  
[www.frc-inc.org](http://www.frc-inc.org)

### **Botetourt County**

Sexual Assault Response and Awareness  
611 McDowell Avenue NW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-7273

Total Action Against Poverty  
Women's Resource Center  
P.O. Box 2868  
Roanoke, VA 24001-2868  
540-345-6781  
Toll Free: 800-915-8164  
[www.taproanoke.org](http://www.taproanoke.org)

Turning Point (The Salvation Army)  
815 Salem Avenue SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-0400

### **Bristol**

Abuse Alternatives  
104 Memorial Drive  
Bristol, TN 37620  
423-652-9093  
Toll Free: 800-987-6499  
[www.abusealternatives.com](http://www.abusealternatives.com)

Crisis Center  
P.O. Box 642  
Bristol, VA 24203  
Line 1: 276-466-2312  
Line 2: 276-628-7731

### **Brunswick County**

*Family Violence/Sexual Assault  
Prevention Program*  
420 South Main Street  
Emporia, VA 23847  
800-838-8238

*Madeline's House  
(Southside Center for Violence Prevention)*  
P.O. Box 563  
Farmville, VA 23901  
434-292-1077  
888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)

### **Buchanan County**

*Family Crisis Support Services*  
P.O. Box 692  
Norton, VA 24273  
800-877-3416  
[www.family-crisis.com](http://www.family-crisis.com)

Hope House of Scott County  
P.O. Box 1992  
Gate City, VA 24251  
888-250-4325  
[www.hopehousescottcounty.org](http://www.hopehousescottcounty.org)

People, Inc.'s Domestic Violence Program  
1173 W. Main Street  
Abingdon, VA 24210  
276-623-9000  
877-697-9444

### **Buckingham County**

Madeline's House  
(Southside Center for Violence Prevention)  
P.O. Box 563  
Farmville, VA 23901  
434-292-1077  
888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)

### **Buena Vista**

Project Horizon  
120 Varner Lane  
Lexington, VA 24450  
540-463-2594  
[www.projecthorizon.net](http://www.projecthorizon.net)

### **Campbell County**

Sexual Assault Response Program  
Crisis Line of Central Virginia  
P.O. Box 3074  
Lynchburg, VA 24503  
434-947-7422  
434-947-RAPE (7273)  
[www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/](http://www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/)

YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center  
626 Church Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504  
888-528-1041  
[www.lynchburgywca.org](http://www.lynchburgywca.org)

### **Caroline County**

Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault  
P.O. Box 1276  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-371-1666  
[info@rcasa.org](mailto:info@rcasa.org)

Rappahannock Council On Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 1007  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-373-9373  
Toll Free: 877-734-7238  
[www.rcdv.com](http://www.rcdv.com)

### **Carroll County**

Family Resource Center, Inc.  
P.O. Box 612  
Wytheville, VA 24383-0612  
800-613-6145  
[www.frc-inc.org](http://www.frc-inc.org)

### **Charles City County**

Project Hope at Quin Rivers  
104 Roxbury Industrial Center  
Charles City, VA 23030  
804-966-5020  
877-966-HELP (4357) (hotline)  
[www.quinriversagency.org](http://www.quinriversagency.org)

### **Charlotte County**

Madeline's House  
(Southside Center for Violence Prevention)  
P.O. Box 563  
Farmville, VA 23901  
434-292-1077  
888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)

Sexual Assault Response Program  
Crisis Line of Central Virginia  
P.O. Box 3074  
Lynchburg, VA 24503  
434-947-7422  
434-947-RAPE (7273)  
[www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/](http://www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/)

Shelter for Help in Emergency  
P.O. Box 3013  
Charlottesville, VA 22903-0013  
434-293-8509 (hotline)  
[www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org](http://www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org)

### **Charlottesville**

Sexual Assault Resource Agency  
P.O. Box 6880  
Charlottesville, VA 22906  
434-295-7273  
[www.sexualassaultresources.org](http://www.sexualassaultresources.org)

Shelter for Help in Emergency  
P.O. Box 3013  
Charlottesville, VA 22903-0013  
434-293-8509 (hotline)  
[www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org](http://www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org)

### **Chesapeake**

Help and Emergency Response  
P.O. Box 2187  
Portsmouth, VA 23702-0187  
757-485-1445  
757-485-3384 (hotline)  
[www.hershelter.com](http://www.hershelter.com)

Response Sexual Assault Support  
Services of the YWCA  
5215 Colley Ave  
Norfolk, VA 23510-1220  
757-622-4300  
[www.ywca-shr.org](http://www.ywca-shr.org)

Samaritan House  
P.O. Box 2400, #226  
Virginia Beach, VA  
757-430-2120 PALS  
757-631-0710  
[www.samaritanhouseva.org](http://www.samaritanhouseva.org)

### **Chesterfield County**

Chesterfield County Domestic Violence  
Resource Center  
P.O. Box 40  
Chesterfield, VA 23832-0040  
804-768-4783  
[www.chesterfield.gov](http://www.chesterfield.gov)

Safe Harbor  
P.O. Box 17996  
Richmond, VA 23226  
804-249-9470  
[www.SafeHarborShelter.com](http://www.SafeHarborShelter.com)

*YWCA Women's Advocacy Program  
Richmond Shelter  
804-643-0888 (hotline)  
[www.ywcarichmond.org](http://www.ywcarichmond.org)*

*YWCA Women's Advocacy Program  
Chesterfield Shelter  
P.O. Box 1028  
Chesterfield, VA 23832-9101  
804-796-3066  
[www.ywcarichmond.org](http://www.ywcarichmond.org)*

### **Clarke County**

*Shelter For Abused Women  
P.O. Box 14  
Winchester, VA 22604  
540-667-6466  
Toll Free: 866-670-2942*

### **Clifton Forge**

Safehome Systems  
P.O. Box 748  
Covington, VA 24426  
540-965-3237  
Toll Free: 877-393-3672  
<http://safehome24426.tripod.com>

Total Action Against Poverty  
Women's Resource Center  
P.O. Box 2868  
Roanoke, VA 24001-2868  
540-345-6781  
Toll Free: 800-915-8164  
[www.taproanoke.org](http://www.taproanoke.org)

### **Covington**

Safehome Systems  
P.O. Box 748  
Covington, VA 24426  
540-965-3237  
Toll Free: 877-393-3672  
<http://safehome24426.tripod.com>

### **Craig County**

Sexual Assault Response and Awareness  
611 McDowell Avenue NW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-7273  
[sara@brbh.org](mailto:sara@brbh.org)

Total Action Against Poverty  
Women's Resource Center  
P.O. Box 2868  
Roanoke, VA 24001-2868  
540-345-6781  
Toll Free: 800-915-8164  
[www.taproanoke.org](http://www.taproanoke.org)

### **Culpeper County**

Services to Abused Families  
P.O. Box 402  
Culpeper, VA 22701-0402  
877-825-8876  
Toll Free: 800-825-8876

Sexual Assault Victim's Volunteer Initiative (SAVVI)  
Warrenton  
888-547-2884 (888-54-SAVVI)

### **Cumberland County**

*Madeline's House  
(Southside Center for Violence Prevention)  
P.O. Box 563  
Farmville, VA 23901  
434-292-1077  
888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)*

### **Danville**

Domestic Violence Emergency Services (DOVES)  
P. O. Box 2381  
Danville, VA 24541  
888-403-6837

*Madeline's House  
(Southside Center for Violence Prevention)  
P.O. Box 563  
Farmville, VA 23901  
434-292-1077  
888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)*

**Elliston**

Turning Point (The Salvation Army)  
815 Salem Avenue SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-0400

**Emporia**

Family Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention Program  
420 South Main Street  
Emporia, VA 23847  
434-838-8238

**Essex County**

Haven Shelter and Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1267  
Warsaw, VA 22572-0713  
800-224-2836  
[haven@sylvaninfo.net](mailto:haven@sylvaninfo.net)

**Fairfax**

Fairfax County Domestic Abuse  
and Sexual Assault Program  
14150 Parkeast Circle, Suite 200  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
703-968-4033

**Fairfax County**

Fairfax County Domestic Abuse  
and Sexual Assault Program  
14150 Parkeast Circle, Suite 200  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
703-968-4033

**Falls Church**

Fairfax County Domestic Abuse  
and Sexual Assault Program  
14150 Parkeast Circle, Suite 200  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
703-968-4033

**Fauquier County**

Services to Abused Families  
P.O. Box 402  
Culpeper, VA 22701-0402  
877-825-8876  
Toll Free: 800-825-8876

Sexual Assault Victim's Volunteer Initiative (SAVVI)  
Warrenton  
888-547-2884 (888-54-SAVVI)

**Floyd County**

Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley  
P.O. Box 477  
Radford, VA 24143  
800-788-1123  
[www.wrcnrv.org](http://www.wrcnrv.org)

**Fluvanna County**

Sexual Assault Resource Agency  
P.O. Box 6880  
Charlottesville, VA 22906  
434-295-7273  
[www.sexualassaultresources.org](http://www.sexualassaultresources.org)

Shelter for Help in Emergency  
P.O. Box 3013  
Charlottesville, VA 22903-0013  
434-293-8509 (hotline)  
[www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org](http://www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org)

**Franklin**

Genieve Shelter  
Suffolk  
800-969-4673

Response Sexual Assault Support  
Services of the YWCA  
5215 Colley Ave  
Norfolk, VA 23510-1220  
757-622-4300  
[www.ywca-shr.org](http://www.ywca-shr.org)

**Franklin County**

Franklin County Family Resource Center  
P.O. Box 188  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151-0188  
540-483-1234  
[www.franklincountyva.org/shelter](http://www.franklincountyva.org/shelter)

**Frederick County**

Shelter For Abused Women  
P.O. Box 14  
Winchester, VA 22604  
540-667-6466  
Toll Free: 866-670-2942

**Fredericksburg**

Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault  
P.O. Box 1276  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-371-1666  
[info@rcasa.org](mailto:info@rcasa.org)



Rappahannock Council On Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 1007  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-373-9373  
Toll Free: 877-734-7238  
[www.rcdv.com](http://www.rcdv.com)

### **Front Royal**

Warren County Council on Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 1831  
Front Royal, VA 22630-1831  
540-635-9194  
540-635-9062 (hotline)  
[www.wccdv.com](http://www.wccdv.com)

### **Galax**

*Family Resource Center, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 612  
Wytheville, VA 24383-0612  
800-613-6145  
[www.frc-inc.org](http://www.frc-inc.org)

### **Giles County**

*Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley*  
P.O. Box 477  
Radford, VA 24143  
800-788-1123  
[www.wrcnr.org](http://www.wrcnr.org)

### **Gloucester County**

*Laurel Shelter, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 23  
Gloucester, VA 23061-0023  
804-694-5890  
[laurelshelterinc@verizon.net](mailto:laurelshelterinc@verizon.net)

### **Goochland County**

*YWCA Women's Advocacy Program*  
*Richmond Shelter*  
804-643-0888  
[www.ywcarichmond.org](http://www.ywcarichmond.org)

### **Grayson County**

*Family Resource Center, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 612  
Wytheville, VA 24383-0612  
[www.frc-inc.org](http://www.frc-inc.org)  
800-613-6145

### **Greene County**

Sexual Assault Resource Agency  
P.O. Box 6880  
Charlottesville, VA 22906  
434-295-7273  
[www.sexualassaultresources.org](http://www.sexualassaultresources.org)

Shelter for Help in Emergency  
P.O. Box 3013  
Charlottesville, VA 22903-0013  
434-293-8509 (hotline)  
[www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org](http://www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org)

### **Greensville County**

*Family Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention Program*  
420 South Main Street  
Emporia, VA 23847  
434-348-0100

### **Halifax County**

*Madeline's House*  
*(Southside Center for Violence Prevention)*  
P.O. Box 563  
Farmville, VA 23901  
434-292-1077  
888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)

### **Hampton**

Center for Sexual Assault Survivors  
11030 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601  
757-599-9844  
[www.visitthecenter.org](http://www.visitthecenter.org)

Transitions Family Violence Services  
P.O. Box 561  
Hampton, VA 23669-0561  
757-722-2261  
757-723-7774 (hotline)  
[www.transitionsfvs.org](http://www.transitionsfvs.org)

### **Hanover County**

Hanover Safe Place  
Ashland, VA 23005  
Toll Free: 888-370-SAFE (7233)  
Local Hotline: 804-752-2702  
[www.hanoversafeplace.com](http://www.hanoversafeplace.com)

Safe Harbor  
P.O. Box 17996  
Richmond, VA 23226  
804-249-9470  
[www.SafeHarborShelter.com](http://www.SafeHarborShelter.com)

*YWCA Women's Advocacy Program*  
*Richmond Shelter*  
804-643-0888  
[www.ywcarichmond.org](http://www.ywcarichmond.org)

### **Harrisonburg**

The Collins Center  
(Formerly Citizens Against Sexual Assault)  
P.O. Box 1473  
Harrisonburg, VA 22803  
540-434-2275  
[www.thecollinscenter.org](http://www.thecollinscenter.org)

First Step  
Harrisonburg  
540-434-0295  
Toll Free: 800-578-3433

### **Henrico County**

Safe Harbor  
P.O. Box 17996  
Richmond, VA 23226  
804-249-9470  
[www.SafeHarborShelter.com](http://www.SafeHarborShelter.com)

*YWCA Women's Advocacy Program  
Richmond Shelter  
804-643-0888  
[www.ywcarichmond.org](http://www.ywcarichmond.org)*

### **Henry County**

Citizens Against Family Violence  
P.O. Box 352  
Martinsville, VA 24114-0352  
276-632-8701  
[mail@CAFV.Info](mailto:mail@CAFV.Info)

### **Hopewell**

*The James House  
1016 Maplewood Ave  
Hopewell, VA 23860  
804-458-2840  
[www.thejameshouse.org](http://www.thejameshouse.org)*

*YWCA Women's Advocacy Program  
Chesterfield Shelter  
P.O. Box 1028  
Chesterfield, VA 23832-9101  
804-796-3066  
[www.ywcarichmond.org](http://www.ywcarichmond.org)*

*YWCA Women's Advocacy Program  
Richmond Shelter  
804-643-0888  
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### **Isle of Wight County**

Center for Sexual Assault Survivors  
11030 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601  
757-599-9844  
[www.visitthecenter.org](http://www.visitthecenter.org)

Genieve Shelter  
Suffolk  
800-969-4673  
[genieve88@earthlink.net](mailto:genieve88@earthlink.net)

Response Sexual Assault Support  
Services of the YWCA  
5215 Colley Ave  
Norfolk, VA 23510-1220  
757-622-4300  
[www.ywca-shr.org](http://www.ywca-shr.org)

### **James City County**

*Avalon: A Center For Women And Children  
P.O. Box 1079  
Williamsburg, VA 23187-1079  
757-258-5051 (hotline)  
[www.avaloncenter.org](http://www.avaloncenter.org)*

### **King and Queen County**

*Laurel Shelter, Inc.  
P.O. Box 23  
Gloucester, VA 23061-0023  
804-694-5890  
[laurelshelterinc@verizon.net](mailto:laurelshelterinc@verizon.net)*

*Project Hope at Quin Rivers  
104 Roxbury Industrial Center  
Charles City, VA 23030  
804-966-5020  
877-966-HELP (4357) (hotline)  
[www.quinriversagency.org](http://www.quinriversagency.org)*

### **King George County**

Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault  
P.O. Box 1276  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-371-1666  
[info@rcasa.org](mailto:info@rcasa.org)

Rappahannock Council On Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 1007  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-373-9373  
Toll Free: 877-734-7238  
[www.rcdv.com](http://www.rcdv.com)

### **King William County**

*Laurel Shelter, Inc.  
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Gloucester, VA 23061-0023  
804-694-5890  
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Charles City, VA 23030  
804-966-5020  
877-966-HELP (4357) (hotline)  
[www.quinriversagency.org](http://www.quinriversagency.org)*

**Lancaster County**

Haven Shelter and Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1267  
Warsaw, VA 22572-0713  
800-224-2836  
[haven@sylvaninfo.net](mailto:haven@sylvaninfo.net)

**Lee County**

Family Crisis Support Services  
P.O. Box 692  
Norton, VA 24273  
800-877-3416  
[www.family-crisis.com](http://www.family-crisis.com)

Hope House of Scott County  
P.O. Box 1992  
Gate City, VA 24251  
888-250-4325  
[www.hopehousescottcounty.org](http://www.hopehousescottcounty.org)

**Leesburg**

Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS)  
Leesburg, VA 20175  
703-777-6552  
[www.lcsj.org](http://www.lcsj.org)

**Lexington**

Project Horizon  
120 Varner Lane  
Lexington, VA 24450  
540-463-2594  
[www.projecthorizon.net](http://www.projecthorizon.net)

Total Action Against Poverty  
Women's Resource Center  
P.O. Box 2868  
Roanoke, VA 24001-2868  
540-345-6781  
Toll Free: 800-915-8164  
[www.taproanoke.org](http://www.taproanoke.org)

**Loudoun County**

Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS)  
Leesburg, VA 20175  
703-777-6552  
[www.lcsj.org](http://www.lcsj.org)

**Louisa County**

Sexual Assault Resource Agency  
P.O. Box 6880  
Charlottesville, VA 22906  
434-295-7273  
[www.sexualassaultresources.org](http://www.sexualassaultresources.org)

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P.O. Box 3013  
Charlottesville, VA 22903-0013  
434-293-8509 (hotline)  
[www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org](http://www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org)

**Lunenburg County**

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(Southside Center for Violence Prevention)  
P.O. Box 563  
Farmville, VA 23901  
434-292-1077  
888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)

CHOICES Council on Domestic Violence for Page County  
216 W. Main Street  
Luray, VA 22835  
540-743-4414  
[www.choicesofpagecounty.org](http://www.choicesofpagecounty.org)

**Lynchburg**

Sexual Assault Response Program  
Crisis Line of Central Virginia  
P.O. Box 3074  
Lynchburg, VA 24503  
434-947-7422  
434-947-RAPE (7273)  
[www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/](http://www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/)

YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center  
626 Church Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504  
888-528-1041  
[www.lynchburgywca.org](http://www.lynchburgywca.org)

**Madison County**

Services To Abused Families  
P.O. Box 402  
Culpeper, VA 22701-0402  
877-825-8876  
Toll Free: 800-825-8876

Sexual Assault Victim's Volunteer Initiative (SAVVI)  
Warrenton  
888-547-2884 (SAVVI)

**Manassas**

ACTS/Turning Points  
P.O. Box 74  
Dumfries, VA 22026-0074  
703-221-4460  
703-368-4141 (hotline)  
[www.actspwc.org](http://www.actspwc.org)

Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Service (SAVAS)  
P.O. Box 4783  
Woodbridge, VA 22194  
703-368-4141 (hotline)  
[www.savasofpwc.org](http://www.savasofpwc.org)

### **Manassas Park**

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703-368-4141 (hotline)  
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### **Martinsville**

Citizens Against Family Violence  
P.O. Box 352  
Martinsville, VA 24114-0352  
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### **Mathews County**

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### **Mecklenburg County**

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888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)

### **Middlesex County**

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### **Montgomery County**

Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley  
P.O. Box 477  
Radford, VA 24143  
800-788-1123  
[www.wrcnr.org](http://www.wrcnr.org)

### **Nelson County**

Sexual Assault Response Program  
Crisis Line of Central Virginia  
P.O. Box 3074  
Lynchburg, VA 24503  
434-947-7422  
434-947-RAPE (7273)  
[www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/](http://www.crisislineofcentralvirginia.org/)

Sexual Assault Resource Agency  
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Charlottesville, VA 22906  
434-295-7273  
[www.sexualassaultresources.org](http://www.sexualassaultresources.org)

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Charlottesville, VA 22903-0013  
434-293-8509 (hotline)  
[www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org](http://www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org)

### **New Kent County**

Project Hope at Quin Rivers  
104 Roxbury Industrial Center  
Charles City, VA 23030  
804-966-5020  
877-966-HELP (4357) (hotline)  
[www.quinriversagency.org](http://www.quinriversagency.org)

### **Newport News**

Center for Sexual Assault Survivors  
11030 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601  
757-599-9844  
[www.visitthecenter.org](http://www.visitthecenter.org)

Transitions Family Violence Services  
P.O. Box 561  
Hampton, VA 23669-0561  
757-722-2261  
757-723-7774 (hotline)  
[www.transitionsfvs.org](http://www.transitionsfvs.org)

### **Norfolk**

Help and Emergency Response  
P.O. Box 2187  
Portsmouth, VA 23702-0187  
757-485-1445  
757-485-3384 (hotline)  
[www.hershelter.com](http://www.hershelter.com)

Response Sexual Assault Support  
Services of the YWCA  
5215 Colley Ave  
Norfolk, VA 23510-1220  
757-622-4300  
[www.ywca-shr.org](http://www.ywca-shr.org)

Samaritan House  
P.O. Box 2400, #226  
Virginia Beach, VA  
757-430-2120 PALS  
757-631-0710  
[www.samaritanhouseva.org](http://www.samaritanhouseva.org)

YWCA Women In Crisis Program  
Norfolk  
757-625-5570

### **Northampton County**

Center for Sexual Assault Survivors  
11030 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601  
757-599-9844  
[www.visitthecenter.org](http://www.visitthecenter.org)

Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 3  
Onancock, VA 23417-0003  
877-787-1329  
[www.esva.net/~escadv](http://www.esva.net/~escadv)

### **Northumberland County**

*Haven Shelter and Services, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 1267  
Warsaw, VA 22572-0713  
800-224-2836  
[haven@sylvaninfo.net](mailto:haven@sylvaninfo.net)

### **Norton**

Crisis Center  
P.O. Box 642  
Bristol, VA 24203  
Line 1: 276-466-2312  
Line 2: 276-628-7731

*Family Crisis Support Services*  
P.O. Box 692  
Norton, VA 24273  
800-877-3416  
[www.family-crisis.com](http://www.family-crisis.com)

Hope House of Scott County  
P.O. Box 1992  
Gate City, VA 24251  
888-250-4325  
[www.hopehousescottcounty.org](http://www.hopehousescottcounty.org)

### **Nottoway County**

*Madeline's House*  
(*Southside Center for Violence Prevention*)  
P.O. Box 563  
Farmville, VA 23901  
434-292-1077  
888-819-2926 (hotline)  
[www.madelineshouse.net](http://www.madelineshouse.net)

### **Onancock**

Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 3  
Onancock, VA 23417-0003  
877-787-1329  
[www.esva.net/~escadv](http://www.esva.net/~escadv)

### **Orange County**

Services To Abused Families  
P.O. Box 402  
Culpeper, VA 22701-0402  
877-825-8876  
Toll Free: 800-825-8876

Sexual Assault Victim's Volunteer Initiative (SAVVI)  
Warrenton  
888-547-2884 (SAVVI)

### **Page County**

*CHOICES Council on Domestic Violence for Page County*  
216 W. Main Street  
Luray, VA 22835  
540-743-4414  
[www.choicesofpagecounty.org](http://www.choicesofpagecounty.org)

### **Patrick County**

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Martinsville, VA 24114-0352  
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### **Petersburg**

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Hopewell, VA 23860  
804-458-2840  
[www.thejameshouse.org](http://www.thejameshouse.org)

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Chesterfield, VA 23832-9101  
804-796-3066  
[www.ywcarichmond.org](http://www.ywcarichmond.org)

YWCA Women's Advocacy Program  
Richmond  
804-643-0888  
[www.ywcarichmond.org](http://www.ywcarichmond.org)

### **Pittsylvania County**

Domestic Violence Emergency Services (DOVES)  
P. O. Box 2381  
Danville, VA 24541  
888-403-6837

**Poquoson**

Center for Sexual Assault Survivors  
11030 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601  
757-599-9848  
[www.visitthecenter.org](http://www.visitthecenter.org)

Transitions Family Violence Services  
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Hampton, VA 23669-0561  
757-722-2261  
757-723-7774 (hotline)  
[www.transitionsfvs.org](http://www.transitionsfvs.org)

**Portsmouth**

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757-631-0710  
[www.samaritanhouseva.org](http://www.samaritanhouseva.org)

**Powhatan County**

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**Prince Edward County**

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434-292-1077  
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**Prince William County**

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**Pulaski County**

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**Radford**

*Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley  
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**Rappahannock County**

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**Richmond**

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**Richmond County**

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**Roanoke**

Sexual Assault Response and Awareness  
611 McDowell Avenue NW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-7273

Total Action Against Poverty  
Women's Resource Center  
P.O. Box 2868  
Roanoke, VA 24001-2868  
540-345-6781  
Toll Free: 800-915-8164  
[www.taproanoke.org](http://www.taproanoke.org)

Turning Point (The Salvation Army)  
815 Salem Avenue SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-0400

**Roanoke County**

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Roanoke, VA 24016  
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**Rockbridge County**

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Toll Free: 800-915-8164  
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**Rockingham County**

The Collins Center  
(Formerly Citizens Against Sexual Assault)  
P.O. Box 1473  
Harrisonburg, VA 22803  
540-432-6430  
540-434-2275 (hotline)  
[www.thecollinscenter.org](http://www.thecollinscenter.org)

First Step  
Harrisonburg  
540-434-0295  
Toll Free: 800-578-3433

**Rocky Mount**

*Franklin County Family Resource Center*  
P.O. Box 188  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151-0188  
540-483-5088  
540-483-1234 (hotline)  
[www.franklincountyva.org/shelter](http://www.franklincountyva.org/shelter)

Turning Point (The Salvation Army)  
815 Salem Avenue SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-0400

**Russell County**

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Gate City, VA 24251  
888-250-4325  
[www.hopehousescottcounty.org](http://www.hopehousescottcounty.org)

People, Inc.'s Domestic Violence Program  
1173 W. Main Street  
Abingdon, VA 24210  
276-623-9000  
877-697-9444

**Salem**

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Roanoke, VA 24016  
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Bristol, VA 24203  
Line 1: 276-466-2312  
Line 2: 276-628-7731

*Family Crisis Support Services*  
P.O. Box 692  
Norton, VA 24273  
800-877-3416  
[www.family-crisis.com](http://www.family-crisis.com)

Hope House of Scott County  
P.O. Box 1992  
Gate City, VA 24251  
888-250-4325  
[www.hopehousescottcounty.org](http://www.hopehousescottcounty.org)

### **Shenandoah**

*CHOICES Council on Domestic Violence for Page County*  
216 W. Main Street  
Luray, VA 22835  
540-743-4414  
[www.choicesofpagecounty.org](http://www.choicesofpagecounty.org)

### **Shenandoah County**

*Response, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 287  
Woodstock, VA 22664-0287  
540-459-5161  
[www.response2abuse.com](http://www.response2abuse.com)

### **Smithfield**

Genieve Shelter  
Suffolk  
800-969-4673  
[genieve88@earthlink.net](mailto:genieve88@earthlink.net)

### **Smyth County**

*Family Resource Center, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 612  
Wytheville, VA 24383-0612  
800-613-6145  
[www.frc-inc.org](http://www.frc-inc.org)

### **Southampton County**

Center for Sexual Assault Survivors  
11030 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601  
757-599-9844  
[www.visitthecenter.org](http://www.visitthecenter.org)

Genieve Shelter  
Suffolk  
800-969-4673  
[genieve88@earthlink.net](mailto:genieve88@earthlink.net)

Response Sexual Assault Support  
Services of the YWCA  
5215 Colley Ave  
Norfolk, VA 23510-1220  
757-622-4300  
[www.ywca-shr.org](http://www.ywca-shr.org)

### **Spotsylvania County**

Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault  
P.O. Box 1276  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-371-1666  
[info@rcasa.org](mailto:info@rcasa.org)

Rappahannock Council On Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 1007  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-373-9373  
Toll Free: 877-734-7238  
[www.rcdv.com](http://www.rcdv.com)

### **Stafford County**

Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault  
P.O. Box 1276  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-371-1666  
[info@rcasa.org](mailto:info@rcasa.org)

Rappahannock Council On Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 1007  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
540-373-9373  
Toll Free: 877-734-7238  
[www.rcdv.com](http://www.rcdv.com)

### **Stanley**

*CHOICES Council on Domestic Violence for Page County*  
216 W. Main Street  
Luray, VA 22835  
540-743-4414  
[www.choicesofpagecounty.org](http://www.choicesofpagecounty.org)

### **Staunton**

*New Directions, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 3069  
Staunton, VA 24402-3069  
800-56-HAVEN (42836)  
[www.newdircenter.com](http://www.newdircenter.com)

### **Suffolk**

Genieve Shelter  
Suffolk  
800-969-4673



Help and Emergency Response  
P.O. Box 2187  
Portsmouth, VA 23702-0187  
757-485-1445  
757-485-3384 (hotline)  
[www.hershelter.com](http://www.hershelter.com)

Response Sexual Assault Support  
Services of the YWCA  
5215 Colley Ave  
Norfolk, VA 23510-1220  
757-622-4300  
[www.ywca-shr.org](http://www.ywca-shr.org)

### **Surry County**

Genieve Shelter  
Suffolk  
800-969-4673

### **Sussex County**

*Family Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention Program*  
420 South Main Street  
Emporia, VA 23847  
800-838-8238

### **Tazewell County**

*Family Crisis Services*  
P.O. Box 188  
North Tazewell, VA 24630  
800-390-9484  
[www.clinchvalleycaa.org](http://www.clinchvalleycaa.org)

### **Troutville**

Turning Point (The Salvation Army)  
815 Salem Avenue SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-0400

### **Vienna**

*Fairfax County Domestic Abuse  
and Sexual Assault Program*  
14150 Parkeast Circle, Suite 200  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
703-968-4033

### **Vinton**

Sexual Assault Response and Awareness  
611 McDowell Avenue NW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-7273

Total Action Against Poverty  
Women's Resource Center  
P.O. Box 2868  
Roanoke, VA 24001-2868  
540-345-6781  
Toll Free: 800-915-8164  
[www.taproanoke.org](http://www.taproanoke.org)

Turning Point (The Salvation Army)  
815 Salem Avenue SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
540-345-0400

### **Virginia Beach**

Help and Emergency Response  
P.O. Box 2187  
Portsmouth, VA 23702-0187  
757-485-1445  
757-485-3384 (hotline)  
[www.hershelter.com](http://www.hershelter.com)

Response Sexual Assault Support  
Services of the YWCA  
5215 Colley Ave  
Norfolk, VA 23510-1220  
757-622-4300  
[www.ywca-shr.org](http://www.ywca-shr.org)

Samaritan House  
P.O. Box 2400, #226  
Virginia Beach, VA  
757-430-2120 PALS  
757-631-0710  
[www.samaritanhouseva.org](http://www.samaritanhouseva.org)

YWCA Women In Crisis Program  
Norfolk  
757-625-5570

### **Warren County**

Warren County Council on Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 1831  
Front Royal, VA 22630-1831  
540-635-9194  
540-635-9062 (hotline)  
[www.wccdv.com](http://www.wccdv.com)

### **Warrenton**

Sexual Assault Victim's Volunteer Initiative (SAVVI)  
Warrenton  
888-547-2884 (888-54-SAVVI)

### **Washington County**

Abuse Alternatives  
104 Memorial Drive  
Bristol, TN 37620  
423-652-9093  
Toll Free: 800-987-6499  
[www.abusealternatives.com](http://www.abusealternatives.com)

Crisis Center  
P.O. Box 642  
Bristol, VA 24203  
Line 1: 276-466-2312  
Line 2: 276-628-7731

Hope House of Scott County  
P.O. Box 1992  
Gate City, VA 24251  
888-250-4325  
[www.hopehousescottcounty.org](http://www.hopehousescottcounty.org)

**Waynesboro**

*New Directions, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 3069  
Staunton, VA 24402-3069  
800-56-HAVEN (42836)  
[www.newdircenter.com](http://www.newdircenter.com)

**Westmoreland County**

*Haven Shelter and Services, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 1267  
Warsaw, VA 22572-0713  
800-224-2836  
[haven@sylvaninfo.net](mailto:haven@sylvaninfo.net)

**Williamsburg**

*Avalon: A Center for Women and Children*  
P.O. Box 1079  
Williamsburg, VA 23187-1079  
757-258-5051  
[www.avaloncenter.org](http://www.avaloncenter.org)

**Winchester**

*Shelter for Abused Women*  
P.O. Box 14  
Winchester, VA 22604  
540-667-6466  
Toll Free 866-670-2942

**Wise County**

Crisis Center  
P.O. Box 642  
Bristol, VA 24203  
Line 1: 276-466-2312  
Line 2: 276-628-7731

*Family Crisis Support Services*  
P.O. Box 692  
Norton, VA 24273  
800-877-3416  
[www.family-crisis.com](http://www.family-crisis.com)

Hope House of Scott County  
P.O. Box 1992  
Gate City, VA 24251  
888-250-4325  
[www.hopehousescottcounty.org](http://www.hopehousescottcounty.org)

**Woodbridge**

ACTS/Turning Points  
P.O. Box 74  
Dumfries, VA 22026-0074  
703-221-4460  
703-368-4141 (hotline)  
[www.actspwc.org](http://www.actspwc.org)

Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Service (SAVAS)  
P.O. Box 4783  
Woodbridge, VA 22194  
703-368-4141 (hotline)  
[www.savasofpwc.org](http://www.savasofpwc.org)

**Wythe County**

*Family Resource Center, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 612  
Wytheville, VA 24383-0612  
800-613-6145  
[www.frc-inc.org](http://www.frc-inc.org)

**York County**

*Avalon: A Center for Women and Children*  
P.O. Box 1079  
Williamsburg, VA 23187-1079  
757-258-5051  
[www.avaloncenter.org](http://www.avaloncenter.org)

Center for Sexual Assault Survivors  
11030 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601  
757-599-9844  
[www.visitthecenter.org](http://www.visitthecenter.org)

Transitions Family Violence Services  
P.O. Box 561  
Hampton, VA 23669-0561  
757-723-7774  
[www.transitionsfvs.org](http://www.transitionsfvs.org)

(Source- Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance)

# Certified Batterer Intervention Programs

## **ACTS/Turning Points/Men's Program**

P.O. Box 74  
Dumfries, VA 22026  
Office: (703) 441-8606  
Fax: (703) 221-3585  
Email: [turningpoints\\_beal@comcast.net](mailto:turningpoints_beal@comcast.net)

## **AIMS: Domestic Violence/Anger Intervention Services**

Marais Plaza, Suite 405  
9255 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110  
Office: (703) 530-6262  
Fax: (703) 530-9393  
Email: [ELLINGTONAIMS@aol.com](mailto:ELLINGTONAIMS@aol.com)  
Website: [www.AIMSAngermanagement.com](http://www.AIMSAngermanagement.com)

## **Arlington County Department of Human Services**

3033 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 700-A  
Arlington, VA 22201  
Office: (703) 228-1300  
Website:  
[www.arlingtonva.us/departments/HumanServices](http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/HumanServices)

## **Blue Ridge Counseling Services: DVAP**

123 South Poston Street  
Marion, VA 24354  
Office: (276) 783-9040  
Fax: (276) 782-9567  
Email: [blueridgedoc@aol.com](mailto:blueridgedoc@aol.com)

## **Blue Ridge Counseling: Domestic Violence Alternatives Program**

519 Second Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
Office: (540) 639-9040  
Fax: (540) 639-9040  
Email: [kfender@radford.edu](mailto:kfender@radford.edu)  
Website: [www.blueridgecounseling.com](http://www.blueridgecounseling.com)

## **Center for Child & Family Services, Inc.**

2021 Cunningham Drive, Suite 400  
Hampton, VA 23666  
Office: (757) 838-1960  
Fax: (757) 838-3280  
Email: [rjlfamsvs@aol.com](mailto:rjlfamsvs@aol.com)

## **Center for Multicultural Human Services**

701 W. Broad Street, Suite 305  
Falls Church, VA 22046  
Office: (703) 533-3302  
Fax: (703) 237-2083  
Email: [javila@cmhs.org](mailto:javila@cmhs.org)  
Website: [www.cmhs.org](http://www.cmhs.org)

## **Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc.**

**Family Crisis Services**  
P.O. Box 487  
North Tazewell, VA 24630  
Office: (276) 988-5583  
Email: [familycr@netscope.com](mailto:familycr@netscope.com)

## **Commonwealth Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads**

4855 Princess Anne Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
Office: (757) 467-7707  
Fax: (757) 495-3206  
Email: [mmstewart@cchr.org](mailto:mmstewart@cchr.org)  
Website: [www.cchr.org](http://www.cchr.org)

## **Commonwealth Catholic Charities**

1512 Willow Lawn Drive  
Richmond, VA 23230  
Office: (804) 285-5900  
Fax: (804) 285-9130  
Email: [kentradwani@cccovirginia.org](mailto:kentradwani@cccovirginia.org)

## **Domestic Violence Intervention**

3113 W. Marshall Street  
Richmond, VA 23230  
Office: (804) 355-6341  
Fax: (804) 422-8860  
Email: [cwb4dvi@cs.com](mailto:cwb4dvi@cs.com)

## **Family Crisis Services**

P.O. Box 487  
North Tazewell, VA 24630  
Office: (276) 988-5583  
Email: [familycr@netscope.com](mailto:familycr@netscope.com)

## **Family Focus Counseling Services**

20-B John Marshall Street  
Warrenton, VA 20186  
Office: (540) 349-4537  
Fax: (540) 349-2369  
Email: [famfocus@yahoo.com](mailto:famfocus@yahoo.com)

## **Frank D. Manners & Associates, Inc.**

5412 Glenside Drive, Suite A  
Richmond, VA 23228  
Office: (804) 672-8390  
Email: [fdmanners@aol.com](mailto:fdmanners@aol.com)

## **ADAPT: Anger & Domestic Abuse Prevention and Treatment**

14150 Parkeast Circle #200  
Chantilly, VA 20151-2235  
Office: (703) 968-4052  
Fax: (703) 263-1724  
Email: [sam.Bachman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sam.Bachman@fairfaxcounty.gov)

## **Fresh Start Men's Group**

P.O. Box 1007  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402  
Office: (540) 372-7866  
Email: [rcdv@fls.infi.net](mailto:rcdv@fls.infi.net)

**Middle Peninsula Northern Neck  
Community Services Board**

414 Main Street  
P.O. Box 729  
Warsaw, VA 22572  
Office: (804) 333-3671  
Toll Free: (800) 639-9882  
Fax: (804) 333-3657  
Email: [sokcampagnola@mpnn.state.va.us](mailto:sokcampagnola@mpnn.state.va.us)

**Middle Peninsula Northern Neck  
Community Services Board**

9288 George Washington Memorial Highway  
P.O. Box 2468  
Gloucester, VA 23061  
Office: (804) 693-5057  
Toll Free: (800) 639-9668  
Fax: (804) 693-7407  
Email: [jcathey@mpnn.state.va.us](mailto:jcathey@mpnn.state.va.us)

**OAR of Fairfax County**

10640 Page Avenue, Suite 250  
Fairfax, VA 22303  
Office: (703) 246-3033  
Fax: (703) 273-7554  
Email: [ctaylor@oarfairfax.org](mailto:ctaylor@oarfairfax.org)

**Skinner Holistic Health Corporation**

158 Pleasant Shade Drive  
Emporia, VA 23847  
Office: (434) 348-9071  
Fax: (434) 336-0835  
Email: [skinpoknights@telpage.net](mailto:skinpoknights@telpage.net)

**Violence Intervention Program**

1725 N. George Mason Drive  
Arlington, VA 22205  
Office: (703) 228-1550  
Hotline: (703) 228-4848  
Email: [bwalke@co.arlington.va.us](mailto:bwalke@co.arlington.va.us)

**YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center**

626 Church Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504  
Office: (434) 528-1041  
Hotline: (888) 528-1041  
Email: [ledwardsywca@yahoo.com](mailto:ledwardsywca@yahoo.com)

# Local Fatality Review Teams

## **Chesterfield County Intimate Partner and Family Violence Fatality Review Team**

Patricia Jones-Turner, Coordinator  
Chesterfield County Domestic and Sexual Violence Resource Center  
(804) 706-1272  
[JonesTurnerP@chesterfield.gov](mailto:JonesTurnerP@chesterfield.gov)

## **Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team (James City County, Poquoson, Williamsburg, York County)**

Eileen Addison, Commonwealth's Attorney  
York County-Poquoson  
(757) 890-3401  
[addisone@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:addisone@yorkcounty.gov)  
Stan Stout  
James City County Police Department  
[sbstout@james-city.va.us](mailto:sbstout@james-city.va.us)

## **Fairfax County Domestic Violence Fatality Review**

Seema Zeya, Domestic Violence Coordinator  
Fairfax County  
(703) 324-7472  
[Seema.Zeya@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Seema.Zeya@fairfaxcounty.gov)

## **Four Rivers Regional Fatality Review Partnership (New Kent County, Charles City, King William, King and Queen and the town of West Point)**

Gwen Kitson, Program Director  
Project Hope, Quin Rivers  
(804) 966-5020 x321  
[Gkitcon@quinriversagency.org](mailto:Gkitcon@quinriversagency.org)

## **Hampton Family Violence Fatality Review Team**

Marcy Wright, Executive Director  
Transitions Family Violence Services  
(757) 722-2261  
[mwright@transitionsfvs.org](mailto:mwright@transitionsfvs.org)

## **Henrico County Family Violence Fatality Review Team**

Beth C. Bonniwell, Domestic Violence Coordinator  
Division of Police, County of Henrico  
(804) 501-5732  
[bon@co.henrico.va.us](mailto:bon@co.henrico.va.us)

## **Lynchburg City Family Violence Fatality Review Team**

Susan Clark  
Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney/Victim Witness  
City of Lynchburg  
434-455-3766  
[sclark@ocalynchburg.com](mailto:sclark@ocalynchburg.com)

## **Monticello Area Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (Albemarle County and City of Charlottesville)**

Jon Zug, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney  
Albemarle County  
(434) 972-4072  
[jzug@albemarle.org](mailto:jzug@albemarle.org)

## **Newport News Fatality and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team**

Synethia Newby, Director  
Victim Services, Commonwealth's Attorney's Office  
2501 Washington Ave., 6th Floor  
Newport News, VA 23605  
(757) 926-7285  
[snewby@nngov.com](mailto:snewby@nngov.com)

## **Northern Neck/Essex Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (Counties of Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland)**

Marcie Lawhead, Special Agent  
Virginia State Police  
(804) 553-3539

## **Norfolk Family Violence Fatality Review Team**

Phil Evans, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney  
City of Norfolk  
(757) 664-4853  
[Gregory.Underwood@norfolk.gov](mailto:Gregory.Underwood@norfolk.gov)

## **City of Richmond Child and Family Violence Fatality Review Team**

Mary Langer, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney  
City of Richmond  
(804) 646-2949  
[langerme@ci.richmond.va.us](mailto:langerme@ci.richmond.va.us)

(Source – Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner)

# Additional Resources

## State Resources

Virginia Department of Corrections,  
Community Corrections

[www.vadoc.state.va.us/community](http://www.vadoc.state.va.us/community)

Virginia Department of Mental Health,  
Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services

[www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov](http://www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov)

Prevent Child Abuse Virginia

(804) 359-6166

(800) CHILDREN

[www.preventchildabuseva.org](http://www.preventchildabuseva.org)

Virginia Association of  
Community Services Boards

[www.vacsb.org](http://www.vacsb.org)

Virginia Batterer Intervention Program  
Certification Board

[www.vabipboard.org](http://www.vabipboard.org)

Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association

[www.vccja.org](http://www.vccja.org)

Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

[www.cicf.state.va.us](http://www.cicf.state.va.us)

Virginia Legal Aid Society

[www.vlas.org](http://www.vlas.org)

Virginia Poverty Law Center

[www.vplc.org](http://www.vplc.org)

## National Resources

American Bar Association  
Commission on Domestic Violence

(312) 988-5522

[www.abanet.org/domviol/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/domviol/home.html)

Battered Women's Justice Project

(800) 903-0111

[www.bwjp.org](http://www.bwjp.org)

Center for the Prevention of  
Sexual and Domestic Violence

(206) 634-1903

[www.cpsdv.org](http://www.cpsdv.org)

Family Violence Prevention Fund

(888) 792-2873

(415) 252-8089

[www.fvpf.org](http://www.fvpf.org)

National Center on Elder Abuse

(302) 831-3525

[www.ncea.aoa.gov](http://www.ncea.aoa.gov)

National Center on Full Faith and Credit

(703) 312-7922

[www.fullfaithandcredit.org](http://www.fullfaithandcredit.org)

National Center for Victims of Crime

(800) 394-2255

(703) 276-2880

[www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org)

National Clearinghouse on Abuse  
in Later Life (NCALL)

(608) 255-0539

[www.ncall.us](http://www.ncall.us)

National Clearinghouse for the  
Defense of Battered Women

(800) 903-0111

(215) 351-0010

[www.ncdbw.org](http://www.ncdbw.org)

National Coalition  
Against Domestic Violence

(303) 839-1852

[www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

National Council on Child Abuse  
and Family Violence

(800) 222-2000

(202) 429-6695

[www.nccafv.org](http://www.nccafv.org)

National Council of Juvenile  
and Family Court Judges

(775) 784-6012

[www.ncjfcj.org](http://www.ncjfcj.org)

National Latino Alliance for the  
Elimination of Domestic Violence

[www.dvalianza.org](http://www.dvalianza.org)

National Network to End Domestic Violence

(202) 543-5566

[www.nnedv.org](http://www.nnedv.org)

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

(800) 537-2238

[www.nrcdv.org](http://www.nrcdv.org)

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

(877) 739-3895

(717) 909-0710

[www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)

**National Stalking Resource Center**  
(202) 467-8700  
[www.ncvc.org/src/](http://www.ncvc.org/src/)

**Office on Violence Against Women**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
(202) 307-6026  
[www.usdoj.gov/ovw](http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw)

**Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)**  
(800) 656-HOPE  
[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

**Resource Center on Child Protection and Custody**  
(800) 527-3223  
[www.nationalcouncilfvd.org](http://www.nationalcouncilfvd.org)

## **National Hotlines**

**National Center on Elder Abuse Help Hotline**  
1-800-677-1116  
[www.ncea.aoa.gov](http://www.ncea.aoa.gov)

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)  
[www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)

**National Sexual Assault Hotline**  
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

**National Stalking Resource Center**  
1-800-FYI-CALL (M-F 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. EST)  
[gethelp@ncvc.org](mailto:gethelp@ncvc.org)

**National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline**  
1-866-331-9474  
1-866-331-8453 TTY  
[www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)

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