

Legal Resource Kit

A Guide to Court Watching in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases

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I. INTRODUCTION TO COURT WATCHING

Concerned about the way in which courts are enforcing local laws and handling cases, citizens' groups across the country have organized court watching programs. Unlike individuals who go to court as witnesses, victims, defendants or jurors, court watchers do not have a personal stake in the outcome of a case; instead, they go to court to observe proceedings and to assess whether courts are serving their communities fairly. Existing court watching programs monitor anything from audibility of proceedings to the behavior of court personnel to gender bias in the courts. The premise of most community programs is that while judges, jurors, and court personnel want to do the right thing, having residents and citizens evaluating court proceedings encourages fairness for parties involved in court cases and makes courts accountable to the communities they serve.

The specific focus of this manual is to provide information about developing a court watching program for domestic violence and/or rape and sexual assault cases in your community. The information contained in this manual, however, can help individuals interested in establishing a court watching program for any issue.

II. WHY IS COURT WATCHING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES IMPORTANT?

Violence against women is epidemic: two million women in the United States are beaten annually, and 15% of adult American women have been victims of rape.¹ Battering is the single greatest cause of injury for women,² and 22% to 35% of women who go to emergency rooms are there for problems related to domestic violence.³ Violence ranks as the number one hurdle facing many women in the job market: almost 50% of sexual assault survivors lose their jobs or are forced to quit in the aftermath of the assaults,⁴ and between 25 and 50% of domestic violence victims surveyed in 3 studies reported that the victims lost a job due, at least in part, to domestic violence.⁵ Violence often deprives women of the joys of exercise, recreation, and friendship that men take for granted. And in the end, violence confines millions of women to lives of fear and insecurity, whether or not they are directly the victims of battering or assault.

Fortunately, states in the last two decades have seen significant reforms in domestic violence and rape laws. Today, laws in all fifty states and the District of Columbia permit battered women to obtain civil protection orders, and most states have changed their rape laws to focus on the behavior of the offender rather than the response of the victim. Legislative reforms notwithstanding, research reveals that in some locations only minor improvements in rates of arrest, prosecution and conviction have followed. Prevailing myths and stereotypes about domestic violence and rape continue to operate in the courtroom and undermine justice for victims. These

myths include:

- battered women provoke their partner's violence
- rapists are knife-wielding, sex-starved, mentally deranged strangers
- a battered woman is someone who is beaten up constantly and has serious injuries to show for it
- a "real" rape victim offers the utmost in physical resistance, suffers savage physical injuries and immediately reports the rape to the police
- it is easy for a battered woman to leave her abuser
- domestic violence committed by women against men is equivalent to the domestic violence men commit against women
- domestic violence against mothers does not affect children
- acquaintance rape is just "bad sex" or "regretted sex," and is not as traumatic as stranger rape.

The pervasiveness of violence against women and the failure of the judicial system to respond may leave victims believing that the legal system does not want to and cannot protect them adequately. Court watching is a clear demonstration to law enforcement and the judiciary that the community is concerned about these crimes and committed to addressing them seriously. Court watching is a positive way for concerned groups and individuals to address problems of bias within the system by documenting when these myths and stereotypes are carried into the courtroom and how they undermine justice for victims. Finally, court watching is important because it works. To date, several programs have succeeded in having courts adopt their recommendations and in improving judicial intervention for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. A listing of relevant court watching programs is included at the end of this kit.

III. HOW DO I START A COURT WATCHING PROGRAM?

The following is an outline of action steps necessary to start a court watching program. As a general principle, it is best to try to work within the guidelines of your court system as much as possible.

1. Set realistic goals. Goal-setting is one of the first and most important steps in developing a successful court watching program. Whether your mission is to identify why courts allow violent sexual offenders to slip through the system or to make courts respond effectively to domestic violence cases, you will need to develop a set of specific and attainable goals. Some existing programs monitor enforcement of new state domestic violence laws; others monitor how courts treat orders of protection. You may have to observe the courts beforehand or conduct interviews with individuals working with the court system to help you define any gaps or problems in your local courts. Because the stated goals will serve to both direct the work of volunteers and educate the courts and community about the project, it is important to think through your goals carefully. To assist your goal-setting efforts, examples of general and specific goals of existing court watching projects are listed below:

- to compile data on how domestic violence cases and sexual assault cases are handled in a given courtroom, including how the court issues orders of protection and enforces new stalking or domestic violence statutes;
- to make those involved in the judicial process (judges, jurors and other court personnel) aware of the public's interest in how courts handle domestic violence and sexual assault cases;
- to investigate cases which appear to have unusual or problematic outcomes; keep files on repeat offenders and contact judges (and other responsible parties) when public safety may be compromised;⁶
- to educate legislators, advocates, and the general public about court watching conclusions;
- to educate citizen volunteers about the justice system; and
- to create a more informed and involved public.

2. Consider community concerns. Demonstrate a need for a court watching program by spotlighting cases in which there have been inconsistent judicial enforcement of recent changes to domestic violence or rape laws. Alternatively, highlight a specific case or series

of domestic violence/sexual assault cases that are troubling to the community or indicative of problems within the system. For example, the Bergen County Commission on Women in New Jersey established the Community Court Watch Project in part after a Family Division judge denied a protection order to a battered woman; a few weeks later, the woman's husband beat her to death with a baseball bat.⁷

3. Collaborate with groups within the community. Cooperation among groups is essential for a successful court watching program. In fact, coalitions of groups spearhead most existing court watching projects. Consider establishing a formal Steering Committee or Board of Directors comprising representatives from a variety of groups with diverse skills (*i.e.*, fundraising, public relations, and legal professionals).

When designing your project, you may want to partner with county commissions on women, bar associations, domestic violence and sexual assault groups, churches and other community organizations. A list of key groups in your state is included at the end of this kit.

4. Communicate with the courts. Court watching programs cooperate with and seek input from victim advocates and prosecutors at the District Attorney's office, judicial educators, court administrators and judges. Your Steering Committee or Board of Directors may want to convene a formal meeting with court administrators to explain the goals of the project and what will be done with the results. You will also want to seek the cooperation of court personnel regarding how to obtain up-to-date court calendars and notify judges whose courtrooms you will observe.

During your meetings and in subsequent correspondence, emphasize to administrators that the program is not "out to get" a specific judge or clerk. Instead, the focus will be on improving the courts' response to domestic violence and sexual assault cases as a whole.⁸

5. Develop a court watching plan of action. Determine a time frame for court watching, such as three months or a year. An on-going court watching program

is ideal; any time less than three months may yield few results. Determine which courts will be monitored. Keep in mind that at the outset of the project, it may be too difficult to observe more than one or two courtrooms. Additionally, it is better to pick courtrooms with a lot of activity, such as misdemeanor courts or courts that hear numerous domestic violence cases. The proceedings in felony or jury courts may be too complicated to begin court watching there.⁹ Contact the clerk of the courts to find out which courtrooms have the cases you want to hear and the schedule (days and times) for these cases. Be present and observe a case its entire course. Be aware that often a case is not completed at one hearing.

6. Recruit volunteers. Go to law schools, universities, and colleges. Solicit the help of social-service organizations and domestic violence and sexual assault centers. Put ads asking for volunteers in the paper and send announcements to local TV and radio stations to make the public aware of the program and to recruit additional volunteers. Work with volunteer agencies in the community.

Many programs begin with ten to twenty volunteers and expand as they become more established. For example, The Fund for Modern Courts, which established a court monitoring program in New York State in 1975, has expanded its volunteer staff to over 600 people.

You will need to develop a process to screen volunteers. Most court watching programs recommend that volunteers who observe court proceedings should not have recently been, or currently be, a defendant or complainant in a local court case.

7. Raise funds. Because most court watching staff will be volunteers, you can operate a short-term court watching program with limited funds. However, you will want to have money for supplies and will need to prepare a budget. Seek donations from members of the Steering Committee or Board, bar associations, businesses, corporations, foundations, lawyers, and community organizations. Have members of the Board solicit funds from their contacts and affiliates. You may want to

contact potential donors by letter and enclose a copy of the budget. Although you may not receive all the money you ask for, you may have better luck with corporations and foundations if you state a specific dollar amount when soliciting donations.¹⁰ Furthermore, although some organizations and individuals may not be able to provide you with funds, they can donate valuable resources, such as the use of office equipment or other supplies.

If you are interested in extending the duration of your project, consider researching corporations, businesses and foundations in your community to find out which groups or charities they fund. You may want to obtain a not-for-profit, tax-exempt status so that all contributions to your project will be tax-deductible.¹¹ To do this, you will need to incorporate in your state and then apply to the Internal Revenue Service for “501(c)(3)” status. This process can be complicated, and you may want to consult an accountant or attorney. Your local library may also have resources on how to start a not-for-profit.

8. Work with the media. Send press releases to newspapers and radio stations about the details and goals of the project. Designate and train a contact person who will respond to media inquiries.

9. Develop a resource manual for volunteers. The manual should cover:

- the specific goals of your court watching program;
- a glossary with any legal language and terminology used in the courtroom;
- basic legal concepts, including how the county court system operates and the procedures in the types of proceedings volunteers will monitor (e.g., arraignments, pre-trials, probation hearings);
- information on domestic violence and sexual assault, including prevailing myths and stereotypes that affect courtroom proceedings, sample domestic violence complaints, sample orders of protection, and local or state statutes that pertain to domestic violence and sexual assault;
- a confidentiality agreement;

- a map of the court building; and
- a list of judges, indicating whether they preside over district or county court cases.

10. Train volunteers. Court proceedings move quickly, and to someone unfamiliar with terminology and procedures, the process will seem enigmatic. A team comprising legal advocates from domestic violence and sexual assault centers and other legal or court personnel should offer a half-day or full-day formal training for volunteers. Training should cover project design and goals, local laws, judicial disposition, and how to listen and record data objectively. You may have to provide training to monitors on an array of court proceedings, including arraignments, pre-trials, trials, sentencings and probation hearings. A few trips to court with a legal advocate or a fully-trained court watcher are essential to a successful training.

Tips for Court Watchers: As a court watcher, your job will be to document what happens in each case on the survey form. You may want to record behavior such as timeliness, ability to be heard, attentiveness to the victim and inappropriate comments or jokes. You will also want to note how much of the proceeding takes place in the judge’s chambers, the amount of bail set, and any departures from the sentencing guidelines.¹²

Dignified conduct and dress are important. Avoid gesturing, loud comments, unpleasant facial expressions, angry words, emotional confrontations, or any other disruptive behavior.¹³ If the outcome of a case is particularly troubling, contact the project coordinator or designated domestic violence representative. In time, you will begin to pick up on the attitude of a court toward domestic violence and/or sexual assault cases. However, the value of your observations is based partly on your being neutral and unbiased, so do not come to a conclusion without looking at as many facts as you can.¹⁴

The detailed information collected from questionnaires of many court monitors will allow your program to analyze data and to identify patterns and long-term trends within the court system.

Tips for Supervisors: You are in charge of scheduling court watchers and informing them of the schedule

regularly. When scheduling, it is important to ensure that the selected courts are monitored as many days as possible and by many volunteers. In this way, you can obtain a variety of viewpoints and have a complete picture of the courts as they operate day-to-day.¹⁵ You will also be in charge of responding to any cases of particular concern. For example, the Executive Director of WATCH, a court watching program in Minnesota, contacts a judge or a prosecutor to discuss any case with unusual or troubling outcomes.

Schedule volunteers to observe in pairs so that one observer can listen and the other can write. Encourage volunteers to introduce themselves to the judges and their bailiffs as court watchers. Volunteers should identify themselves to the court by wearing nametags.

You will also be in charge of collecting and reading surveys. Volunteers will need to complete a survey for every proceeding they observe and should return surveys soon after the date of observation. In this way, you can follow-up with volunteers on any responses while the information is still fresh in their minds.

11. Design a survey for court observation. Because the surveys will determine what data are collected on court proceedings, a good survey instrument is critical to the success of the project. Designing one should not be taken lightly. Visit and observe several court proceedings before trying to draft the survey instrument. The visits will give you a better idea of what data to collect and the pace of the court proceedings. The survey should include both objective and subjective questions and should cover:

- demographic information for the defendant and the complaining witness;
- the relationship of the parties and whether they share children;
- detailed case information, including the type of proceeding (arraignment, hearing or trial), the nature of the alleged abuse, and the case disposition (i.e. restraint against defendant, type of relief granted to the victim);
- judicial and court personnel conduct; and

- court watchers' comments and assessments.

Volunteers should visit the courts to test the survey and make any necessary changes to the questions before officially beginning the program. Because courts are busy and fast-paced, design survey questions so that the observer can record information quickly and accurately.

When writing the survey, keep in mind that you will need to analyze the data gathered from the surveys. You may want to work with a college or a group with statistical expertise to ensure that the survey instrument will allow you to gather the information you desire. A sample survey is provided on pages 11-12 of this kit.

12. Hold regular volunteer meetings. Because volunteers usually will work only in pairs, they will seldom have an opportunity to exchange information, report on difficulties, and gather ideas from other volunteers. In the past, court watching programs have held debriefing meetings regularly, such as once a month, to give volunteers the chance to meet collectively and to ensure consistency and validity of recorded data.

IV. WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH COURT WATCHING CONCLUSIONS?

Develop a report analyzing the survey data and make recommendations. Many court watching programs tabulate the data themselves. Others enlist the help of colleges or consultants. Either way, once the data is compiled, convene focus groups composed of court watching monitors, domestic violence experts, attorneys, advocates and others to discuss the significance of the data and to draft recommendations. Compile results in a final report for distribution.

The following are examples of general and specific recommendations from various court watching programs monitoring domestic violence and sexual assault cases:

- reform aspects of state domestic violence laws;¹⁶
- grant more types of stay-away relief (such as orders of protection), including from work, school and other places;¹⁷

- include child support, risk assessment, counseling and treatment services as a mandatory component of judicial disposition;¹⁸
- ensure that the Administrative Office of the Courts requires judges to attend one or more courses on domestic violence;¹⁹
- establish a drop-in child care center at the courts;²⁰
- make information on local domestic violence laws available to victims in a written format, such as a booklet;²¹
- establish a coordinating committee to improve interaction and information sharing among all systems involved in domestic violence intervention;²²
- educate sheriff's deputies assigned to court security on the special security problems posed by domestic violence cases;²³
- call on political leaders to seek out female and minority candidates for judgeships, so that the bench reflects the diversity of the community it serves;²⁴
- for the safety of victims, witnesses, and the public, ensure that defendants convicted of or pleading to cases that carry a presumptive prison sentence should not be released pending sentencing;²⁵
- change the Rules of Criminal Procedure so that when the victim's current address has no relevance to the case, he or she should not be required to provide it;²⁶
- change the rules governing judicial behavior so that judges may be subject to public scrutiny when their actions are in violation of the rules;²⁷
- improve safety in family courts by creating separate waiting rooms for petitioners and respondents and by configuring courtrooms to allow more space between parties;²⁸ and
- create a dedicated bench of a limited number of judges to hear domestic violence cases to enable judges to develop expertise in domestic violence and to render consistent decisions in similar cases.²⁹

Go to the courts. Inform judges, administrative offices of the courts, public defenders, district attorneys, judicial educators, etc., about your report. Schedule a meeting with court administrators to discuss the report and how to release the information to the public. In order to maintain your credibility, welcome and influence in the courts, consider negotiating an agreement with court administrators on whether names of court officials will be kept confidential. You may also want to ask court administrators for a written response to your recommendations, which you can then include in your report to the public.³⁰

Make sure judges and other court personnel understand your recommendations and collaborate with community groups to pressure courts to adopt them. Regularly meet with individual court administrators or others involved in the judicial process who can follow up on your recommendations.

Be aware that judges are held to high standards of ethics, both on and off the bench. In the event that a judge's conduct is improper or biased, you can use your data to file a complaint with the Commission on Judicial Conduct, which has the power to discipline judges. Contact your local bar association for details on how to bring complaints against judges.

Distribute reports to the public. Send copies of the report with an official statement to libraries, shelters, social service organizations, churches, schools, bar associations, government commissions, and other interested parties. Several court watching programs communicate regularly with the public via newsletters or reports. For example, WATCH has a quarterly newsletter called "WATCH Post" and often publishes special reports on particular issues (available online) that highlight pervasive problems and make recommendations.

Go to the media. By informing the media, you will focus public attention on domestic violence and rape, creating additional pressure on the courts to change. Be prepared to receive questions and responses from the

media about your report. Designate spokespeople to field both media and public inquiries and train them to do this. Media visibility and public awareness will help you secure volunteers and increase funding.

V. CREATING CHANGE THROUGH COURT WATCHING

As many established court watching programs have found, it does not take an army of volunteers to make a difference -- court watching programs have accomplished many of their goals with only a handful of observers. Initiating change and establishing credibility with court personnel takes time and persistence, and success may come slowly. Furthermore, "success" need not be determined exclusively by whether your efforts reformed the court system. In other words, training and educating the community; gathering valuable statistical data on courtroom proceedings; and the response from the media, court personnel, and the community are also part of the "success" of a program.

However, you should be encouraged by the fact that court watching projects have made significant changes within the court system. Some of these accomplishments are listed below:

- Advocates, prosecutors, and judges in Minneapolis routinely say that the presence of WATCH volunteer court monitors makes a difference, and that their research and reporting prompts change. A WATCH report on domestic violence fatalities led to the creation of a fatality review board in 2002, an independent group of representatives from the criminal justice system and the medical, mental health, and advocacy communities, to review cases involving tragic deaths resulting from domestic violence and to see what can be done to prevent them.³¹
- Church Women United of Rochester, New York, succeeded in having the Family Court opened to their presence. A judge who had opposed the move twenty years earlier recently told them that they would never know how much good opening the

Family Court had done for the court system.

- Monitors with a Bergen County, New Jersey program felt that judges were more knowledgeable about domestic violence cases and made a greater effort to protect the victim as a result of court watching. Judges referred, recommended and ordered people to more support services after the first set of court watching recommendations were distributed. Prior to these recommendations, certain agencies were hardly mentioned by the courts.
- As a result of a Cook County court watching program's recommendations, proper procedures were followed when appointing the Public Defender to ensure that the needs of the poor were met.
- Citizen court monitoring by The Fund for Modern Courts in New York has led to the construction of new courthouses, the renovation of old courthouses, increases in court security, the establishment of in-court child care facilities, the adoption of civility training for court personnel, improvements in the treatment of jurors, the reorganization of court calendars to relieve congestion, and the development of new court informational services.³²

Although you may not achieve results like these overnight, the improvements in the court system today, from mandatory training for court personnel, to reforms in domestic violence dispositions, are in part a result of the persistent efforts of court monitors. Existing court watching programs agree that even if you do not "reform the courts," your presence there will go a long way toward improving public trust and faith in the court system. And in the end, your presence will mean a better, fairer day in court for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Sample Court Watching Survey

Volunteer _____ Date _____ Judge _____	
PETITIONER RACE _____ SEX _____ Did PETITIONER appear at hearing? YES _____ NO _____ Action taken by court if PETITIONER was not present for hearing (describe) _____ _____	RESPONDENT RACE _____ SEX _____ Did RESPONDENT appear at hearing? YES _____ NO _____ Action taken by court if RESPONDENT was not present for hearing (describe) _____ _____
Relationship between petitioner and respondent (if known) _____	
Attorney present for: _____ RESPONDENT _____ PETITIONER _____ CHILDREN _____	
Was a Victim Advocate involved? YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____	
Was a DSS worker involved? YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____	
Were weapons involved? YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____	
PURPOSE OF HEARING	
____ Initial DVO Hearing _____ Continued case (describe) _____	
____ Request to Amend EPO/DVO (describe amendment) _____	
____ Violation of DVO/EPO (circle one) (describe) _____	
____ Other (describe) _____	
TESTIMONY/EVIDENCE	
Were any photos available? YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____	
Was any medical evidence available? YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____	
Were children involved in the incident? YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____	
Were witnesses identified? YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____	
Did witnesses testify? YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____	
Testimony:(describe) _____ _____ _____	
COURT FINDINGS/ACTIONS	
____ Dismissed Petition - (If dismissed, reason given for dismissal) _____	
____ Issued DVO - Duration of Order _____	
____ Reissued DVO - Duration of Order _____	
____ Reissued EPO/Summons _____	
____ Amended DVO (describe) _____	
____ Issued Mutual DVO	
If Mutual DVO was issued, had both parties filed separate petitions? YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____	
____ Found respondent in contempt of court for violating order. Describe length of sentence and any conditions imposed. _____ _____	
____ Continued case (describe why continued) _____	
____ Other (describe) _____ _____	

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CONDITIONS OF ORDER

(If a mutual order was issued, note whether condition applies to RESPONDENT and/or PETITIONER.)

- No Contact or communication: PETITIONER RESPONDENT UNKNOWN
- No further acts of violence: PETITIONER RESPONDENT UNKNOWN
- Restrained from disposing of property: PETITIONER RESPONDENT UNKNOWN
- Respondent ordered to vacate shared residence.
- Weapons confiscated (describe) _____
- Other (describe) _____

CHILDREN

- Temporary Custody awarded to: PETITIONER RESPONDENT
- Temporary Child Support ordered to: PETITIONER RESPONDENT
- Visitation Ordered. (If visitation ordered) Will visits be supervised? YES NO UNKNOWN

COUNSELING ORDERED

- RESPONDENT
 - Domestic violence counseling. Provided by _____
 - Substance abuse counseling. Provided by _____
 - Other. Describe _____
Provided by _____
- PETITIONER
 - Domestic violence counseling. Provided by _____
 - Substance abuse counseling. Provided by _____
 - Other. Provided by _____
- COUPLES COUNSELING. Provided by _____
- Was victim advocate given an opportunity to speak? YES NO NOT REQUESTED

TREATMENT OF PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT

- Was petitioner given an opportunity to speak? YES NO
- Was petitioner admonished or lectured? YES NO (If yes, describe) _____
- Was respondent given an opportunity to speak? YES NO
- Did judge explain to respondent penalties for violation of order/terms? YES NO
- Was respondent admonished or lectured? YES NO (If yes, describe) _____

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

VOLUNTEER'S COMMENTS

- In your opinion:*
- Did the petitioner seem satisfied with the way the case was handled? YES NO
- Was the petitioner treated respectfully by judge? YES NO
- Other comments _____

Court Watch Programs

The following is a partial listing of court watching programs. The list consists of programs that work on an array of issues, not limited to sexual assault and domestic violence. If you would like to add your court watching program to this list or know of a court watching program that should be included, please contact us at (212) 925-6635 or email us at peo@legalmomentum.org.

Alaska

Court Watch
1057 W Fireweed Ln Ste 101
Anchorage, AK 99503
(907) 278-0989
courtwatch@victimsforjustice.org
www.victimsforjustice.org

Alaska Judicial Observers, Inc.
308 G. Street Ste 315
Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 646-9880

Colorado

Court Watch, Project Safeguard
815 E. 22nd Ave.
Denver, CO 80205
(303) 863-7416
courtwatch@vs2000.org
www.projectsafeguard.org

Alliance Against Domestic Abuse
P.O. Box 173
Salida, CO 81201
(719) 539-7347
aada@amigo.net

Florida

Sarasota Court Watch
PO Box 3073
Sarasota, FL 34230-3073
(941) 361-6283

Illinois

NCJW Domestic Violence Court Watch
1107 Central Avenue
Wilmette, IL 60091
(847) 432-4726

Indiana

YWCA Court Watch
YWCA of St. Joseph County
1102 S Fellows St
South Bend, IN 46601
(574) 233-9491 x324

Kentucky

Court Watch Project, NCJW
Louisville Section
1250 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40204-1333
(502) 458-5566
office@ncjwlou.org
www.ctwatch.com

Maryland

Cecil County Health Department
401 Bow Street
Elkton, MD 21921
(410) 996-5113

Minnesota

WATCH
Northstar East, Suite 465
608 2nd Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 341-2747
watch@watchmn.org
www.watchmn.org

New Jersey

Bergen County Commission on the Status of Women
Department of Human Services
21 Main Street, Room 115W
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 336-7474
Monitors domestic violence cases in civil courts.

Tennessee

Community Coalition on Family Violence
PO Box 326
Knoxville, TN 37901-0326
(865) 675-3815
www.ccfv.org

Texas

P.E.A.C.E. Initiative Court Monitoring Program
1443 S St Mary's St
San Antonio, TX 78210
(210) 533-2729

Safe Place

P.O. Box 19454
Austin, TX 78760
(512) 356-1572

S.T.A.R.S.

710 N Campbell

El Paso, TX 79902
(915) 533-7700

Court Watch, Justice for Children
2600 Southwest Freeway, Suite 806
Houston, TX 77098
(713) 225-4357
www.jfcadvocacy.org

Virginia

Avalon
2513 Fair Chase
Williamsburg, VA 23185
www.avaloncenter.org

Washington

Cowlitz County Court Watch
League of Women Voters of Cowlitz County
PO Box 2770
Longview, WA 98632-8755

Washington, DC

Court Community Observers Project, Council for
Court Excellence
1717 K Street NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 785-5917
www.courtexcellence.org

Wisconsin

WoMen and Children's Horizons, Court Watch
PO Box 792
Kenosha, WI 53141
(262) 656-3500
legalhorizons@netscape.net
www.chadevans.com/horizons/

Chippewa County Court Room Watch Family Support
Center, Chippewa County Coordinated Community
Response to Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault
403 High Street
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
(715) 723-1138

Resources List

This list has been compiled to aid women with legal issues arising from domestic violence or sexual assault. The groups below provide information and referrals, as well as many other services. This list is not comprehensive. For more local referrals, contact the organizations listed for your state. Additionally, please contact us at (212) 925-6635 if you discover that any part of this list is out of date or if you know of a resource that should be included.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence

740 15th St., N.W., 9th floor
Washington, DC 20005-1022
(202) 662-1737 or 1744

www.abanet.org/domviol

CDV@staff.aba.net

Training and educational materials for attorneys and others who serve victims of domestic violence

Ayuda, Inc.

1736 Columbia Rd., N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 387-2870

www.ayudainc.org

Community-based legal services, advocacy and education for foreign-born, low-income people in the areas of immigration and domestic violence; bilingual and culturally sensitive services in Washington DC only.

Battered Women's Justice Project

2104 4th Ave. South, Suite B
Minneapolis, MN 55404
(800) 903-0111

www.bwjp.org

Promotion of systemic change within community organizations and governmental agencies engaged in

the civil and criminal justice response to domestic violence; a collaborative effort of Minnesota Program Development, Inc., The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence and The National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center

Department of Psychiatry, USC
165 Cannon St., #310
Charleston, SC 29425
(843) 792-2945

www.vawprevention.org

www.musc.edu/cvc

Sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; fights violence against women through public education, research and a collaboration of advocates, practitioners, policy makers and researchers

National Domestic Violence Hotline

P.O. Box 161810

Austin, TX 78716

(800) 799-7233 (Hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.ndvh.org

Database of over 4,000 shelters and service providers across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

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National Network to End Domestic Violence
660 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Suite 303
Washington, DC 20003
(202) 543-5566

www.nnedv.org

Legislative lobbying and impact litigation; website has links to state domestic violence coalitions and others

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
6400 Flank Dr., Suite 1300

Harrisburg, PA 17112

(800) 537-2238

(717) 545-6400 fax

(800) 553-2508 TTY

www.pcadv.org

Technical assistance to victims; support to organizations and individual advocates; general information; program materials and access to publications; database of national experts, case law and state statutes; policy analysis; public education campaigns

National Center for Victims of Crime

2000 M St., N.W., Suite 480

Washington, DC 20036

(800) 394-2255

www.ncvc.org

Comprehensive victims' services referral program for shelters, criminal and juvenile justice departments, prosecutors, victim survivor groups, advocacy organizations and victim compensation offices; stalking resource center, training institute, teen victim project, outreach and publications

National Crime Victims Bar Association

(800) 394-2255

(202) 467-8753

(202) 467-8701 fax

2000 M. Street NW, Suite 480

Washington, DC 20036

www.victimbar.org

victimbar@ncvc.org

Conducts outreach activities to increase general

awareness about the availability of civil remedies for crime victims. Refers crime victims to civil attorneys.

National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)

(202) 232-6682 office

(800) 879-6682 referral hotline

(202) 462-2255 fax

1730 Park Road, NW

Washington, DC 20010

www.trynova.org

Engages in national advocacy to further the protection of victims' rights. Provides referrals, publishes victim resource directories, offers professional support to other victims' rights advocates and hosts membership activities. Direct services include crisis intervention and advocacy.

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)

635-B Pennsylvania Ave., S.E.

Washington, DC 20003

(800) 656-4673

www.rainn.org

Programs that prevent sexual assault, support for victims

INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

Hot Peach Pages

www.hotpeachpages.net

Worldwide list of agencies against domestic violence, global inventory of hotlines, shelters, refuges, crisis centers and women's organizations, searchable by country, along with an index of domestic violence resources in over 60 languages

Women Against Violence Europe (W.A.V.E.)

www.wave-network.org

A network of European women's non-governmental organizations working to combat violence against women and children; currently the network focuses specifically on violence in the family and intimate relationships

Global List of Women's Organizations

www.distel.ca/womlist/womlist.html

A comprehensive list of women's organizations, sorted by country or territory; some links to agencies

STATE RESOURCES

Alabama

Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence

P.O. Box 4762

Montgomery, AL 36101

(334) 832-4842

www.acadv.org

Training for local programs, referrals to statewide programs and shelters

Alaska

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

130 Seward St., Room 209

Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 586-3650

www.andvsa.org

State network of local centers, referrals, lobbying, legal advocacy project

Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

P.O. Box 111200

Juneau, AK 99811

(907) 465-4356

www.dps.state.ak.us/cdvsa/asp

Referrals, batterers' intervention programs, victims' services through shelters, pro bono attorney services

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Legal Advocacy Project

P.O. Box 6631

Sitka, AK 99835

(907) 747-7545

(888) 988-3725 legal information hotline

www.andvsa.org

Civil legal services for victims of domestic violence and

sexual assault, pro bono program

Alaska Women's Resource Center

610 C St., Suite 2A

Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 276-0528

awrc@awrconline.org

www.awrconline.org

Legal referrals, general information, parenting classes, domestic violence counseling, home visit program, vocational counseling, substance abuse counseling, no shelter

Emergency Services Mobile Team Crisis Line

4020 Folker St.

Anchorage, AK 99508

(907) 563-3200 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Support for victims, information, severity and risk assessment, links to emergency rooms and hospitals, connection with a detoxification center and psychiatric hospital, referrals to Alaska Legal Services

Northwest Women's Law Center

3161 Elliott Avenue, Suite 101

Seattle, WA 98121

(206) 682-9552

(206) 621-7691 referral line

www.nwwlc.org

Information and referrals about family law and discrimination, impact litigation, self-help programs Serves Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington

Arizona

Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence

100 West Camel Back Rd., Suite 109

Phoenix, AZ 85013

(602) 279-2900

www.azcadv.org

Legal advocacy and referrals, training department

CASA – Center for Prevention of Abuse and Violence

77 E. Thomas, Suite 112

◆ *Legal Momentum* ◆

Phoenix, AZ 85012
(602) 254-6400

www.casacares.org
Prevention classes, counseling, collaboration with some law firms, no shelter

Family Advocacy Center
2120 N. Central Ave., Suite 250
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 534-2120

For victims of crime, including domestic violence; assistance with orders of protection, crisis counseling, information and referral service, legal advocacy, shelter access, support at court, support groups, medical services and examinations

Tucson Center for Women and Children
2545 E. Adams Street
Tucson, AZ 85716
(520) 765-4880 office
(520) 795-4266 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.tucsoncenters.com

Two shelters in Pima County for women and children, counseling, case management, information and referrals, advocacy, children's center

Arkansas

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence
1401 W. Capitol, Suite 170
Little Rock, AR 72201
(800) 269-4668
(501) 907-5612

www.domesticpeace.com
Training and technical assistance, forums, public education, lending library; website provides information about local shelters

Project for Victims of Family Violence
P.O. Box 1923
Fayetteville, AR 72702
(501) 442-9811
pvfv@nwark.com

Shelter, advocacy for women and children, referrals to pro bono attorneys

Women and Children First Center Against Family Violence
P.O. Box 1954
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 376-3219
(800) 332-4443 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Shelter for women and children, referrals to Legal Aid, life skills training, job assessment, GED classes, no child custody work

California

California Alliance Against Domestic Violence
926 J St., Suite 210
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 444-7163
(800) 524-4765
www.caadv.org
Coalition represents about 100 California organizations responding to the needs and interests of battered women

Statewide California Coalition on Battered Women
P.O. Box 19005
Long Beach, CA 90807-9005
(562) 981-1202
(888) 722-2952
www.sccbw.org
Coalition of advocates and agencies throughout California dedicated to stopping domestic violence; website provides links to domestic violence crisis hotlines and a family violence referral directory

Family Violence Law Center
P.O. Box 22009
Oakland, CA 94623
(510) 208-0220
www.fvlc.org
info@fvlc.org
Counseling, referrals, help with obtaining restraining orders, accompany victims to court

◆ *Legal Momentum* ◆

California Women's Law Center
3460 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1102
Los Angeles, CA 90010

(213) 637-9900

www.cwlc.org

Although mainly a public policy organization, also provides advocacy, outreach, educational materials and legal referrals

Next Door: Solutions to Domestic Violence Legal
Advocacy Program

234 E. Gish Road, Suite 200

San Jose, CA 95112

(408) 279-7550

Support groups for women, children's groups, one-on-one counseling, safe home for women and children in emergency situations, batterer's intervention program, teen groups, accompany victims to court when trying to obtain protective orders

Colorado

Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence

P.O. Box 18902

Denver, CO 80218

(303) 831-9632

(888) 778-7091

www.CCADV.org

Statewide agency that coordinates services for domestic violence victims and their families

Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

P.O. Box 2662

Colorado Springs, CO 80901

(719) 633-3819 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(719) 633-1462

Shelter for women and children, referrals to Colorado Legal Services, help in obtaining protection orders, domestic violence classes for women and children, antiviolence program, empowerment program

Denver Victim Service Center

P.O. Box 18975

Denver, CO 80218

(303) 894-8000 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(303) 461-8587 (Spanish hotline)

(303) 860-9555 (TTY hotline)

www.denervictims.org

Counseling, support groups, advocacy, help with restraining orders, referrals to shelters and legal advisors

Project Safeguard

(888) SAFEGRD

(888) 723-3473

Denver County: (303) 863-7233 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Arapaho County: (303) 344-9016 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Adams County: (303) 637-7761 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.projectsafeguard.org

Help with obtaining temporary restraining orders and permanent restraining orders, pro se divorce and custody clinics for battered women, community education, legal advocacy

Connecticut

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

90 Pitkin St.

East Hartford, CT 06108

(860) 282-7899

(800) 774-2900 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.ctcadv.org

Statewide network of community-based programs providing shelter, support and advocacy to battered women and their children; website includes list of local shelters

Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven

P.O. Box 1329

New Haven, CT 06505

(203) 789-8104 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(888) 774-2900

www.dvsgnh.org

Individual counseling, support groups, community

education, emergency shelter, children's program, family violence victim advocacy program, pro se temporary restraining order program

Delaware

Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence
100 W. 10th St., Suite 703
Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 658-2958
Hotlines based in shelters:
(302) 762-6110
(302) 422-8058
(302) 745-9874 (serving immigrants and Hispanics)
www.dcadv.org
Victim counseling and support services; website includes information about local shelters and advocacy services

Delaware Helpline
(800) 464-4357 (instate)
(800) 273-9500 (out-of-state)
www.delawarehelpline.org
Information on state government agencies and referrals to community resources

Domestic Violence Advocacy Center
P.O. Box 922
Dover, DE 19903
(302) 739-6552
(302) 856-5843
(302) 422-8058 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Referrals, shelter, support for court proceedings, accompany victims to hearings, good ties with Legal Aid, offices located in Family Court building

District of Columbia

D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence
1718 P St., N.W., Suite T-6
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 299-1181
www.dccadv.org
Individual and systems advocacy, research, local and national resources on domestic violence, Victim

Advocacy Program, Targeted Offender Program, Supporting Our Survivors Center, coalition-building projects

Florida

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
425 Office Plaza Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 425-2749
(800) 500-1119
(800) 621-4202
www.fcadv.org
Safety planning, legal assistance, public benefits information, special projects for elderly victims of domestic violence, services for immigrants, list of local domestic violence shelters

Women In Distress
P.O. Box 676
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33302
(800) 500-1119 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
(954) 760-9800 (administrative office and family center)
www.womenindistress.org
Advocacy, counseling, shelter, childcare services locations

Georgia

Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
3420 Norman Berry Dr., Suite 280
Atlanta, GA 30354
(404) 209-0280
(800) 33-HAVEN
www.gcadv.org
Statewide member-based organization committed to eliminating violence against women by promoting systems change and supporting intervention programs

Georgia Coalition on Family Violence, Inc.
1827 Powers Ferry Rd., Bldg. 3
Suite 325
Atlanta, GA 30339
(770) 984-0085
(800) 33-HAVEN

www.4women.gov/violence
Information on domestic and intimate partner violence, dating violence, sexual assault and abuse, and elder abuse

Project Safe
P.O. Box 7532
Athens, GA 30604
(706) 543-3331 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Safe shelter, referrals and support groups for women and their children, confidential location serving 40 counties in North and Central Georgia

Partnership Against Domestic Violence
619 Edgewater Ave., Suite 101
Atlanta, GA 30312
Fulton County: (404) 783-1766
Gwinnett County: (770) 963-9799
www.padv.org
Emergency shelter for women and their children, children and youth program, transitional services, legal advocacy, community support groups for women, parenting groups, community outreach, welfare assistance, services to women with disabilities

Hawaii

Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
716 Umi St., #210
Honolulu, HI 96819
(808) 832-9316
(808) 841-0822 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.hscadv.org
Website has a list of 24-hour shelters on each island. Coalition comprised of the directors of spousal abuse shelters and psycho-educational counseling programs for victims and perpetrators of spouse abuse, the Victim Witness Assistance Division of the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office and the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline

Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline
P.O. Box 3198

Honolulu, HI 96801
(808) 531-3771
www.stoptheviolence.org
Legal hotline services, legal information and referrals for child custody, help with restraining orders, child support, and counseling

Idaho

Idaho Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
815 Park Blvd., Suite 140
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 384-0419 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
(800) 293-6118
www.idvsa.org
Education, assistance and support to individuals, programs and organizations

Alternatives to Domestic Violence: Women's Center
1010 Ironwood Dr., Suite 110
Couer d'Alene, ID 83814
(208) 664-9303
(208) 664-1443 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Advocacy for domestic violence and sexual assault victims, counseling for children and adults, support groups, shelter for women and children, no child custody services

Volunteer Lawyers Program
525 West Jefferson
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 334-4510
(800) 221-3295
www.state.id.us\isb
Representation in civil cases, including divorce and custody

Northwest Women's Law Center
3161 Elliot Ave., Suite 101
Seattle, WA 98121
(206) 682-9552
(206) 621-7691 (referral line)
www.nwwlc.org

Information and referrals about family law and discrimination; impact litigation, self-help programs
Serves Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington

Illinois

Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence

801 S. 11th St.

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 789-2830

(800) 799-7233 (national domestic violence hotline)

www.ilcadv.org

Statewide training of service providers, information and referral to local resources, technical assistance, public education materials, lending library, public policy work

Women's Center

610 S. Thompson

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 529-2324 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(800) 334-2094 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.thewomensctr.org

Legal services and advocacy, counseling, children's programs with therapist, shelter for women and children, no child custody work

Oasis Women's Center

111 Market St.

Alton, IL 62002

(618) 465-1978

(800) 244-1978 (hotline, open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Shelter for women and children, legal advocates, no child custody work

Uptown Center Hull House

4520 N. Beacon St.

Chicago, IL 60640

(773) 561-3500

www.hullhouse.org

Domestic violence court advocacy program, family care, Head Start, women's counseling center

Mercer County Family Crisis Center

110 N.W. Third Ave.

Aledo, IL 61231

(309) 582-7233 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Child advocacy, referrals to housing and children's services, legal advocacy

Indiana

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault

1915 W. 18th St.

Indianapolis, IN 46202-1016

(317) 917-3685 (closes at 5:00 p.m. C.S.T)

(800) 332-7385 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.violenceresource.org

Information and referrals, advocacy, technical assistance to shelters, training, monitoring of batterers' intervention programs, public awareness and legislative campaigns

Albion Aloes Bacon Center

P.O. Box 3164

Evansville, IN 47731

www.albionfellowsbacon.org

(800) 339-7752

(812) 422-5622 (domestic violence hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(812) 424-7273 (sexual assault hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Shelter for women and children, individual and support group counseling, legal and peer advocacy program, children's program, information and referrals, community outreach programs

Turning Point Domestic Violence Services

P.O. Box 103

Columbus, IN 47202

(812) 379-9844

(800) 221-6311 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Shelter, advocacy for sexual assault and domestic violence victims, staff attorney who can provide advocacy and advice

Iowa

Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

515 28th Street

Des Moines, IA 50321

(515) 244-8028

(800) 942-0333 (IA state hotline)

www.icadv.org

Resource clearinghouse, public policy initiatives, professional education and training, consultant to other agencies on how to counsel battered women; provides expert testimony and legal representation through appellate work or the Battered Women's Immigrant Law Clinic

Family Violence Center

1111 University Ave.

Des Moines, IA 50314

(515) 243-6147-24 hour

(800) 942-0333 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.cfiowa.org

Safe shelter, outreach services, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy at court house for both civil and criminal cases, community education, Spanish and Bosnian speakers

Iowa Mediation Services

6200 Aurora Ave., Suite 608W

Urbandale, IA 50322

(515) 331-8081

Mediation for divorce and custody issues

Catholic Charities—Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Program/ Phoenix House Shelter

411 East Broadway

Council Bluffs, IA 51503

(712) 328-0266 (in-state hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(888) 612-0266 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Accompany and assist victims in criminal and civil court cases, management of police reports, referrals to pro bono programs

Kansas

Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

220 S.W. 33rd St., Suite 100

Topeka, KS 66611

(785) 232-9784

(888) END-ABUSE

www.kcsdv.org

Referrals to local programs

Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas

203 S. Santa Fe Rd.

Salina, KS 67401

(785) 827-5862

(800) 874-1499

Support groups, crisis hotline, counseling services

YWCA Women's Crisis Center and Safe House

P.O. Box 1740

Wichita, KS 67201

(316) 263-9806

Provide shelter

Kentucky

Kentucky Domestic Violence Association

P.O. Box 356

Frankfort, KY 40602-0356

(502) 695-2444

(800) 799-7233 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(800) 787-3224 (TDD)

www.kdva.org

Support agency for domestic violence shelters, training

Center for Women and Families

226 W. Breckinridge St.

P.O. Box 2048

Louisville, KY 40201

(877) 803-7577 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.thecenteronline.org

Help and advocacy for victims of rape, sexual assault, and incest; creative employment program; individual development account program (for economic abuse survivors who have no credit or stable finances)

Crisis & Information Center
c/o 7 Communities Services Corp. Office
101 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 589-4313
(800) 221-0446

Mental health resource center that takes some calls from people in immediate domestic violence situations and makes referrals to shelters

Louisiana

Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
P.O. Box 77308
Baton Rouge, LA 70879
(225) 752-1296
www.lcadv.org
Community education, advocacy, technical assistance, coordination of statewide network of domestic violence programs that offer direct services, referrals to attorneys or legal advocates

YWCA Battered Women's Program
601 S. Jefferson Davis Parkway
New Orleans, LA 70119
(504) 482-9922
(888) 411-1333 (in-state hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Individual and group counseling, shelter referrals, legal advocacy, transportation to shelters in and out of town, information

Maine

Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
170 Park St.
Bangor, ME 04401
(207) 941-1194
www.mcedv.org
Umbrella office for the ten projects around the state that offer hotline services; some regions have shelters, safe houses, training, educational programs, court advocacy services

Child and Family Protective Services
25 Anthony Ave.
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 624-8222 (child protective services)
(207) 624-8060 (adult services)
www.maine.gov/dhhs/bcfs/protection
Representative from the Family Violence Project serves as a liaison to the "Men's Work" program, a 48-week program for male batterers; information, referrals, counseling services

Abused Women's Advocacy Project
P.O. Box 713
Auburn, ME 04212
(800) 559-2927
(207) 795-4020
www.awap.org
Support groups, individual advocacy, batterers' intervention program, community advocates, programs for child abuse victims
Counties: Androscoggin, Franklin, Oxford

Maryland

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
6911 Laurel Bowie Rd., Suite 309
Bowie, MD 20715
(301) 352-4574
(800) 634-3577 (MD-HELPS)
www.mnadv.org
Educational training and advocacy, no direct services

Turn Around
Three locations:
330 N. Charles St., Suite 300
Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 837-7000

401 Washington Ave., Suite 300
Towson, MD 21204
(410) 377-8111

9100 Franklin Square Dr., Suite 317
Baltimore, MD 21237

(410) 391-2396

www.turnaroundinc.org

Individual and group counseling for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and child sexual abuse; community education, emergency shelters, accompany victims to the emergency room

House of Ruth Maryland

(410) 889-0840 (office)

(410) 889-RUTH (7884) (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

2201 Argonne Dr.

Baltimore, MD 21218

www.hruth.org

Counseling and direct representation for battered spouses in civil protection order proceedings, divorce and child custody cases

Massachusetts

Jane Doe, Inc. - Massachusetts Coalition Against Assault and Domestic Violence

14 Beacon St., Suite 507

Boston, MA 02108

(617) 248-0922

(877) 785-2020 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Information and referrals to statewide shelters and programs

New Center for Legal Advocacy

257 Union St.

New Bedford, MA 02740

(800) 244-9023

www.ncla.net

Family law services with focus on domestic violence; on-site family law clinic

Community Legal Services and Counseling Center

1 West St.

Cambridge, MA 02139

(617) 661-1010

www.clsacc.org

Legal program includes family law (child custody)

Michigan

Michigan Coalition Against Domestic Violence

3893 Okemos Rd., Suite B2

Okemos, MI 48864

(517) 347-7000

www.mcadsv.org

Technical assistance and training to member organizations, no direct services

The Harbor House Women's Center

1310 South Front St.

Marquette, MI 49855

(906) 226-6611

(906) 225-1346

Shelter, advocacy and support services for resident and non-resident clients; sexual assault program

Underground Railroad, Inc.

P.O. Box 2451

Saginaw, MI 48605

(989) 755-0411

www.undergroubdrailroad.org

Shelter for domestic violence and sexual assault victims, support groups, advocacy

Women's Justice Center/My Sister's Place

615 Griswold St., Suite 1520

Detroit, MI 48226

(313) 962-4945

(313) 922-3000 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Legal representation in family law cases, including child custody

Minnesota

Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women

590 Park Street, Suite 410

St. Paul, MN 55103

(651) 646-6177/(800) 289-6177

(651) 646-0994 (local hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(800) 289-6177 (national hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.mcbw.org

Resources on welfare, referrals to local family violence waiver programs (TANF), technical assistance with child protection cases, youth and children's issues

Harriet Tubman Family Alliance

3111 S. 1st Ave.

Minneapolis, MN 55408

(612) 825-3333

Shelter: (612) 825-0000

Legal Program Advocacy Program: (612) 673-2244

www.harriettuban.org

Help with orders of protection, housing advocacy, JET Program (jobs, education and training that also helps women receive MFIP benefits), family resiliency program, support groups, low cost activities, licensed childcare center on site, holistic program for abusers, high school education program

Mississippi

Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence

P.O. Box 4703

Jackson, MS 39296

(601) 981-9196

(800) 898-3234 (during business hours the phone rings to the office in Mississippi, after hours it will ring to the national hotline)

www.mcadv.org

Education of youth, clergy, and members of the bar; violence in workplace training, referral services to victims, legislative education, work with the assistant attorney general, connections with various Legal Aid Society offices around the state

Missouri

Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence

718 E. Capitol Ave.

Jefferson City, MO 65101

(573) 634-4161

www.mocadv.org

mocadv@mocadv.org

Shelter referrals, public education, training, policy work, technical assistance, conferences, research

The Shelter

P.O. Box 1367

Columbia, MO 65205

(573) 875-1370

Local and statewide hotline, emergency shelter, crisis intervention, domestic violence and sexual assault education programs, support groups on and offsite, counseling, case management, children's programs to reduce violent tendencies, parenting program, court and hospital advocacy, victims' advocates

The Family Violence Center

P.O. Box 5972

Springfield, MO 65801

(417) 837-7777

(800) 831-6863

(417) 864-SAFE

www.pages.sbcglobal.net/fvc

Shelter, transportation to appointments, childcare, counseling, domestic violence education classes, anger management and parenting classes; every week, a case manager from Legal Aid goes to court with clients

Montana

Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

P.O. Box 633

Helena, MT 59624

(406) 443-7794

(888) 404-7794 (toll-free number available during business hours)

www.mcadsv.com

Referrals to shelters, Legal Aid, government agencies and other organizations; resource library on website

The Friendship Center of Helena

1503 Gallatin St.

Helena, MT 59601

(406) 443-3360 (rape crisis line)

(800) 248-3166 (general number that will direct you to appropriate hotlines)

www.thefriendshipcenter.org

Shelter, legal referrals, counseling and children's programs for domestic violence victims

Northwest Women's Law Center
3161 Elliott Ave., Suite 101
Seattle, WA 98121
(206) 682-9552
(206) 621-7691 (referral line)
www.nwwlc.org
Information and referrals about family law and
discrimination, impact litigation, self-help programs
Serves Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and
Washington

Nebraska
Nebraska Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Coalition
825 M St., Suite 404
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 476-6256
(800) 876-6238
www.ndvsac.org
Shelters, referrals, collaboration with social services,
technical assistance

DOVES
P.O. Box 434
Scottsbluff, NE 69363
(308) 436-4357 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.doveshome.com
Crisis line, support and advocacy, safe shelter, safety
planning, criminal justice advocacy, assistance with
protection orders, accompany victims to court,
emergency transportation, financial assistance, 911 cell
phones, weekly support groups

Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center
2545 N Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 476-2110
(402) 475-7273 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.rsacc.org
Crisis line, counseling, medical and legal advocacy,
support groups, referrals to legal services

Women Against Violence
YWCA
222 S. 29th St.
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 345-7273 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.ywcaomaha.org
Group and individual therapy, domestic violence and
sexual assault counseling, batterers' groups

Nevada
Safe Nest
P.O. Box 43264
Las Vegas, NV 89116

(702) 646-4981/(800) 486-7282 (hotline open 24 hours,
7 days a week)
www.safenest.org
Shelter for women and children, separate shelter for
men at a different location, counseling, batterers'
treatment, juvenile counseling, legal advocacy, outreach,
educational outreach, court advocacy

New Hampshire
New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and
Sexual Violence
P.O. Box 353
Concord, NH 03302
(603) 224-8893 (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST)
(866) 644-3574 (domestic violence crisis center)
(800) 277-5770 (sexual assault crisis center)
www.nhcadv.org
Umbrella organization for member programs that
provide community education, training, resource
sharing and advocacy for public policy changes

Women's Crisis Services for Rape Victims and Battered
Women at the YWCA
72 Concord St.
Manchester, NH 03101
(603) 668-2299 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Shelter for women and children, court advocacy,
support groups for sexual assault and domestic violence
victims, accompany victims to hospital and/or police

New Jersey

New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women
1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Rd.
Trenton, NJ 08690
(609) 584-8107
(800) 572-7233 (statewide hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week—TTY and Spanish available)
(800) 224-0211 (battered lesbian's hotline- available evenings and weekends)
www.njcbw.org
Referrals to other programs

New Mexico

New Mexico State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
200 Oak, N.E., Suite 4
Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 246-9240
www.nmcadv.org
Referrals to local shelters and providers

New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs and the New Mexico Clearinghouse for Assault Services
4004 Carlisle, N.E., Suite D
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 883-8020
www.swcp.com/nmcsaas
Referrals to organizations that provide direct services, training, library searches for social workers, informational pamphlets, posters, rape kits

New Mexico Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 773-3645 (in-state only)

Women's Community Association

P.O. Box 25363
Albuquerque, NM 87125
(505) 247-4219
www.swcp.com/wca
Shelter, family transitional program, counseling, referrals to Legal Aid, a secondhand store that offers discount items to families, business attire for women to wear for job interviews

New York

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
350 New Scotland Ave.
Albany, NY 12208
(800) 942-6906 (English hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
(800) 942-6908 (Spanish hotline)
(800) 818-0656 (TTY)
www.nyscadv.org
Crisis intervention, referrals and information, prevention programs, technical support, training programs, advocacy on statewide and federal level,

technical assistance to domestic violence programs around the state

Safe Horizon

2 Lafayette St.
New York, NY 10002
(212) 577-7777 (office)
(800) 621-HOPE (Domestic violence hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
(212) 277-3000 (Rape, sexual assault, and incest crime victims hotline)
www.safehorizon.org
Immediate assistance, including shelter, referrals, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, long and short term support, and counseling; free legal consultations for family law and domestic violence issues with the Domestic Violence Law Project

National Coalition for Family Justice

(914) 591-5753 (helpline)
www.ncfj.org
Women can attend monthly meetings and get free legal advice from attorneys; helpline answers general questions and provides referrals on all family law issues; workshops and court-watching program

North Carolina

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence
115 Market St., Suite 400
Durham, NC 27711

(919) 956-9124

www.nccadv.org

Community of agencies and individuals that provides technical assistance, training and information about public policy initiatives and activities to increase public awareness

ARISE

P.O. Box 52028

Durham, NC 27717-2028

(919) 403-9425 (office)

(919) 403-6562 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.durhamresponse.org

Support, resources, shelter for women and children, case management, court advocacy, free legal clinic, community education, accompany victims to hospital and/or court

Durham Center Crisis Line

(919) 683-8628

Emergency counseling and referrals

North Dakota

North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services/Coalition Against Sexual Assault

418 East Rosser Ave., Suite 320

Bismarck, ND 58501

(701) 255-6240

(888) 255-6240 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CST)

www.ndcaws.org

Referrals to statewide agencies, educational programs

Ohio

Ohio Domestic Violence Network

4807 Evenswood Dr., Suite 201

Columbus, Ohio 43229

(614) 781-9651

(800) 934-9840 (local programs can be accessed 24 hours, 7 days a week, but caller can talk to live people between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 pm. EST only)

www.odvn.org

Referrals to local programs and state Legal Aid programs

Domestic Violence Center

P.O. Box 5466

Cleveland, Ohio 44101

(216) 391-HELP (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(216) 651-8484 (legal advocacy)

www.domesticviolencecenter.org

Emergency housing, bus fare, advocacy, employment and housing specialists, youth and women's programs, program for abusive partners, group and individual counseling for both women and children

Muskingum Counseling Center Crisis Hotline

2845 Bell St.

Zanesville, OH 43701

(800) 344-5818

(740) 454-9766

Anger management programs for abusers, outpatient and inpatient counseling for domestic violence victims

Every Woman's House/STEPS

104 Spink St., 1st Floor

Wooster, Ohio 44691

(800) 686-1122 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(330) 263-6021

www.steps-ewh.org

Emergency shelter available 24 hours, individual and group counseling for adults and children, accompany victims to court, hospital advocacy, legal referrals, help with filing orders of protection

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

3815 N. Santa Fe Ave., Suite 124

Oklahoma City, OK 73118

(405) 524-0700

(800) 522-9054 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.ocadvsa.org

Educational programs and statewide referrals

◆ *Legal Momentum* ◆

Domestic Violence Intervention Services
4300 South Harvard, Suite 100
Tulsa, OK 74135
(918) 585-3163
(918) 585-3143 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.dvis.org
Help with protective orders

Oregon

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
659 Cottage St., N.E.
Salem, OR 97301
(503) 365-9644
Statewide referrals

Central Oregon Battering and Rape Alliance
1425 N.W. Kingston Ave.
Bend, OR 97701
(541) 382-9227
(541) 389-7021 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
(800) 346-2388 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Shelter for women and children, support groups,
community and legal referrals

Portland Women's Crisis Line
P.O. Box 42610
Portland, OR 97242
(503) 235-5333
Crisis line, referrals, support

Northwest Women's Law Center
3161 Elliott Avenue, Suite 101
Seattle, WA 98121
(206) 682-9552
(206) 621-7691 (referral line)
www.nwwlc.org
Information and referrals about family law and
discrimination, impact litigation, self-help programs

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
6400 Flank Dr., Suite 1300
Harrisburg, PA 17112
(717) 545-6400
(800) 932-4632
(888) 23-LEGAL (legal office)
www.pcadv.org (contains a full list of programs)
Statewide and national referrals, legal assistance, civil
litigation through the Battered Women's Justice Project

Pennsylvania Women's Law Project
125 S. 9th St., Suite 300
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 928-9801
www.womenslawprject.org
Telephone counseling service that provides legal
information about child custody, child support, spousal
support and divorce; no legal representation

Women Against Abuse Legal Center
100 South Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19110
(215) 686-7082
Legal representation and court advocacy for
Philadelphia domestic violence victims; representation
for child custody cases if already a client

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence
422 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 467-9940
(800) 498-8100 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.ricadv.org
Referrals to direct and legal services, training, policy

Women's Resource Center of South County
61 Main St.
Wakefield, RI 02879
(401) 782-3990 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.wrcsc.org
Shelter, expressive arts therapy for child victims,
support groups, outreach and education

South Carolina

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence
and Sexual Assault

P.O. Box 7776
Columbia, SC 29206-7776
(803) 256-2900
(800) 260-9293
(843) 763-7333
www.sccadvasa.org
Statewide referrals

Safe Harbor

P.O. Box 174
Greenville, SC 29602
(864) 467-3636 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
(800) 291-2139 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Shelter for women and their children, counseling,
housing and employment assistance, collaboration with
a legal services agency, court advocacy

My Sister's House

P.O. Box 5341
North Charleston, SC 29405
(483) 747-4069 (office)
(843) 744-3242 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.Charleston.net/org/mysister
Shelter for women and children, case management,
legal referrals to the Center for Equal Justice

South Dakota

South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence
and Sexual Assault

P.O. Box 141
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 945-0869 (office)
(800) 572-9196 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

P.O. Box 306

Eagle Butte, SD 57625
(605) 964-7103 (office)
(888) 728-3275 (information and referrals)
www.southdakotacoalition.org
Coalition building, support for community-based

nonviolent alternatives, public education and technical
assistance, policy development, innovative legislation

Rape and Domestic Abuse Center

401 E. 8th St., Suite 311
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
(605) 339-0116
(877) 462-7474 (toll free)
Family violence project, batterers' intervention, court
watching, women's empowerment program

211 Helpline

1000 N. West Ave., Suite 310
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(605) 334-6646 (office)
(605) 339-4357 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.helplinecenter.org/211
In Sioux Falls, dial 211 from any phone: support for
those in crisis situations, referrals and information
about shelters across the state, legal referrals when
possible

Children's Inn

409 N. Western Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(605) 338-4880
www.chssd.org/ci/cihome.asp
Shelter for women and children, legal advocacy and
referrals, help with protection orders, assistance for
male victims of domestic violence

Tennessee

Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual
Violence

P.O. Box 120972
Nashville, TN 37212-0972
(615) 386-9406
(800) 356-6767 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
www.tcadsv.org
Public policy work, advocacy, referrals, resources,
technical assistance to local domestic violence
programs

Texas

Texas Council on Family Violence

P.O. Box 161810

Austin, TX 78716

(512) 794-1133

(800) 525-1978

www.tcfv.org

Direct service through national hotline, training to those that work with domestic violence victims

Women's Advocacy Project, Inc.

P.O. Box 833

Austin, TX, 78767-0833

(512) 476-5377 (office)

(800) 374-HOPE (family violence legal hotline)

(800) 777-FAIR (family law hotline)

(888) 296-SAFE (sexual assault legal hotline)

(888) 325-SAFE (technical assistance)

www.women-law.org

Attorneys answer the statewide, toll free legal hotline and provide assistance to women with a variety of legal concerns relating to domestic violence and family law

Safe Place

P.O. Box 19454

Austin, TX 78760

(512) 440-7273

(512) 267-SAFE (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.austin-safeplace.org

Hospital and legal advocacy, two emergency shelters for women and children, referrals to free and sliding-scale legal assistance, parenting education

Houston Area Women's Center

1010 Waugh

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 528-6798

(713) 528-7273 (sexual assault hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(713) 528-2121 (domestic violence hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.hawc.org

Counseling, housing assistance, referrals to individual attorneys

Utah

Utah Domestic Violence Advisory Council

320 West 200 South, # 270B

Salt Lake City, UT 84403

(801) 521-5544 (office)

(800) 897-LINK (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.udvac.net

Statewide effort to eliminate violence and to stop the intergenerational cycle of domestic violence; shelters, legal referrals, child custody case management

Information and Referral

Dial 211 from any phone in the state

(801) 978-3333

(800) 897-5465

www.csc-ut.org/211infobank.htm

Help only for Utah residents, referrals to counseling agencies, legal advocacy, victims' assistance

Vermont

Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

P.O. Box 405

Montpelier, VT 05601

(802) 223-1302 (statewide network office, can make referrals to out-of-state programs, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-F, EST)

(800) 228-7395 (in-state domestic violence hotline)

(800) 489-7273 (in-state sexual assault hotline)

(802) 658-1996 (out-of-state domestic violence hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

(802) 254-6954 (out-of-state sexual assault hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)

www.vtnetwork.org

Member programs can make referrals to Legal Aid if caller is located in a county that has a Legal Aid program

Virginia

Virginian Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance
1010 N. Thompson St.
Richmond, VA 23230
(804) 377-0335
www.vsdvalliance.org
Information and referrals, advocacy, legal information

Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Hotline
YWCA
6 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 643-0888 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
(804) 643-6761 (office)
www.ywcarichmond.org
Individual and support group counseling, two shelters for women and their children, relationship with Legal Aid

Services to Abused Families
P.O. Box 402
Culpeper, VA 22701
(540) 825-8891
(800) 825-8876/(570) 825-8876 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
safe.inc@earthlink.net
www.safe-shelter.org

Legal representation and other services for domestic violence and child custody issues in Culpeper, Madison, Rappahannock, Fauquier and Orange Counties

The Laurel Shelter
P.O. Box 23
Gloucester, VA 23061
lsi@ccsinc.com
(888) 289-2102
(804) 697-1144
Free attorney services for child custody cases involving domestic violence in Gloucester, Middlesex, King William, Mathews, King and Queen Counties

The Turning Point - Salvation Army
815 Salem Ave.
Roanoke, VA 24016
tsatp@aol.com
(540) 345-0400
Shelter, counseling, outreach, transitional housing, childcare and legal representation for domestic violence victims involved in custody battles

Samaritan House
P.O. Box 2400
Virginia Beach, VA 23450
(757) 430-2120 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
(757) 430-2642
www.reachkids.org
VELA (Victims Empowered through Legal Assistance) is the legal branch of the shelter; legal representation for domestic violence victims dealing with protective orders and child custody issues

Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter
9 Loudoun St., S.E.
Leesburg, VA 20175
(703) 777-6552 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
(703) 771-3398
(703) 771-3397 (legal assistance)
www.lcsj.net
Shelter, outreach, transitional housing, counseling, an attorney that helps domestic violence victims with custody, protective orders and child support issues

Washington
Domestic Violence Hotline
2 Appelo Lane
Naselle, WA 98638
(800) 562-6025 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Crisis intervention, information, referrals to local organizations

Northwest Women's Law Center
3161 Elliott Avenue, Suite101
Seattle, WA 98121
(206) 682-9552

(206) 621-7691 (referral line)
www.nwwlc.org
Information and referrals about family law and
discrimination, impact litigation, self-help programs

West Virginia

West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
4710 Chimney Dr., Suite A
Charleston, WV 25302
(304) 965-3552
www.wvcadv.org
Referrals to local agencies, policy work, training, a legal
advocate on staff

YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program
1100 Chaplaine St.
Wheeling, WV 26003
(800) 698-1247 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Support groups, legal advocacy, shelter, counseling,
child advocacy

Information Helpline Upper Ohio Valley
51 11th St.
Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 233-6300
Can be contacted through The United Way web site:
www.unitedwayuov.org
Emergency assistance and referrals, work with YWCA
shelter and advocates for women and children

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
307 South Paterson, Suite 1
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 255-0539
www.wcadv.org
Referrals to state-wide programs

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.
230 Wells Street, #800
Milwaukee, WI 53203
(414) 278-7722
31 S. Mills St.

Madison, WI 53715
(608) 256-3304
www.legalaction.org
Referrals and direct legal services for low-income
clients; civil legal services in family law, domestic
violence, custody and divorce

Wisconsin Family Law Self-Help Clinic
Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 N. 9th St., North Hallway
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-2106
Self-help center, one-on-one free assistance with forms
and procedures, referrals on a variety of family law
matters

State Offices—Division of Crime Victims Services
P.O. Box 7951
Madison, WI 53707
(307) 777-7200
www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs (includes list of local programs
and victims' compensation application)
Funding for local nonprofits, no referrals

Passages: Domestic Violence Crisis Line
P.O. Box 546
Richland Center, WI 53581
(608) 647-3617
(800) 236-HEAL (hotline is 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Emergency shelter for domestic violence and sexual
assault survivors, counseling, referrals, support groups,
legal advocate who may provide assistance in domestic
violence and child custody cases

Manitowoc County Domestic Violence Center
P.O. Box 1142
Manitowac, WI 54221-1142
(920) 684-4661 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CST)
(877) 275-6888 (local hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a
week)
Shelter for domestic violence victims, counseling,
advocacy, transitional programs, group counseling,
referrals to Legal Aid and other legal services

Wyoming

Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

409 S. 4th St.

Laramie, WY 82070

(307) 755-0992 (civil legal assistance)

(307) 755-5481

(800) 990-3877 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. MST)

www.users.qwest.net/~wyomingcoalition

Civil legal assistance project that provides pro bono legal services (including child custody legal assistance) to victims of domestic violence, public awareness campaign, referrals

Women's Center Collective

(307) 672-3222 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Support, referrals, help with legal issues

Safehouse: Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Services

P.O. Box 1885

Cheyenne, WY 82001

(307) 634-8655 (main office)

(307) 637-7233 (hotline open 24 hours, 7 days a week)
Advocacy, assistance with orders of protection and stalking cases, shelter, transitional housing, support groups, referrals to Legal Aid attorneys

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