



Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Annual Report

Annual Report July 1, 2007- June 30, 2008



Domestic Violence Flu in America - 2008

Recently, the media has been consumed with the possibility of a global pandemic from the H1-N1 virus. The issue is newsworthy, a possible global outbreak of disease that causes serious illness or death and then spreads easily from person to person worldwide. In these news stories, many officials talk about the high levels of illness, death, social disruptions and economic loss from pandemics. But what about the pandemic of violence? Not to undermine the seriousness of the swine flu but the pandemic of violence is real and is 100% preventable. During the fiscal year of July 2007 to June 2008, in Indiana, 65 Hoosiers were victims of domestic violence homicide.

The following is a list of Hoosier victims of the pandemic of domestic violence.

*Domestic Violence Fatalities – July 1, 2007- June 30, 2008

Allen County

Amel Tarver, 31
Jason Bo Compton, 20

Clark County

April Jones, 21
Dyjuan Latendresse, 26

Decatur County

Bruce Andrews, 50
Debia Andrews, 46

Dubois County

Sandra Ellinsworth, 44
Timothy Ellinsworth, 58

Fountain County

Jessica H. Robers, 36

Hamilton County

Jason Broadwater, 36
Susan Moulder, 29

Henry County

Eva B. "Granny Groves, 84

Jackson County

Eugene Wells, 58

Johnson County

Jamie Barker, 31

Lake County

Archie Strickland, 30
Mia Jones, 25
Louis A. Gonzales, unknown age
Elijah Harris, 23 months
Shadonna D. Cheatam, 22
Cassandra Isom, 40
CiAndria Cole, 13
Michael Moore, 16
Eternity Brames, 4 months
Oliver Jones, Jr. 42
Josiel Shaw, 13 mo.

Lawrence County

Beverly A. Seavers, 48

Madison County

Camdon Adam Huffman,
infant
Amanda Brinker, 14
Kristina Lamberson, 26
Robert Lamberson, 26
Cynthia Achenbach, 24
Fredericka J. Smith, 77

Marion County

Demonte Norton, 10
Flossie Wright, 60
Rodney Anderson, 16
Jennifer Miller, 18
Scott Clark, 48
Debra Furnish, 48
Dwayne E. Johnson, Jr. 28
Jordan Johnson, 8
Renee G. Johnson, 49
Stephen Johnson, 58
Jerry Brian Bobb, 22
Wataasha Clark, 29
Brittany Alexander, 20
Rebecca Johnson, 14

Marshall County

Shayla Snedeker, 19
Susan Snedeker, 36
Terry Snedecker, 39

Monroe County

John Hood, 63
Laura Lewis, 59

Noble County

Kimberly Patches, 48
Shane Feightner, 40

Porter County

Elizabeth Lepucki, 44

Pulaski County

Denise Solano, 35
Tomas Solano, 30

Scott County

Boyd Cooper, 52
Lorraine Cooper, 50

Tippecanoe County

Brandi Thomas, 34
Kristine Cowger (Williams),
2 months

Vanderburg County

Ida T. Jefferson, 25

Vigo County

Jessica Jones, 26

Warrick County

Jeffrey S. Murray, 36
Bryan Williams, 34

Wayne County

Erin Stanley, 19

Domestic Violence Fatalities from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 in the state of Indiana. For more statistics on the domestic violence pandemic in Indiana, visit www.violenceresource.org.



2007 Empowerment Award Winners: State Senator Connie Sipes for Legislative Leadership, Wendy Noe for Community Awareness and Angela Cain recognized for Media.

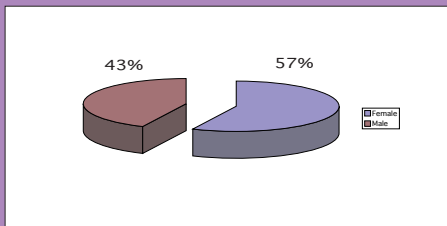


Claire Helmen, daughter of Linda Olvey, Program Services director for the ICADV, receives an award from Indiana Junior Achievement for Claire's Comfort for Kids which provides blankets to law enforcement officers to give to kids in crisis.

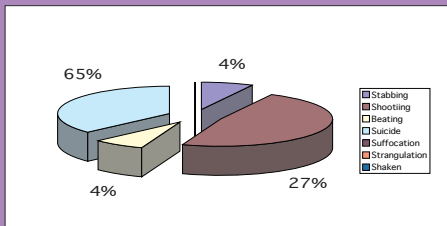


The 5th annual Race Away From Domestic Violence was held at the Indiana War Memorial on August 15, 2007

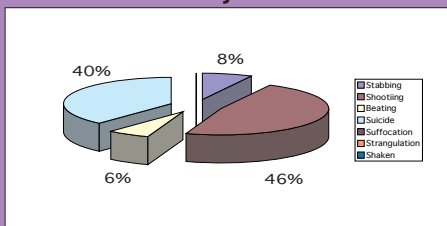
Deaths by Gender



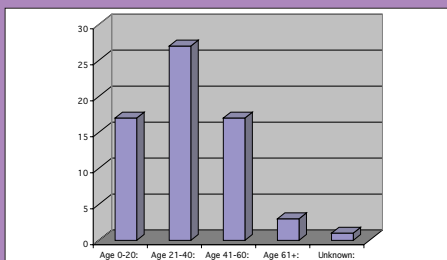
Deaths by Females



Deaths by Males



Deaths by Age Group



Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence Program 2007 Statistics (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008)

Total Domestic Violence Deaths	65
Indiana Domestic Violence Victims Served in Emergency Shelter	8,793
Adults—4,562; Children—4,231	
Out of State Domestic Violence Victims Served in Emergency Shelter	460
Total number denied shelter	1,732
Homeless or inappropriate cases denied	1,192
Total number of 24-hour Shelter Days	141,408
Total number of Crisis Line Calls	100,793

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." –Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Indiana Coalition *Against* Domestic Violence (ICADV) is a not for profit organization whose mission is to eliminate domestic violence. ICADV promotes quality statewide comprehensive domestic violence services, house an extensive resource library, operates a statewide 24-hour toll-free crisis line and provide legal assistance to low-income victims of domestic violence. ICADV also administers the Protective Order Pro Bono Project (POPBP) which assists victims with protective orders in Marion County. The POPBP has served as a model to projects in several counties in Indiana.

Mission: ICADV is committed to the elimination of domestic violence through: providing public awareness and education; advocating for systemic and societal change; influencing public policy and allocation of resources; educating and strengthening coalition members; and, promoting the availability of quality comprehensive services.

Philosophy: ICADV believes that violence is endemic to our society. We believe patriarchal values and attitudes support and perpetuate violence and we seek to confront the roots of that violence within ourselves and within larger economic, social and political systems.

- We believe that no human being deserves to be beaten or violated by another.
- We believe in the right of all persons to live without fear, oppression, or sexual, emotional or physical abuse.
- We believe domestic violence is the use of force or threat to achieve and maintain control over others in personal relationships.
- We believe batterers should be held accountable for their actions.
- We believe in inclusiveness and respect for diversity.
- We believe in the empowerment of individuals to achieve self-determination.
- We are committed to the ideas and practices of a supportive, non-competitive atmosphere in ICADV, which fosters open communications, respect and cooperation among all members of the coalition.
- We believe the elimination of domestic violence is best achieved by utilizing a multi-faceted approach.
- We believe that while the majority of victims of domestic violence are women and children, everyone is affected by it and the solution involves everyone.



ICADV Staff (Back, left to right)

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 Linda Olvey, Program Services Director
 Bridgett Morales, Communications Director



Protective Order Project Advocates (left to right)

Kelly McBride
 Janet Martinez

From July 2007 to June 2008:

More than 1,165 people including attorneys, child welfare advocates, corrections officers, educators, health care and mental health professionals, faith based members, volunteers and substance abuse providers were trained on issues related to domestic violence issues.

- More than 89,438 pieces of educational material were distributed.
- The crisis line assisted and provided support to 1,164 primary and secondary victims.
- The Protective Order Pro Bono Project in Marion County served more than 1,036 clients.
- The Resource library loaned out more than 151 books and videos to member agencies, students and agencies.

Domestic Violence: a story told too many times

It's not the first time we've heard this story, not by a long shot.

A person's life is entwined with someone who has threatened her, hit her, hurt her. Again and again, the police are called for help when the violence peaks. Again and again, she refuses to prosecute once the storm passes.

Her story makes headlines when she is killed, and we are saddened but not shocked.

Victims' stories are always very similar; likened to a game, just with different players.

Victims like Kendra, an Anderson University graduate and professional woman. Kendra was a player in a game she did not want to play.

If asked, she would say she is proud of her children first and then that she is a survivor of domestic violence.

"Some of what I'm going to say will shock you, mostly because I hid the abuse for years," said Kendra, 41. "Many of my friends said to me they knew SOMETHING was going on but had no idea of the extent to which I was abused."

Even now, more than seven years after leaving her abuser, tears still stream down her face when she talks about the abuse. She still gathers with other women she met and befriended many years ago when she and her young children entered Alternative Inc. in Anderson. Within the support group, the other women admit that they still are emotionally affected when they speak about their experiences with domestic violence. Many of the women admit that they still have nightmares although they left their abusive homes years ago.

Just like the other women, Kendra spent years second-guessing herself.

"I did not even consider myself a victim because he never hit me," Kendra said. "At least not for a while."

The abuse started subtly enough, Kendra said. In fact, it was flattering at first.

"He would call me on the phone constantly," Kendra said. "He wanted me to spend all my free time with him."

It started with put-downs, guilt and intimidation.

After seeing a story on the news about a woman and her children being killed, Kendra realized she was just like that woman, a victim, the only difference was that she was still breathing.

The reporter spoke with the husband's family and they said that he would never hurt anyone. What really shocked Kendra was that her husband said in response to the story, "She probably deserved it."

When she first left, Kendra was struck with how tired she was. "For the first time...I slept through the night," she said. "And so did the kids."

Then the empty feeling sank in. "But I realized I felt empty because I was no longer walking on eggshells all the time," Kendra said. "I was exhausted because when I was with him, I had to keep things as nice as possible to counteract his anger."

Kendra said she was in denial thinking the abuse would end after she left her home. Kendra's ex-husband harassed her throughout the divorce process by using the children.

"When we were married, he told me that the children were my responsibility," Kendra said. "But after I left, he decided he wanted to be Daddy of the Year."

Every time he had visitation, she worried. And there were so many other things to worry about...it is scary to leave the abuser. She was often told that if she left, no one would believe he abused her, her children would be taken away, she would have to live on welfare and food stamps.

The women at the support group told the same story; fear of losing their children, not being able to make it on their own, and the danger of leaving their abuser.

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Domestic Violence: a story told too many times (CONTINUED)

Kendra said, “every day, it got a little bit easier,” but occasionally she found herself thinking it would just be easier to go back to him.

After the divorce was final, Kendra’s husband got tired of supervised visits that were ordered by the court and he stopped showing up.

Every once in a while, he still sends messages to her through shared acquaintances to scare her, but he does not have the hold on her he once did. Kendra had heard he told his family that she ran away with another man. She also heard he is seeing someone new. Kendra laughs at the idea that he told people she met another man. Kendra is not sure she ever wants to be in another relationship again. She is too afraid of the chance of being controlled again and losing herself in the relationship. It was too hard to break free. He had control in every aspect of her life and what went on inside her head. The thought that she will never have a relationship again is a sad one. Maybe, someday. But she is not ready yet. Besides, it is nice just being a single parent to the kids.

And when Kendra thinks about her ex being in a relationship with another woman, she quietly says a prayer in her head for that woman.

Kendra knows how fortunate she and the kids are for not being a fatality statistic. Kendra’s story still

is not finished; she and her children have entered into the next chapter in their lives. Everyday, she and the children heal a little bit more from their abusive past.

But one thing is for sure. Kendra no longer thinks of herself as a battered woman, but as a survivor.

* This story is a composite of true cases of domestic violence here in Indiana.

How You Can Help!

- Join as a member
- Volunteer on a committee
- Donate used cell phones with or without accessories
- Make a financial contribution

Check out our website for online forms and resources...

www.violenceresource.org



Financial Statement

INDIANA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INC.

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	June 30, 2007
Current assets:	
Cash	155,426
Accounts receivable:	
Grants	69,550
Other	7,091
Prepaid expenses	12,321
Total current assets	244,388
Property and equipment	54,494
Accumulated depreciation	(54,494)
Property and equipment, net	—
	244,388
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	8,766
Accrued compensated absences	20,081
Total current liabilities	28,847
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	194,740
Temporarily restricted	20,801
Total net assets	215,541
	244,388

INDIANA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INC.

Statement of Cash Flow

	Year Ended June 30, 2007
Operating Activities	
Change in net assets	32,319
Adjustment to reconcile change in net assets to cash flows from operating activities:	
Depreciation	2,446
Change in:	
Accounts receivable	(28,324)
Inventory	4,010
Prepaid expenses	(3,544)
Accounts payable	1,035
Accrued compensated absences	811
Net cash provided by operating activities	8,753
Cash, beginning of year	146,673
Cash, end of year	155,426

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Hard Economic Times: a Factor in Why People are Staying in Abusive Relationships

With the economic downfall, law enforcement agencies throughout the state are seeing an increase in domestic violence calls. Domestic violence programs throughout the state also reported an increased hardship for victims during the economic downturn.

“Programs in the state have had an increase in the number of clients forced to stay in violent relationships because they don’t have the necessary finances to leave,” Indiana Coalition *Against Domestic Violence* executive director, Laura Berry Berman said. “This economic climate may give batterers additional leverage when using emotional and financial abuse to control their partners.”

“All programs know domestic violence is a serious issue, but the severity of the cases showing up on their desks has become increasingly more traumatic as the recession wears on,” Berry Berman said.

“We are seeing more women who are being threatened with weapons, more victims who are being choked by their intimate partners,” Berry Berman said. “The violence is more frightening. It’s more intense. Instead of victims who have been knocked around a little, I’m seeing victims who are fighting for their very lives and their children’s lives.”

Advocates believe, now more than ever, victims don’t have the financial means necessary to flee a violent situation at home.

“With the economy down, victims are staying with their perpetrators longer, but when they do come in to get help, the severity of their case is greater. Advocates say, ‘We’ve always had verbal and emotional abuse cases, but we are seeing more of an escalation to physical abuse.’”

Tight finances not only fuel domestic violence, but are usually one of the top reasons why a victim stays.

“People can’t afford to leave,” Berry Berman said. “So they are staying. They are staying until they get really desperate.”

As programs cut their staff and services due to the economic crunch, they are called on to provide more services and assistance while operating on a shoe-string budget and cutting corners.

“Most residential programs are at or past their capacity,” Berry Berman said.