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# WHO WE ARE

## ALABAMA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a nonprofit organization dedicated to working toward a peaceful society where domestic violence no longer exists. The Coalition was organized in 1978 as a network of shelters for battered women and their children, and organizations and individuals concerned about the issue of domestic violence. The ACADV serves domestic violence victims throughout the state through its nineteen-member shelter programs, and 24-hour crisis line for domestic violence.

### OUR MISSION

ACADV strives to:

- Prevent domestic violence by exposing its root causes.
- Ensure the availability of services for domestic violence victims.
- Expand services systematically so that every victim may obtain needed services.
- Help victims and their families rebuild their lives through non-violent means.
- Empower victims.
- Eliminate the re-victimization of domestic violence victims by individuals, organizations, and society through education and collaboration.

### OUR PRINCIPAL GOALS

ACADV was formed to meet four principal goals. ACADV provides:

- A collective voice for battered victims in Alabama and for the shelters that serve them.
- Technical assistance and sharing information and skills among shelter member programs in Alabama with the result of improving and expanding services for victims and their children.
- Planning, monitoring and advocacy to increase resources, improve laws, and heighten agency awareness to the needs of victims.
- Public and community education on issues of domestic violence, its causes and consequences, and social and individual changes necessary for its elimination.



# WHO WE SERVE

ACADV is a statewide network of community-based programs providing shelter, support, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children. ACADV's eighteen-member shelter programs serve victims of domestic violence and their children with a variety of services:

## ACADV SERVES MEMBER SHELTER PROGRAMS:

- Provides technical assistance.
- Coordinates state certification standards for shelter programs.
- Trains all shelter program staff who provide direct services to victims.
- Gathers and analyzes service statistics from all member programs.
- Assists in the development of Coordinated Community Councils providing a community-wide response to domestic violence issues.
- Coordinates communication efforts of the shelter member programs.
- Coordinates the cooperative work between shelters and Department of Human Resources.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Coalition offers statewide planning, educational, and technical assistance on issues of domestic violence, and provides training for:

- Volunteers and staff workers in domestic violence.
- Medical personnel.
- Legal advocates and attorneys.
- Law enforcement officials.
- Judicial system personnel.
- Perpetrator intervention personnel.
- Child welfare and public assistance workers.
- Other service agencies.
- Faith community.



# FACTS: DV IN THE USA



## NEW NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24-HOUR CENSUS SURVEY

On September 15, 2009, 83% of identified domestic violence programs in the United States and Territories, or 1,648 out of 2,000 programs, participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence. The following figures represent the information provided by these 1,648 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour Census survey period.

Approximately 2.3 million people each year in the United States are raped and/or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend. Women who were physically assaulted by an intimate partner averaged 6.9 physical assaults per year by the same partner.

41.5 % of the women who were physically assaulted by an intimate partner were injured during their most recent assault. Approximately 37% of women seeking injury-related treatment in hospital emergency rooms were there because of injuries inflicted by a current or former spouse or intimate partner.

Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of non-fatal intimate partner violence.

The costs of intimate partner violence annually exceed \$5.8 billion, including \$4.1 billion in direct healthcare expenses, \$900 million in lost productivity, and \$900 million in lifetime earnings.

National Institute of Justice and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey." July 2000. Patricia Tjaden and Nancy Thoennes, *Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence* (2000). Michael Rand, *Violence-Related Injuries Treated in Hospital Emergency Room Departments 5* (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1997). (Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. (December 2006). *Intimate Partner Violence Declined between 1993 and 2004*. Washington DC.: Catalano, S.) (National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. (2003). *Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States*. Atlanta , GA.)

**65,321** victims served in one day.

**32,524** domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

**32,797** adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

**23,045** hotline calls answered. Domestic violence hotlines answered more than 14 hotline calls every minute, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

**9,280** unmet requests for services. Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

**30,735** people trained. Programs provided more than 1,468 trainings, where community members gained much-needed information on prevention and early intervention.

## PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS PROVIDING THESE SERVICES ON THE CENSUS DAY:

- Individual Support or Advocacy = 90%
- Emergency Shelter = 74%
- Children's Support = 57%
- Medical Services/Accompaniment = 18%
- Transportation = 52%
- Job Training/ Employment Assistance = 21%
- Advocacy/Support for Teen Dating violence = 16%

# FACTS: DV IN ALABAMA

## ALABAMA NATIONAL CENSUS SUMMARY

**834** victims served in one day

**187** hotline calls answered

**787** educated in prevention and education trainings

**76** unmet requests for services in one day

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below:

- 33% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 33% reported not enough specialized services.
- 22% reported not enough staff.
- 17% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 11% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ALABAMA: 2009

- A knife was the weapon used in 15% of the offenses
- Other dangerous weapons were used in 17% of the offenses
- A firearm was the weapon used in 20% of the offenses
- Hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 48% of the offenses
- 34 DV homicides
- 1,615 DV aggravated assaults
- 29,940 DV domestic simple assaults

\* Data from the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center Domestic Violence Statistical Analysis Report 2008 (the latest data available).

## ACADV SERVICES: OCT. 2008 - SEPT. 2009

- Adult victims served in shelter = 1,828
- Child victims served in shelter = 1,650
- Adult victims receiving outreach and out-of-shelter services = 10,440
- Bed nights provided for adult victims = 42,692
- Bed nights provided for child victims = 36,343
- Crisis hotline calls received = 16,562

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS HOTLINE:

**1-800-650-6522**  
**WWW.ACADV.ORG**



# YEAR IN REVIEW

During 2009, the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) accomplished many of its goals and developed new projects and initiatives to benefit victims of domestic violence throughout our state.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURTS

In addition to the education projects, ACADV provided technical assistance to four new domestic violence courts in Alabama.

These courts designate judicial officers and court staff to handle domestic violence cases and include model best practices such as: (1) fast tracking cases; (2) imposing conditions on bond when appropriate; (3) holding compliance review hearings; (4) convening meetings of all system stakeholders to improve access to justice; (5) designating DV dockets; (6) enhancing role of victims advocates; and (7) improving communication and information through use of technology.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE

ACADV sponsors specialized training for the law enforcement community by providing on-site seminars for local departments. Our experienced law enforcement trainers provided seminars to over 1,000 law enforcement officers during the last fiscal year.

ACADV also provides model protocols, policies and guidelines to local departments and communities to improve responses to domestic violence victims and perpetrators.

## PROSECUTION RESPONSE

ACADV works in partnership with prosecutors to develop specialized domestic violence units that provide designated personnel to aggressively prosecute misdemeanor domestic violence cases. Specialized units incorporate model practices such as: (1) vertical prosecution; (2) enhanced coordination with victims and victim advocates; (3) increased evidence

collection techniques; and (4) enhanced penalties for repeat offenders.

## SUPERVISED VISITATION PROJECT

Often domestic violence perpetrators maintain visitation rights with their children but in some cases perpetrators misuse the visitation privileges by continuing their abusive tactics against the victim.

For the past 2 years, ACADV has worked with a committee of experts to develop a plan for establishing supervised visitation centers in Alabama. This committee is also developing model policies and best practices for the administration of supervised visitation centers. The committee is developing a plan to train key stakeholders.

## PERPETRATOR INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

ACADV continues to monitor and provide technical assistance to perpetrator intervention programs statewide. The certification standards provide minimum mandates for community-based programs seeking to provide court-ordered or voluntary services to those charged or convicted of domestic violence crimes.

These programs differ from anger management programs in that they are specifically designed to address the power and control beliefs and tactics that are the underlying causes of domestic violence.

A copy of these standards is available at the ACADV website: [www.acadv.org](http://www.acadv.org).

## CO-OCCURRING WORK GROUP

For many victims of domestic violence, there are also challenges associated with substance abuse and mental health issues. For the past year, ACADV has worked with key stakeholders to address these issues and how to best serve clients who face them.

ACADV has been awarded an HHS grant to work with two domestic violence programs in the state to implement model programs that assist victims who also have substance abuse and mental health issues. The work group is developing a needs assessment and reviewing model protocols. There will also be cross-training of domestic violence program personnel and substance abuse/mental health providers.

There was a focus group held in Huntsville on July 23rd with 70 attendees, and in Birmingham on November 12th with 60 attendees for DV programs, substance abuse providers, and mental health providers. The response was very positive. The focus groups looked at how providers can better work together, what cross-trainings are needed, and where the gaps in services are for victims of DV who also have substance abuse and mental health issues.

## MARRIAGE INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Auburn University received funding to provide resources to local communities for education programs focused on building healthy relationships. ACADV partnered with Auburn University to include domestic violence education and referral information for the project.

## STATE PLAN ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

In 2006, the Council on Violence Against Women revised Alabama's State Plan on Violence Against Women. This plan includes recommendations for various professions on model practices and responses to domestic violence cases. Throughout the last fiscal year, ACADV has worked to distribute and implement the plan's recommendations.

A copy of the plan may be downloaded from ACADV's website: [www.acadv.org](http://www.acadv.org)

# ECONOMIC JUSTICE

## ALLSTATE FOUNDATION ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT GRANT

Domestic violence advocates recognize the economic hardships faced by their program clients, but have rarely had the resources needed to assist women struggling with poverty and abuse.

Since financial abuse is a common tactic used by batterers to control and isolate their partners, ACADV applied for and received an Economic Empowerment grant from the Allstate Foundation to help survivors build financially independent lives. The Allstate curriculum, "Moving Ahead Through Financial Management", focuses on financial safety planning, debt management, understanding and improving credit scores, loan options, savings strategies and setting financial goals.

Sub-grantees for the project are the Birmingham YWCA, Safehouse, Daybreak, and the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama. Each program will coordinate economic empowerment support groups and financial literacy training classes. Survivors referred to the Economic Empowerment Program will be assessed for a wide variety of services including job readiness assistance, job training, child care, transportation assistance, social and medical services, and other services that may be needed.

A work group of representatives from statewide organizations will act in an advisory capacity to identify resources and to provide expertise for classes that will enhance curriculum topics.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACADV joined with employers throughout the state to form a work group to develop protocols and to encourage workplace policies on domestic violence. The goal is to encourage employers to provide a safe work environment that helps survivors of domestic violence to be safe at work and continue their employment.

In 2009, the first in a series of luncheon seminars were held for business executives, human resource managers and corporate management staff. Participants learned about the impact of domestic violence on employee safety, productivity and company resources.

At the ACADV annual meeting, o2ideas received the ACADV Corporate Citizen Award, which recognized the advertising agency for their design and construction of a website for seminar registration and participation on the Advisory Committee. The ACADV Employer of the Year Award was given to New Era Cap Company in Demopolis.

### PUBLIC HOUSING WORK GROUP

On January 5, 2006, President Bush signed into law the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-162) and on August 12, 2006, signed into law technical corrections to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) (Public Law 109-271).

In response to the newly-enacted law and the needs of victims, the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) created the Domestic Violence Resource Guide for Public Housing Programs to aid in partnership building between ACADV member domestic violence programs and local public housing authorities. In order to develop practices and protocols for implementation of the resource guide, the ACADV Housing Work Group was developed.

### PRIMARY PREVENTION

Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancements and Leadership Through Alliances (DELTA), Preparing and Raising Expectations for Prevention (PREP)

ACADV was awarded a grant by the CDC Foundation in collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to fund a primary prevention initiative. The purpose of the DELTA PREP project is to build the coalition's capacity to enhance primary prevention efforts. Primary prevention refers to preventing intimate partner violence from first occurring, rather than responding once it happens or working to prevent a recurrence. In 2009, the Coalition Prevention Committee conducted a survey to collect data from member programs on current prevention practices. The results showed a broad range of definitions and strategies for addressing primary, secondary and tertiary prevention.

To strengthen primary prevention capacity under the DELTA PREP project, ACADV will review the mission statement, revise as appropriate the strategic plan, and convene a prevention work group.



# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## COMMISSION ON WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

In 2006, the Alabama Legislature established the Commission on Women and Girls in the Criminal Justice System to review the latest research and practices related to the incarceration and rehabilitation of women and girls. Chaired by Representative Barbara Boyd, the Commission completed an ambitious goal of analyzing the needs of juvenile and adult females incarcerated in Department of Youth Services and Department of Corrections facilities.

In its two-year study, the Commission has found that gender differences among the incarcerated must be addressed in order to provide the most effective and cost-efficient responses. In February 2008, the Commission released its findings in the report *One Size Does Not Fit All: Research and Recommendations for Gender-Responsiveness in Alabama's Criminal Justice System*. The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence participated in this process through representation on the Commission; supporting planning and development of the report; and providing recommendations specific to victims of domestic violence incarcerated in juvenile and adult facilities.

The Commission updated activities on the recommendations and how the system is changing for women and girls. The most impressive work is being done with the Juvenile Justice System after the passage of the Juvenile Justice Act of 2008. Before this, Alabama's juvenile justice system was flooded with low-risk children in expensive insti-

tutions. Many of these children have never even committed a crime. As recently as two years ago, at least 79 percent of children admitted to the Alabama Department of Youth Services were locked up for nonviolent misbehavior. Effective October 2009, the state of Alabama has made huge strides regarding the treatment of youth involved in the juvenile justice system. For example, it is now unlawful to send a child to the Department of Youth Services for non-criminal conduct such as skipping school or disobeying a parent.

The Department of Corrections is recognizing some of the reasons inmates return, and taking steps to improve inmates' chances of success when they return to their communities. The re-entry program aims to provide transitional case management services. Transitional case management will consist of identifying an inmate's basic and technical needs, and linking them with targeted resources prior to their release.

If an inmate's primary needs for survival are initially addressed (including food, clothing and shelter), this may aid in decreasing the overall prison recidivism rates and overcrowding. Other goals include: promoting public safety for the general community; reuniting parents and children; decreasing public health and social disparities within the offender populations; and offering referrals to inmates and ex-offenders transitioning back into the community.

## SURVIVORS OVERCOMING ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS (SOAR)

The SOAR program is a volunteer group of domestic violence survivors whose mission is to promote, advocate and work for the elimination of domestic violence and provide a voice to battered women everywhere.

Sponsored by the ACADV, SOAR provides a way for survivors to bring about real change in the systems that allow domestic violence to exist. This is primarily accomplished through participation in local public education efforts, speaking engagements and working with the media to promote the message that domestic violence is not acceptable.

In 2009, SOAR's statewide Steering Committee sent out brochures and concentrated efforts on re-establishing the Birmingham Chapter

as a priority, then establishing chapters in both Anniston and Huntsville. In time, SOAR will continue to have chapter kick-off meeting across the State.



# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

ACADV offers training on domestic violence to various professions including but not limited to: law enforcement, prosecutors, attorneys, healthcare professionals, child welfare workers, judicial personnel, corporate employees, advocates and the public.

During Fiscal Year 2009, ACADV provided training to:

- Over 200 advocates
- 600 law enforcement personnel
- Over 100 attorneys, court personnel, judges and other criminal justice professionals
- Over 100 social service providers, human resource professionals and community-based organizations

## HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a database that tracks services provided to homeless families, individuals or those at risk of homelessness.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development supplies grants for the operation and management of these systems. In the fall of 2003, no organized system of services existed for the homeless in 43 rural Alabama counties. As a result, the Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (ARCH) formed to address the needs of the homeless population.

An HMIS grant was awarded to the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) through ARCH to organize and track the network of services for the homeless in these counties. ACADV hired a database administrator and trainer and soon began training agencies and entering data in February of 2008.

Participation in HMIS is required to seek HUD funding. Domestic violence programs are prohibited by law to enter identifying information in the HMIS database, but ACADV does supply aggregate data to HMIS.

With HMIS, domestic violence programs are eligible to seek funding from HUD for emergency shelter, prevention of homelessness, and transitional housing for clients. ACADV has collaborated with the state HMIS steering committee to establish standards in entering data.

HMIS provides a first look at the number of homeless across the state, ultimately identifying gaps in service funding to provide for clients' needs. Thanks to the stimulus package and the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program HPRP, there are currently 57 new users entering service information into HMIS.

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INTERVENTION LIAISON (SAIL) PROJECT

The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Alabama State Department of Human Resources have formed a collaborative relationship to establish the Special Assessment Intervention and Liaison (SAIL) Project. The SAIL project provides, under contract, specific domestic violence assessment and services to eligible clients.

The services are designed to assist clients in removing barriers to self-sufficiency. In addition, the Specialists provide each client with assistance in safety planning and assist DHR in development and revision of Family Responsibility, Work Action and/or Individual Service Plans.

The SAIL project completed its 9th year in September 2009. Over the course of this 9th year, 3645 clients were referred to the SAIL project. 1536 clients were served through SAIL services. A total of \$206,066.50 was spent assisting 574 victims of domestic violence who were fleeing or had safety issues.

# CCR TEAM PROJECT

## WHAT IS A COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE (CCR) TEAM?

A Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR) brings together organizations, agencies and local community members to accomplish the following: (1) enhance coordination among all stakeholder and system players; (2) increase resources for victims; (3) increase accountability for abusers; (4) enhance safety of victims and (5) develop model practices and policies to improve systemic

responses to domestic violence cases.

Since each community is unique, the collaboration needs to reflect the needs, the resources and the gaps that exist in each. In order to have the most effective interventions, policies and protocols need to be discussed, strengthened, or changed to ensure victim safety and abuser accountability.

## WHAT CAN A CCR ACCOMPLISH?

**Professional Development:** CCR Teams provide local seminars and education materials for various professions and the public.

**Awareness:** CCR Teams hold awareness events such as candlelight vigils, walk-a-thons, ribbon campaigns and radio and television ads.

**Policy and System Change:** CCR Teams develop policy initiatives to promote positive systemic change such as: developing Fatality Review Team projects like those being developed by Mobile and Washington County Domestic Violence Task Forces; and providing model domestic violence policies for various professionals and developing policy changes to promote victim safety and perpetrator accountability. Examples of

policy initiatives include: (1) ensuring local housing policies include new HUD federal guidelines for assisting domestic violence victims; (2) screening and identification policies for healthcare providers; (3) incorporating domestic violence supplemental report form with the law enforcement incident offense report files; (4) promoting domestic violence designated dockets for courts and (5) providing faith communities with a new resources on responding to domestic violence victims.

**For model recommendations on systemic change, CCR Teams should review the 2006 Alabama State Plan on Violence Against Women which may be found on the ACADV website: [www.acadv.org](http://www.acadv.org).**

## CCR HIGHLIGHT:

### JEFFERSON COUNTY COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE

The CCR began as a project of the Safety Committee of the Jefferson County Children's Policy Cooperative. The first step was to initiate a series of monthly Brown Bag Lunch presentations to build trust and stakeholder buy-in, and to begin a dialogue about how a CCR might operate in our community. In January 2007, a steering committee formed to address the details necessary to the formation of a CCR in Jefferson County.

The Steering Committee explored infrastructure needs, identified funding resources, investigated feasibility of one core organization serving as fiscal agent, and considered qualifications for a policy analyst position. Soon after, in April 2007, The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham, through their Voices Against Violence Initiative, provided funding for the CCR's part-time administrator position. The mission of the CCR is "to bring

different agencies together to ensure the safety of domestic violence victims, consistently hold perpetrators accountable for their violence, and change the climate in the community so that we can reduce family violence." By researching best practices, reviewing responders' policies, and providing technical assistance when needed, CCR's primary program objective is to establish effective, complementary policies dealing with victim safety and offender accountability in local courts and agencies.

Recently, the CCR facilitated discussions between the Sheriff's Office and Family Court to encourage enhancement of service of Protection From Abuse Orders originating in Family Court and served by Sheriff's deputies. By working together to draft a policy for service that both entities agreed upon, CCR anticipates an increase in the number of

Protection Orders served within the statutory 14-day time period. By meeting together, personnel from each entity communicated about the successes and challenges faced by each, and shared contact information that will be useful in the future. The success of these entities working together is integral to victim safety.

Funding from the Verizon Foundation allowed CCR to continue the teen dating violence intervention programs in local middle schools and high schools. CCR programs in classrooms provide a safe environment for teens to ask questions and participate in discussions that challenge them to seek healthy relationships, and reveal warning signs of unhealthy relationships. Most importantly, teens are pointed toward local community resources where they can receive assistance.

# LAW & PUBLICATIONS

## ALABAMA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS

The Alabama Legislature has made Alabama homes and communities safer by establishing the following laws (right):

These laws have enhanced the safety of victims and their children and created tools to hold perpetrators accountable for the violence. We greatly appreciate the dedication of our sponsors and members of the legislature for continuing to support our efforts to protect victims and make our communities and our State safe for all its citizens. On behalf of our member programs and victims of domestic violence throughout Alabama, we thank you!

1981	Protection from Abuse Statute
1981	Marriage License Fee Statute
1989	Warrantless Arrest Statute
1993	Family Violence Enforcement Statute
1995	Rebuttable Presumption Custody Statute
1997	Program Standards & Certification Statute
2000	Domestic Violence Bail Statute
2000	Domestic Violence as a Crime Statute
2009	Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

## ACADV PUBLICATIONS

ACADV developed many new publications during the past year. Many of the publications listed below are available through our website: [www.acadv.org](http://www.acadv.org).

- 1-800—Domestic Violence Bumper Sticker
- 1-800-Laminated Crisis Information Cards (available in Spanish)
- ACADV Program Map
- Domestic Violence Information Brochure
- Domestic Violence Hotline Poster (available in Spanish)
- Alabama 2006 State Plan on Violence Against Women
- Alabama Judicial Domestic Violence Bench Book
- Alabama Law Enforcement Guidelines for Responding to Domestic Violence Cases
- Alabama Guidelines for Prosecuting Domestic Violence Cases
- Alabama Juvenile Justice Guidelines for Response to Domestic Violence Cases
- Domestic Violence in the Workplace: A Guide for Employers
- Domestic Violence Law Laminated Resource Card
- Haven of Safety— Circle of Care: A Guide for the Faith Community on Responding to Domestic Violence
- Faith Community Brochure
- State Certification Standards for Domestic Violence
- Perpetrator Intervention Programs
- Full Faith and Credit Information Card
- Voices Against Violence: Video
- Perpetrator Intervention Standard Revised Feb. 2008

## ACADV LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: 2010

- SB134/ HB479 Revising the Protection from Abuse Act
- SB168/ HB478 Revising the Family Violence Enforcement Act
- SB397/HB293 General Fund Allocation to Domestic Violence Shelters

## HELP STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Ensure your workplace has a policy on responding to coworkers who are victims or perpetrators.
2. Volunteer for a local domestic violence program.
3. Become educated on the causes and consequences of domestic violence.
4. Display a 1-800 DV Hotline Bumper Sticker on your vehicle.
5. Ask your local faith organization to become involved in DV awareness projects.
6. Place domestic violence hotline posters in your office restroom.
7. Challenge local community leaders to help make responding to domestic violence a priority.
8. Attend local domestic violence awareness activities.
9. Ask your State Representatives to support legislation that assist victims of domestic violence.
10. If someone confides in you that they are being abused, tell them it is not their fault and there is help available.

# SUPPORTING OUR WORK

## SPONSORS WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED OUR WORK. THANK YOU.

- Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety
- Alabama Department of Human Resources
- Office of Prosecution Services
- Alabama Power Company
- Alabama State General Fund
- Allstate Foundation
- AT&T
- Centers for Disease Control Foundation
- CMB Wireless Group
- Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women
- Kelvin Developing Company, Inc.
- Membership Dues/Individual Contributions
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Verizon Wireless
- Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham

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# MEMBER PROGRAMS

ACADV's 18-member programs serve victims of domestic violence and their children with a variety of services:

- Temporary emergency shelter and transitional housing
- Crisis counseling, individual counseling and peer support groups
- Specialized children's programming
- Advocacy to assist victims in obtaining legal remedies
- Referrals to provide victims with connections to needed community resources
- Outreach and community education awareness on domestic violence issues

## **CRISIS CTR. OF RUSSELL CO.**

Crisis Line: 334-297-4401  
Office Line: 334-297-4482  
Counties Served: Russell

## **CRISIS SVS. OF NORTH AL.**

Crisis Line: 256-716-1000  
Office Line: 256-716-4052  
Counties served: Jackson, Morgan, Madison Morgan, Limestone

## **DAYBREAK**

Crisis Line: 205-387-1157  
Office Line: 205-387-1157  
Counties served: Walker

## **DV INTERVENTION CENTER**

Crisis/Office: 334-749-1515  
Counties served: Lee, Macon, Randolph, Tallapoosa, Chambers

## **FAMILY SUNSHINE CENTER**

Crisis Line: 334-263-0218  
Office Line: 334-206-2100  
Counties served: Butler, Crenshaw, Elmore, Lowndes, Montgomery, Chilton, Autauga

## **HARRIET'S HOUSE**

Crisis Line: 334-289-8985  
Office Line: 334-289-8985  
Counties served: Clarke, Choctaw, Greene, Sumter, Marengo

## **THE HOUSE OF RUTH**

Crisis Line: 334-793-2232  
Office Line: 334-793-5214  
Counties served: Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike

## **KELLEY'S RAINBOW**

Crisis Line: 256-891-0019  
Office Line: 256-891-9864  
Counties served: DeKalb, Cherokee

## **LIGHTHOUSE OF BALDWIN CO.**

Crisis Line: 251-947-6008  
Office Line: 251-947-6197  
Counties served: Baldwin, Escambia

## **OPPORTUNITY HOUSE**

Crisis Line: 334-493-2320  
Office: 334-493-4835  
Counties served: Monroe, Conecuh

## **PENELOPE HOUSE**

Crisis Line: 251-342-8994  
Office Line: 251-342-2809  
Counties served: Washington, Mobile

## **SABRA SANCTUARY**

Crisis Line: 334-874-8711  
Office Line: 334-877-4645  
Counties served: Dallas, Perry, Wilcox

## **SAFEHOUSE**

Crisis Line: 205-669-SAFE (7233)  
Office Line: 205-669-1877  
Shelter: 205-669-5436  
Counties served: Shelby, Clay, Coosa

## **SAFEPLACE, INC.**

Crisis Line: 256-767-6210  
Office Line: 256-767-3076  
Counties served: Franklin, Winston Lawrence, Lauderdale, Colbert, Marion

## **2ND CHANCE**

Office Line: 256-236-7381  
Counties served: Etowah, Calhoun, Talladega, Cleburne

## **TURNING POINT**

Crisis/Office: 205-758-0808  
Counties served: Tuscaloosa, Hale, Bibb, Fayette, Lamar, Pickens

## **VICTIMS SVS. OF CULLMAN, INC.**

Crisis Line: 256-734-6100  
Office Line: 256-775-2600  
Counties served: Cullman

## **YWCA**

Crisis Line: 205-322-4878  
Office Line: 205-322-9922  
Counties served: St. Clair, Blount, Jefferson



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# ALABAMA COUNTIES: CONGRESS, SENATE AND HOUSE DISTRICT KEY

KEY: COUNTIES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER :

				CONGRESS	SENATE	HOUSE	
Autauga	2	23, 30	69, 88	Houston	2	29, 31	85-87, 93
Baldwin	1	22, 32	64, 66, 94-96	Jackson	5	8	22-23
Barbour	2	28	84	Jefferson	6	5, 14-20	15, 34, 43-48, 51-60
Bibb	6	14, 23	49, 72	Lamar	4	6	16
Blount	4	9, 17	11, 34	Lauderdale	5	1	1,2
Bullock	2	28	82, 84	Lawrence	5	4, 6	7
Butler	2	30	90	Lee	3	13, 27, 28	38, 79-83
Calhoun	3	11, 12	32, 36, 40	Limestone	5	2, 3	4-5, 25
Chambers	3	13	37, 38	Lowndes	2	23, 30	69
Cherokee	3	10, 13	39	Macon	3	28	82
Chilton	6	14	42	Madison	5	2-3, 7-9	6, 10, 19-22, 25
Choctaw	7	22, 24	65, 68	Marengo	7	23-24	68, 71-72
Clarke	1	22, 23	65, 68	Marion	4	6	17
Clay	3	13	37	Marshall	4	9	26-27
Cleburne	3	13	39	Mobile	1	22, 33-35	96-105
Coffee	2	31	91	Monroe	1	22,-23	64, 68
Colbert	5	1, 6	3, 18	Montgomery	2	25-26	73-78
Conecuh	2	22, 23	64, 68, 90	Morgan	4	3	4, 8-9, 11
Coosa	3, 6	11	31, 33	Perry	7	23-24	72
Covington	2	31	92	Pickens	4	21	61
Crenshaw	2	30	90	Pike	2	30	89
Cullman	4	4	9, 11-12	Randolph	3	13	37
Dale	2	29, 31	89, 93	Russell	3	27-28	80, 83, 84
Dallas	7	23	67, 69	St. Clair	6	12, 17	30, 36, 45, 50
DeKalb	4	8	24, 26, 29, 39	Shelby	6	14-16	41-43, 48-50
Elmore	2	11, 25, 30	31, 75, 88	Sumter	7	24	71
Escambia	1	22	64, 66, 92	Talladega	3	11	32, 33,35
Etowah	4	10	28-30, 35	Tallapoosa	3	27	81
Fayette	4	6	16	Tuscaloosa	6	5, 21, 24	14, 16, 61-63, 70-71
Franklin	4	6	18	Walker	4	5	13-14
Geneva	2	29	87	Washington	1	22	65
Greene	7	24	71	Wilcox	7	23	69
Hale	7	21, 24	72	Winston	4	4-6	7, 14, 17
Henry	2	28	85				

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## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT NUMBER	CONGRESSMAN	SIMPLE ASSAULTS DATA PERIOD 2008	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT DATA PERIOD 2008	WOMEN & CHILDREN IN SHELTER DATA PERIOD 2009	BED NIGHTS FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN DATA PERIOD 2009	CRISIS CALLS RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DATA PERIOD 2009
1	Jo Bonner	5,015	131	766	11,479	2,431
2	Bobby Bright	5,237	171	431	8,834	2,525
3	Mike Rogers	5,334	246	370	10,323	2,465
4	Robert Aderholt	3,922	169	437	10,670	1,430
5	Parker Griffith	4,617	236	559	16,996	1,776
6	Spencer Bachus	6,799	629	534	13,509	3,307
7	Artur Davis	6,246	512	428	11,373	2,721

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The data included in this report was compiled from the following sources: (1) ACADV member program data reporting system; (2) Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center statistical reports; and (3) direct ACADV program surveys. The data compiled is reflective only of those incidents and services REPORTED to the above data systems and therefore are lower than the actual incidents or services due to lack of reporting, date entry problems and calculation errors. ACADV programs provide services to all 67 counties in Alabama but the distribution of service areas is different from the Alabama Legislative Districts resulting in multiple domestic violence programs covering the various legislative districts.





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## HOUSE DISTRICTS 1-29

DISTRICT NUMBER	REPRESENTATIVE	SIMPLE ASSAULTS DATA PERIOD 2008	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT DATA PERIOD 2008	WOMEN & CHILDREN IN SHELTER DATA PERIOD 2009	BED NIGHTS FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN DATA PERIOD 2009	CRISIS CALLS RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DATA PERIOD 2009
1	Tammy Irons	275	15	137	3,848	563
2	Mike Curtis	275	15	137	3,848	563
3	Marcel Black	317	45	62	2,517	301
4	Micky Hammon	883	46	123	2,937	408
5	Henry White	92	12	22	1,363	295
6	Phil Williams	2,597	91	289	6,757	387
7	John Letson	392	21	60	503	227
8	Bill Dukes	791	34	82	1,574	113
9	Ronald Grantland	1,189	57	192	3,421	273
10	Mike Ball	2,597	91	289	6,757	387
11	Jeremy Oden	1,301	64	202	3,586	359
12	James Fields	398	23	110	1,847	160
13	Tommy Sherer	398	23	110	1,847	160
14	Ken Guin	2,237	93	188	4,481	969
15	Pat Moore	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
16	William Thigpen	1,766	83	93	2,135	405
17	Mike Millican	272	19	23	841	236
18	Johnny Morrow	442	53	103	3,504	457
19	Laura Hall	2,597	91	289	6,757	387
20	Howard Sanderford	2,597	91	289	6,757	387
21	Randy Hinshaw	2,597	91	289	6,757	387
22	Butch Taylor	2,857	117	298	6,990	402
23	John Robinson	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
24	Todd Greeson	512	17	15	911	52
25	Mac McCutcheon	2,689	103	330	8,120	682
26	Frank McDaniel	1,277	45	58	2,306	55
27	Jeff McLaughlin	765	28	43	1,395	33
28	Craig Ford	375	9	27	956	124
29	Jack Page	887	26	42	1,867	176

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## HOUSE DISTRICTS 30-58

DISTRICT NUMBER	REPRESENTATIVE	SIMPLE ASSAULTS DATA PERIOD 2008	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT DATA PERIOD 2008	WOMEN & CHILDREN IN SHELTER DATA PERIOD 2009	BED NIGHTS FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN DATA PERIOD 2009	CRISIS CALLS RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DATA PERIOD 2009
30	Blaine Galliher	786	25	39	1,035	204
31	Barry Mask	397	9	24	238	204
32	Barbara Boyd	1,829	86	88	2,563	345
33	Ronald Johnson	985	35	14	804	135
34	Elwyn Thomas	4,155	360	303	7,409	2,216
35	Steve Hurst	1,829	88	88	2,563	345
36	Randy Wood	1,308	69	87	1,852	312
37	Richard Laird	484	22	5	111	67
38	Duwayne Bridges	409	21	59	992	239
39	Richard Lindsey	660	34	19	417	79
40	K.L. Brown	897	53	75	1,773	232
41	Mike Hill	325	15	137	4,038	582
42	James Martin	509	174	138	4,079	662
43	MarySue McClurkin	4,368	368	430	11,272	2,712
44	Arthur Payne	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
45	Owen Drake	4,454	369	305	7,313	2,210
46	Paul DeMarco	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
47	Jack Williams	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
48	Greg Canfield	4,368	368	430	11,272	2,712
49	Cam Ward	404	20	139	4,075	602
50	Jim McClendon	736	31	149	4,117	662
51	Allen Treadaway	4,043	53	293	7,234	2,130
52	John Rogers	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
53	Demetrius Newton	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
54	Patricia Todd	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
55	Rod Scott	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
56	Lawrence Mc Ardory	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
57	Merika Coleman	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
58	Oliver Robinson	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130

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## HOUSE DISTRICTS 59-87

DISTRICT NUMBER	REPRESENTATIVE	SIMPLE ASSAULTS DATA PERIOD 2008	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT DATA PERIOD 2008	WOMEN & CHILDREN IN SHELTER DATA PERIOD 2009	BED NIGHTS FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN DATA PERIOD 2009	CRISIS CALLS RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DATA PERIOD 2009
59	Mary Moore	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
60	Earl Hilliard Jr.	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
61	Alan Harper	1,782	89	90	2,066	457
62	Gerald Allen	1,708	79	90	2,066	393
63	Robert Bentley	1,708	79	90	2,066	393
64	Harry Shiver	1,060	76	163	2,165	998
65	Elaine Beech	221	23	16	728	83
66	Alan Baker	810	58	89	1,976	941
67	Yusuf Salaam	968	2	13	110	84
68	Thomas Jackson	501	34	51	2,033	185
69	James Thomas	1,383	66	31	315	271
70	Christopher England	1,708	79	90	2,066	393
71	A.J. McCampbell	1,956	112	127	3,646	494
72	Ralph Howard	373	50	31	1,570	125
73	David Grimes	1,719	36	148	4,748	1,508
74	Jay Love	1,719	36	148	4,748	1,508
75	Greg Wren	2,063	43	171	4,972	1,770
76	Thad McClammy	1,719	36	148	4,748	1,508
77	John Knight	1,719	36	148	4,748	1,508
78	Alvin Holmes	1,719	36	148	4,748	1,508
79	Mike Hubbard	149	8	57	914	204
80	Lesley Vance	630	38	102	1,111	377
81	Betty Carol Graham	598	33	108	1,100	275
82	Pebblin Warren	390	33	110	1,254	260
83	George Bandy	630	38	114	1,111	377
84	Billy Beasley	732	38	59	1,236	201
85	Locy Baker	1,026	12	115	1,759	287
86	Benjamin Lewis	929	5	108	1,746	269
87	Vacant	1,066	15	117	1,816	285

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## HOUSE DISTRICTS 88-105

DISTRICT NUMBER	REPRESENTATIVE	SIMPLE ASSAULTS DATA PERIOD 2008	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT DATA PERIOD 2008	WOMEN & CHILDREN IN SHELTER DATA PERIOD 2009	BED NIGHTS FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN DATA PERIOD 2009	CRISIS CALLS RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DATA PERIOD 2009
88	Mac Gipson	724	23	35	404	408
89	Alan Boothe	571	18	42	708	148
90	Charles Newton	350	26	13	234	114
91	Terry Spicer	231	8	33	255	58
92	Seth Hammett	403	47	42	609	238
93	Steve Clouse	1,348	21	135	2,190	353
94	Joe Faust	617	23	132	1,644	903
95	Steve McMillan	617	23	132	1,644	903
96	Randy Davis	4,412	74	727	10,737	2,405
97	Yvonne Kennedy	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
98	James Gordon	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
99	James Buskey	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
100	Victor Gaston	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
101	Jamie Ison	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
102	Chad Fincher	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
103	Joseph Mitchell	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
104	Jim Barton	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
105	Spencer Collier	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502

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## SENATE DISTRICTS

DISTRICT NUMBER	SENATOR	SIMPLE ASSAULTS DATA PERIOD 2008	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT DATA PERIOD 2008	WOMEN & CHILDREN IN SHELTER DATA PERIOD 2009	BED NIGHTS FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN DATA PERIOD 2009	CRISIS CALLS RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DATA PERIOD 2009
1	Bobby Denton	592	58	199	6,365	564
2	Tom Butler	2,689	103	330	8,120	682
3	Arthur Orr	3,480	137	412	9,694	795
4	Zeb Little	790	44	152	3,052	386
5	Charles Bishop	6,280	446	481	11,721	3,099
6	Roger Bedford	1075	89	156	5,123	808
7	Paul Sanford	2,597	91	289	6,757	387
8	Lowell Barron	3,369	134	313	7,903	454
9	Hinton Mitchem	3,474	126	342	8,317	506
10	Larry Means	444	19	28	964	138
11	Jim Preuitt	2,226	95	112	2,801	629
12	Del Marsh	1,308	69	87	1,850	312
13	Kim Benefield	781	47	154	1,434	453
14	Henry Erwin	4,627	530	433	11,350	2,812
15	Steve French	4,368	368	430	11,272	2,712
16	J.T. Waggoner	4,368	368	430	11,272	2,712
17	Scott Beason	4,566	376	315	7,478	2,296
18	Rodger Smitherman	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
19	Priscilla Dunn	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
20	Linda Coleman	4,043	353	293	7,234	2,130
21	Phil Poole	1,895	114	92	2,177	418
22	Marc Keahey	4,886	141	764	11,924	2,541
23	Hank Sanders	1,925	102	78	1,968	532
24	Bobby Singleton	2,191	144	135	4,174	558
25	Larry Dixon	2,063	43	171	4,972	1,770
26	Quinton Ross	1,719	36	148	4,748	1,508
27	T.D. Little	1,079	63	112	2,211	448
28	Myron Penn	1,190	73	134	2,430	475
29	Harri Anne Smith	1,485	31	144	2,260	396
30	Wendell Mitchell	1,184	47	59	779	602
31	Jimmy Holley	1,789	41	193	2,722	611
32	Trip Pittman	617	23	132	1,644	903
33	Vivian Davis Figures	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
34	Rusty Glover	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502
35	Ben Brooks	3,795	51	595	9,093	1,502



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