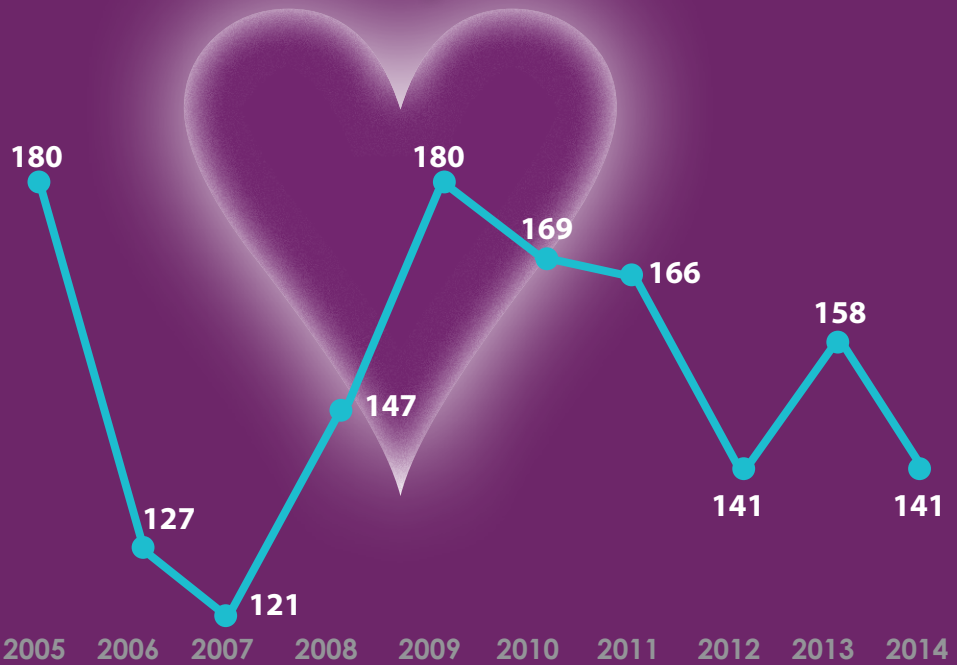


A Decade of Violence in Pennsylvania



2014 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REPORT

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

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HOW THIS REPORT IS COMPILED

PCADV's annual Fatality Report has been the single most reliable source for domestic violence-related deaths in Pennsylvania for more than 16 years.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, unlike some states, has no central database or separate reporting requirements for domestic violence homicides. PCADV compiles its annual list based on news accounts, police reports and information received from our 60 community-based programs serving all 67 counties. Our list is based on information available at publication and is subject to change as circumstances warrant. (For updates, please visit www.pcadv.org.)

We counted killings based on the definition of domestic violence in the Protection From Abuse Act. Therefore, those cases counted include killings among current, former and new intimate partners — including perpetrators who kill their ex-partner's new partner — and family members.

We excluded unsolved cases; cases where no arrests were made, even if intimate partners or family members are suspects; and child abuse and child neglect cases, because they are reported by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

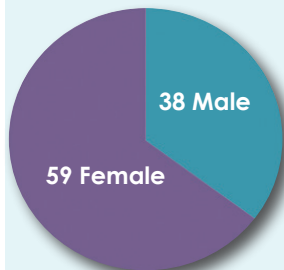


*This report is
dedicated to all
domestic violence homicide
victims in Pennsylvania,
and to those working
to end domestic violence
for the next generation.*

REPORT OVERVIEW

Pennsylvania has recorded 1,678 domestic violence-related deaths since 2004. Those killed were women, children and men of all ages and socio-economic groups. In 2014 alone there were 97 victims killed: 59 women and 38 men. There were 44 perpetrator deaths, bringing the total number of people killed due to domestic violence to 141.

2014 VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS



Youngest .. infant

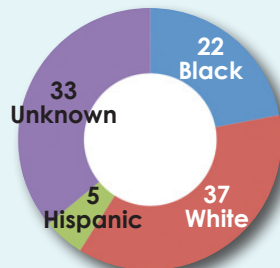
Oldest 92

Ages 0-12..... 3

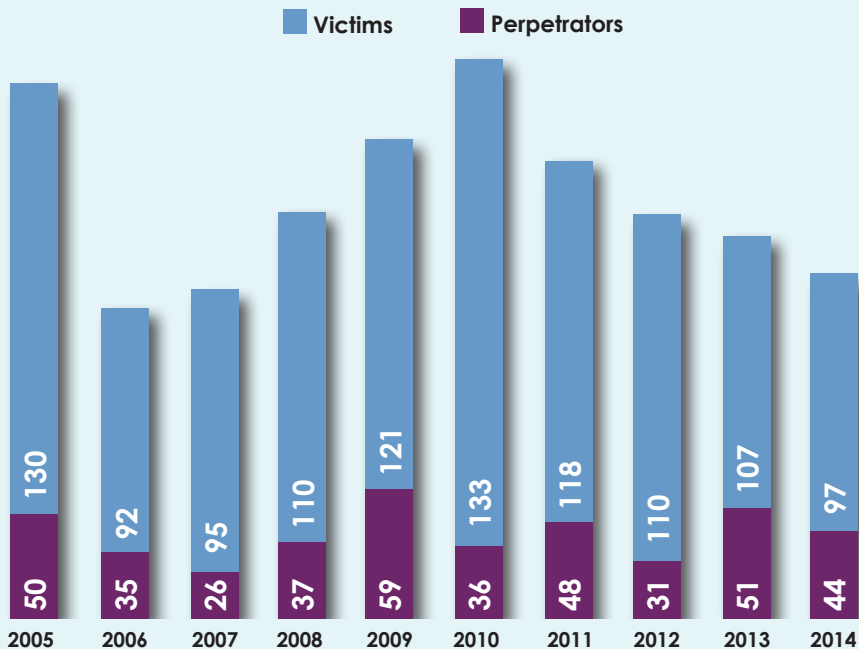
13-17..... 1

18-64..... 82

65 & older..... 11



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATHS 2005-2014





Victims'

ED. NOTE: In 2014, the number of victims included 59 women and 38 men, who died in domestic violence-related incidents in Pennsylvania. The youngest victim was an infant, who died 20 days after being delivered by emergency C-section, after her mother was shot and killed. The oldest victim killed was 92. The majority of the victims were between 18 and 64 years old. Here are several stories; for more, visit www.pcadv.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 1, **Kathleen Cavanaugh Talerico**, 45, of Scranton, Lackawanna County, was found dead in her bedroom two days after her boyfriend punched her in the face several times at a New Year's Eve party. An autopsy revealed she died of blunt force trauma to the head. Her 37-year-old boyfriend was charged with homicide.

Wednesday, April 30, **Lauren Williams**, a pregnant 20-year-old nursing student, was fatally shot on a Pittsburgh street after spending the day planning her baby shower. She was three months pregnant. Her 20-year-old boyfriend was charged with homicide and homicide of an unborn child. The perpetrator tweeted, "I smoked her." He killed himself two days later as police attempted to arrest him in a Pittsburgh home.

Saturday, May 10, **Linsey Wolfe**, 20, of Dale, Cambria County, was fatally shot in the head in the apartment she shared with her 25-year-old boyfriend. Police charged him with criminal homicide, aggravated assault and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. She was the mother of a young son.

Monday, June 9, **Marguerite Davis**, 79, of Duquesne, Allegheny County, was beaten then stabbed to death by her 56-year-old son following an argument. The criminal complaint states that the son hit Davis in the head with a bottle of vodka and stabbed her.

Stories

Monday, Nov. 3, **Jacinda Miller**, 41, of Coatesville, Chester County, was shot and killed by her estranged boyfriend, who then fatally turned the gun on himself. Miller was leaving her job at a YMCA when she was shot by the perpetrator, who, according to police, “lay in wait in an ambush-style attack in the parking lot of the facility.” Miller was a vivacious individual who loved her two boys with all her heart and was always helping others.

Monday, Dec. 15, **Nicole Hill**, 33, of Harleysville, Montgomery County, and five of her family members were fatally shot by Hill’s ex-husband; a sixth family member survived. The perpetrator and Hill had been battling for custody of their two children since their divorce in 2009. “I heard the kids say, ‘Mommy no. We need my mom. I want my mom.’ And I heard [the suspect] say ‘Let’s go. We have to go now. We’re leaving,’” said Hill’s next-door neighbor. None of the children were hurt. The perpetrator was found dead in the woods about 200 yards from his home. Police determined he killed himself by ingesting drugs.

Wednesday, Dec. 24, **Stephanie Kilhefner**, 34, of Paradise Township, Lancaster County, was beaten and axed to death by her 36-year-old husband. Police say the married couple started arguing on Christmas Eve when Kilhefner’s husband punched her in the face. When she fell to the ground, he took a knife and slit her throat, then grabbed an axe and hit her in the back of the head repeatedly, before hiding her body in a shed near their house. The husband then celebrated Christmas Day with their two children. After the celebration was over, Kilhefner’s husband turned himself into police, telling investigators what he had done. The couple’s two children are both under the age of 10 and are now being cared for by their grandparents. The perpetrator is in Lancaster County Prison, charged with homicide, abuse of corpse and tampering with or fabricating evidence.

FATALITIES BY COUNTY

Our records show that domestic violence-related deaths in Pennsylvania, which include victims and perpetrators, decreased by 11 percent from 158 in 2013 to 141 in 2014.

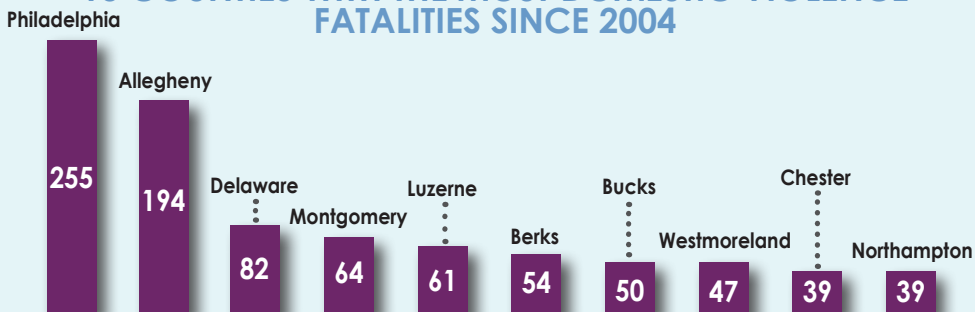
The total number of victims who were killed decreased by approximately 9 percent from 107 in 2013 to 97 in 2014.

- For the second year in a row, Allegheny County recorded the most domestic violence-related fatalities with 22, but that represented a 21-percent decline from 28 in 2013
- Philadelphia recorded 20 fatalities for the second year in a row
- Montgomery County's total more than tripled, from three in 2013 to 10 in 2014; primarily due to one mass murder-suicide, killing seven
- Dauphin County deaths declined from six in 2013 to three in 2014

2014 FATALITIES BY COUNTY

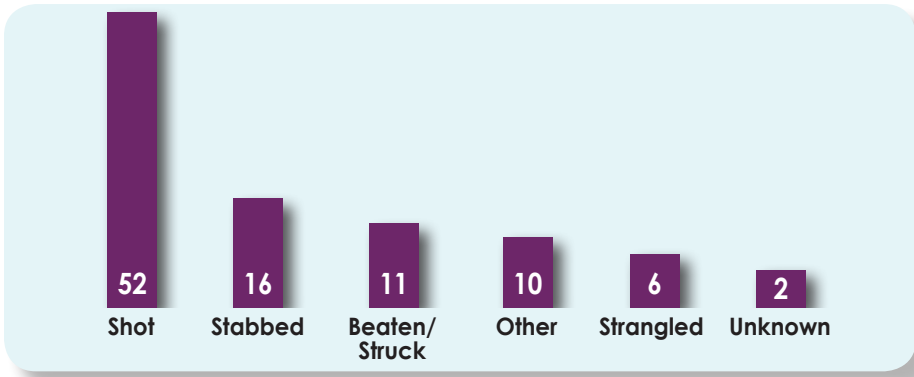
COUNTY	VICTIM(S)	PERP(S)	TOTAL	COUNTY	VICTIM(S)	PERP(S)	TOTAL
Allegheny	15	7	22	Lancaster	2	0	2
Beaver	2	1	3	Lawrence	2	1	3
Berks	1	1	2	Lehigh	3	2	5
Blair	1	0	1	Luzerne	4	2	6
Bucks	3	0	3	Lycoming	0	1	1
Butler	1	1	2	Mercer	1	0	1
Cambria	1	1	2	Montgomery	8	2	10
Carbon	1	1	2	Northampton	3	0	3
Chester	2	2	4	Philadelphia	18	2	20
Clarion	0	1	1	Potter	1	0	1
Clearfield	0	1	1	Schuylkill	1	0	1
Dauphin	2	1	3	Somerset	2	0	2
Delaware	5	3	8	Susquehanna	1	0	1
Erie	3	2	5	Venango	1	0	1
Fayette	1	2	3	Warren	0	1	1
Franklin	1	1	2	Washington	2	1	3
Huntingdon	0	1	1	Westmoreland	4	3	7
Lackawanna	1	0	1	York	4	3	7

10 COUNTIES WITH THE MOST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES SINCE 2004

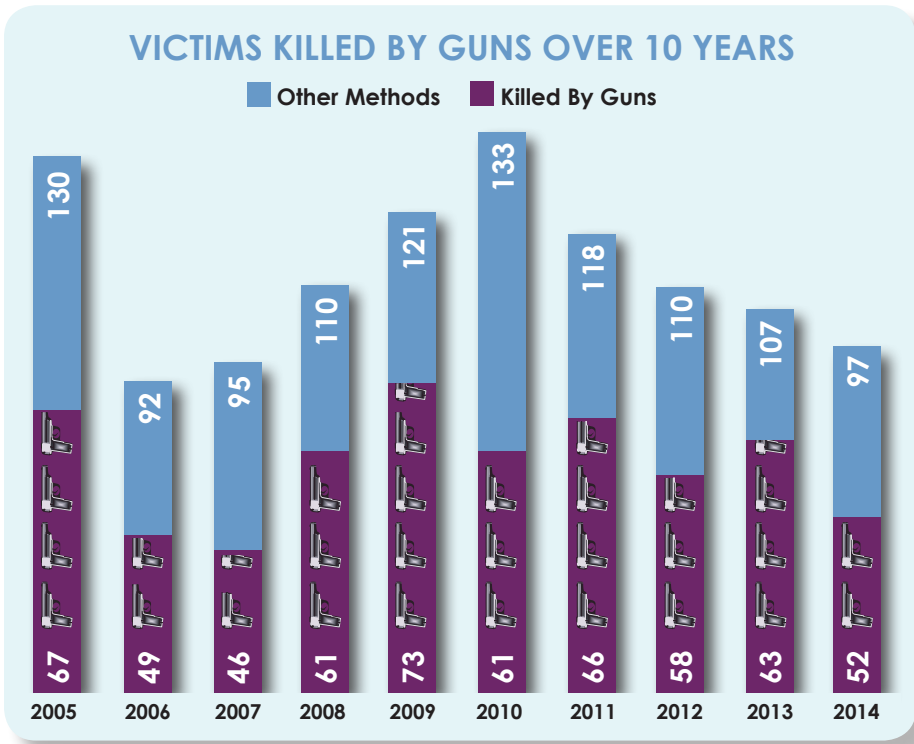


PERPETRATOR PROFILES: HOW THEY KILLED

As in previous years, guns were the primary weapons perpetrators used to kill their victims in 2014.



Since 2004, abusers have overwhelmingly used guns to kill. As illustrated in the graph below, gun-related murders ranged from a low of 46 in 2007 to a high of 73 in 2009.



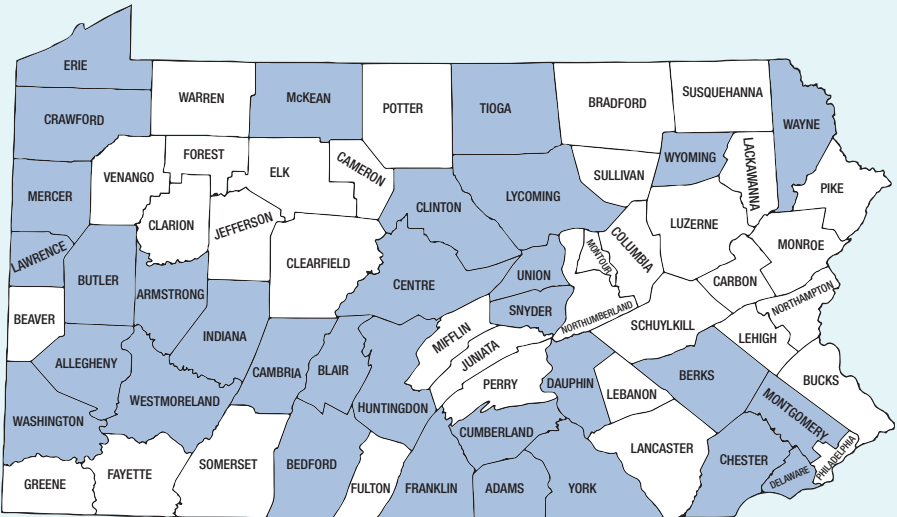
LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

PCADV is doing more than just monitoring domestic violence fatalities. We are working with our 60 community domestic violence centers and local law enforcement to save lives.

LAP trained officers, who respond to a domestic violence call, ask brief screening questions to identify certain risk factors in intimate partner relationships. If officers identify a high-risk victim, they connect the victim with a domestic violence program and an advocate, who helps put a safety plan in motion.

In 2013, statistics show that 70 percent of the Pennsylvania domestic violence victims who were screened by police were found to be at high risk of dying at the hands of their abuser (intimate partner). Of this group, 69 percent chose to speak to a hotline advocate immediately.

LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED



According to Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, after the LAP program was implemented in Pittsburgh, the number of intimate-partner homicides dropped nearly by half.

“The Lethality Assessment Program has definitely been a success,” said Pittsburgh Police Detective Tamara Hawthorne. “It is getting more victims of domestic violence in contact with victim services. It definitely has reduced the incidents. I’m seeing it firsthand.”

PCADV plans on introducing LAP into eight additional Pennsylvania counties in 2015. This means that at least one police department in each of these eight counties will be implementing the assessment protocol. PCADV is also working to implement LAP with the Pennsylvania State Police.

“If you get people out of that situation — think about how many people weren’t assaulted a second time,” said Sgt. Eric Kroll of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. “We might have a reduction in potential victims because they’re out of that situation.”

It is important to note that this screen is only done for intimate-partner abuse, not for abuse perpetrated by a family member, who is not in an intimate relationship with the victim, but still covered by the Pennsylvania Protection From Abuse Act.



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PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PARTICIPATING IN LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

ADAMS COUNTY

Gettysburg Borough

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Harrison Township
Castle Shannon Borough
Swissvale Borough
Etna Borough
Shaler Township
McKeesport
McKees Rocks Borough
Pittsburgh

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Kittanning Borough
Kiskiminetas Township

BEDFORD COUNTY

Bedford Borough
Everett Borough

BERKS COUNTY

Reading

BLAIR COUNTY

Duncansville Borough

BUTLER COUNTY

Butler County Sheriff's Office
Butler Township
Cranberry Township
Middlesex Township
Slippery Rock Borough
Slippery Rock University

CENTRE COUNTY

Borough of State College
Bellefonte Borough
Ferguson Township
Patton Township
Penn State University

CHESTER COUNTY

Caln Township
City of Coatesville
Downingtown Borough
East Brandywine Township
East Coventry Township
East Fallowfield Township
East Pikeland Township
Easttown Township
Kennett Square Borough
Lincoln University
Malvern Borough
New Garden Township
North Coventry Township
Oxford Borough
Parkesburg Borough

CHESTER COUNTY cont.

Phoenixville Borough
Spring City Borough
Tredyffrin Township
Uwchlan Township
Valley Township
West Caln Township
West Brandywine Township
Borough of West Chester
West Chester University
West Goshen Township
West Whiteland Township
Westtown-East
Goshen Regional

CLINTON COUNTY

City of Lock Haven
Pine Creek Township
Renovo Borough
Woodward Township

CRAWFORD COUNTY

City of Meadville

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Camp Hill Borough

DELAWARE COUNTY

Clifton Heights Borough
Collingdale Borough
Norwood Borough

DAUPHIN COUNTY

Swatara Township

ERIE COUNTY

Millcreek Township

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Chambersburg Borough
Borough of Waynesboro

HUNTINGDON COUNTY

Mount Union Borough
Huntingdon Borough
Huntingdon County
Sheriff's Office

INDIANA COUNTY

Indiana University of PA

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Ellwood City
Hickory Township
Mahoning Township
Shenango Township
Union Township

LYCOMING COUNTY

Old Lycoming Township
Tiadaghton Valley Regional
City of Williamsport

MCKEAN COUNTY

Bradford City
Bradford Township
Foster Township
Kane Borough

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Lower Merion Township
Telford Borough
Upper Dublin Township
Upper Merion Township
Upper Moreland Township
Hatfield Township
Upper Gwynedd Township

SNYDER COUNTY

Shamokin Dam Borough

TIOGA COUNTY

Borough of Wellsboro

UNION COUNTY

Bucknell University
Buffalo Valley Regional
Mifflinburg Borough

VENANGO COUNTY

City of Franklin
Oil City

WASHINGTON COUNTY

City of Washington

WAYNE COUNTY

Hawley Borough
Waymart Borough

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Greensburg City

WYOMING COUNTY

Tunkhannock Township
Tunkhannock Borough

YORK COUNTY

York Area Regional
Spring Garden Township
Hanover Borough
Penn Township
Southwestern Regional
West Manheim Township

PENNSYLVANIANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN 2014

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Amy Gorsuch
Catherine Willett
Lauren Williams
Dereck Frye
Nancy Whiteside
James Payne
Teresa Smith
Laron Howard
Tyray Evans
Delicious Jones
Marguerite Davis
Robert Wilson
Olivia Gilbert
Lamar Gilbert
Maureen Karr

BEAVER COUNTY

Katelyn Francis
Patricia Thompson Lay

BERKS COUNTY

Alexis Nogueras-Torres

BLAIR COUNTY

Barbara Elias

BUCKS COUNTY

Orlando Bronner
Karen Yiambilis
Stanley Taylor Jr.

BUTLER COUNTY

Dana Wilson Miller

CAMBRIA COUNTY

Linsey Wolfe

CARBON COUNTY

Denise Wilkinson

CHESTER COUNTY

Jacinda Miller
Scotty McMillan

DAUPHIN COUNTY

Yvette Morrison
Jonathan Frysinger

DELAWARE COUNTY

Linda Rooney
Cion Styles
Christina Corrigan-
Belajonas
Masako Griffin
Valerie Morrow

ERIE COUNTY

Mary Burrows
Mary E. Page
Erica Casto

FAYETTE COUNTY

Leah Fields

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Thomas Olson

LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Kathleen Cavanaugh-
Talerico

LANCASTER COUNTY

Melissa Joseph
Stephanie Kihfner

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Douglas Weingartner
Gerald Lee Orock Jr.

LEHIGH COUNTY

Wilson Mejias
Etab Makhoul
Malka Waide

LUZERNE COUNTY

Jeffery Evans
Ronald Evans
Dorothy Koreny
Michelle Volciak

MERCER COUNTY

Eric W. Williams

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Jack St. Onge
Deborah Harrison
Nicole Hill Stone
Joanne Gilbert
Patricia Flick
Aaron Flick
Nina Flick
Patricia Hill

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Richard Parker
Ismail Bonets
Jessica Padgett

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

Machelle Nelson
John Mapp
Constance "Connie"
Murray
Monet Hall
Nekeisha Eugene
Naajia King
Daron Drake
Luionel Perez
William Blount
Allen Young
Raymond Ebo
Aimee Girard
Maria C. Peralta
Rafael Santiago
James Harison
Tyheef Thomas
Prisilla Groover
Tara Pattani

POTTER COUNTY

Anthony Palmieri

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Wendy Contreras-
Hernandez

SOMERSET COUNTY

Aubrinna Kovalcik
Caressa Kovalcik

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Kelly Conklin

VENANGO COUNTY

Lloyd "Bud" Shontz

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Louise Weis-Edmonds
Julie Bottles

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Anita Sabol
Angela Cavalero
Kelly Pendleton
Leanne McDade

YORK COUNTY

Jessica Mellinger
Billie Jo Bratton
Shirley P. Westhearer
Bobby Hetrick



Note: Only victims are listed here

PCADV PROGRAM LISTING

AWARE

County: Mercer

A Safe Place, Inc.

County: Warren and Forest

A Way Out

County: Potter

A Woman's Place

County: Bucks

Abuse & Rape Crisis Center

County: Bradford

Alice Paul House

County: Indiana

Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center, Inc.

County: Allegheny

Berks Women in Crisis

County: Berks

Blackburn Center

County: Westmoreland

C.A.P.S.E.A., Inc.

County: Elk and Cameron

Center for Victims

County: Allegheny

Centre County Women's Resource Center

County: Centre

Clinton County Women's Center

County: Clinton

Community Action, Inc./ Crossroads Project

County: Jefferson and Clearfield

Congreso De Latinos Unidos, Inc.

County: Philadelphia

Crisis Center North, Inc.

County: Allegheny

Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County

County: Lawrence

Domestic Abuse Project of Blair County

County: Blair

Domestic Abuse Project/ Delaware County

County: Delaware

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

County: Chester

Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County, Inc.

County: Lebanon

Domestic Violence Service Center, Inc.

County: Luzerne and Carbon

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties

County: Cumberland and Perry

Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County

County: Lancaster

Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA, Inc.

County: Washington, Greene and Fayette

HAVEN of Tioga County, Inc.

County: Tioga

HAVIN, Inc.

County: Armstrong

Huntingdon House

County: Huntingdon

Laurel House

County: Montgomery

Lutheran Settlement House/Bilingual DV Program

County: Philadelphia

PPC Violence Free Network

County: Venango

SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone)

County: Clarion

Safe Haven of Pike County

County: Pike

Safe Journey

County: Erie

SafeNet Domestic Violence Safety Network

County: Erie

Schuylkill Women in Crisis

County: Schuylkill

Sullivan County Victim Services

County: Sullivan

Survivors, Inc.

County: Adams

The Abuse Network

County: Mifflin and Juniata

Transitions of PA

County: Union, Snyder and Northumberland

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.

County: Lehigh and Northampton

Victim Outreach Intervention Center

County: Butler

Victims' Intervention Program

County: Wayne

Victims Resource Center

County: Wyoming

Wise Options

County: Lycoming

Women Against Abuse, Inc.

County: Philadelphia

Women In Need, Inc.

County: Franklin and Fulton

Women in Transition

County: Philadelphia

Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

County: Allegheny

Women's Center of Beaver County

County: Beaver

Women's Center of Montgomery County

County: Montgomery

Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia/Montour

County: Columbia and Montour

Women's Help Center, Inc.

County: Cambria and Somerset

Women's Resource Center, Inc.

County: Lackawanna and Susquehanna

Women's Resources of Monroe County, Inc.

County: Monroe

Women's Services, Inc.

County: Crawford

Your Safe Haven

County: Bedford

YWCA Bradford — McKean County Victims' Resource Center

County: McKean

YWCA of Greater Hbg/ Violence Intervention & Prevention Services VIP

County: Dauphin

YWCA York/ACCESS

County: York

National Domestic Violence Hotline:
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National Teen Dating Violence Hotline:
1-866-331-9474



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