

# STOPDV Newsletter



Fall 2024

## What Is StopDV?

STOPDV is the first domestic violence specialty court in Arkansas that provides not only court advocacy, safety planning, and support to domestic violence survivors, but also free legal services such as representation for eligible petitioners in active order of protection hearings in Faulkner County. Based in Conway, Arkansas, STOPDV was initially funded on October 1st, 2019. We eagerly serve clients in person or via telephone, email or Zoom from the Faulkner County Justice Building, where we primarily operate as a fully functioning court project.

## Our Story

STOPDV was initially founded over twenty years ago by Judge H.G. Foster. While working as a deputy prosecuting attorney, Judge Foster realized that there was a need in the community to help underserved victims. Thus, STOPDV was born, with our name being credited to Judge Reynolds. Our board consists of a senator, county administrator, city council member, Justice of the Peace, legal counsel for the state of Arkansas, and other community members who are committed to helping survivors of domestic violence. Over the last three years, we have been able to assist thousands of clients in Faulkner County, and we look forward to serving our community in the years to come.

## Connect with Us!



@stopdvproject



@Stop DV



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

## What is Domestic Violence?

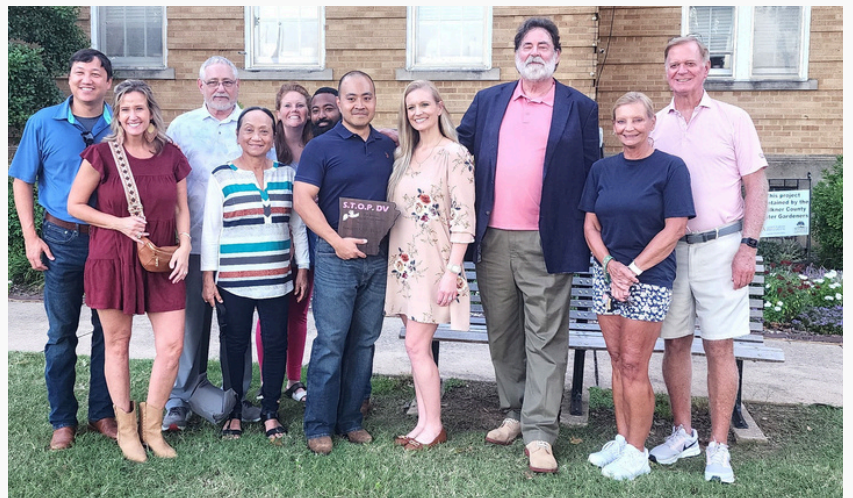
Domestic Violence (DV) is a pattern of physical, psychological, or sexual abuse, including threats, intimidation, isolation, and/or economic coercion. DV is used by one person to exert power and control over another in the context of a dating, family, or household relationship.

# What's Happening?



## 2024 Louise Furst STOPDV Award Recipient

The Louise Furst STOPDV Award is named after Louise Furst, a longtime member of the community and supporter of STOPDV. Louise is one of the founding members of the Central Arkansas Women's Shelter (now known as the RISE House), and has a passion for helping and supporting survivors of domestic violence. This award is given to a person who embodies all that Louise does and will go the extra mile to ensure that all survivors of domestic violence can regain their power and their voice.



Our 2024 Louise Furst Award was presented to Kosol Leach at our Candlelight Vigil honoring victims & survivors of domestic violence.



# What's Happening?



## Candlelight Vigil

To kick off Domestic Violence Awareness month, we held a candlelight vigil honoring those lost to domestic violence. Thank you to everyone who came out and showed their support for STOPDV!



## Open House

To observe our five year anniversary STOPDV hosted an Open House on September 18, 2024. We are grateful for the community partners that stopped by to tour our Outreach Room and learn more about STOPDV services and view our Memorial that honored those lost to domestic violence in Faulkner County.





# New Faces



## Order of Protection Intern

Introducing our new Order of Protection Intern, Helaina! Helaina is a Sophomore at Hendrix College studying Sociology and English Literature on the pre-law track. She has had past experience in victim advocacy work through previous internships and volunteer opportunities, which all have solidified her passion for justice and helping others. She says she has already learned so much from this experience and is hoping to learn more about the legal system and ways to proactively help others. She intends on working in law so that her efforts can effectively help people, and she is extremely excited to be starting here at STOPDV!



## Order of Protection Intern

Introducing our new Project Support Intern, Eleanor! Eleanor is our intern this semester from Hendrix College. At Hendrix, she is a senior psychology and Spanish double major. She's excited to help victims and learn about non-profits!





# Recent Conferences



2024 National  
Conference on  
Domestic  
Violence  
September 15 - 17,  
2024  
Chicago, Illinois



“Reclaim Hope. Champion Change.”  
was the theme of this year’s  
conference. It serves as a call to action  
to unite together in the pursuit of an  
equal and just society, highlights the  
pressing need to end gender-based  
violence, and invites all to celebrate  
our progress and history of giving  
power back to those impacted by  
relationship abuse.

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**The Rise House of Conway 24-Hour Hotline: (866)358-2265**

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# Color Me Purple

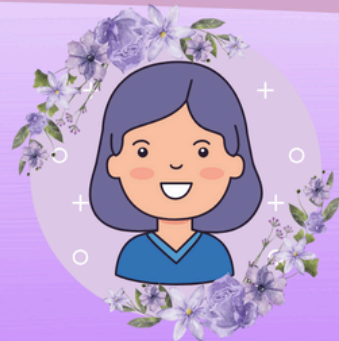


## History

In the early 20th century, suffragettes utilized purple, gold, and white, as those were the colors of the National Women's Party. The colors represented hope, purity, and loyalty. On July 9, 1978, nearly 10,000 advocates marched the capitol in DC in support of equal rights., many of them wearing lavender and purple to create a stronger visual impact for their cause. The US Military awards a purple heart to those wounded or killed in service. For survivors of domestic violence, wounded physically or emotionally or even killed, the color purple is meant to symbolize peace, courage, survival, honor, and dedication to ending domestic violence.



## Color Me Purple



**Show your support to survivors of DV by using purple nail polish or hair dye!**

## Our Campaign

Color Me Purple is an awareness campaign by STOPDV in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October. Since purple is the color for DV Awareness, we are asking people to paint their nails or color their hair purple!

Not only will it show support, but they can spread awareness when they are asked about their new hair/nails!



# Resources and Useful Information



## Local Phone Numbers

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- AR State Police :(501) 618-8000
- AR Coalition Against Sexual Assault: (800) 656-4673
- AR Coalition Against Domestic Violence: (501) 907-5612
- AR Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, & Domestic Violence: (501) 661-7975
- The Rise House Crisis Hotline: (866) 358-2265
- Women & Children First: (800) 332-4443
- The Safe Place (Morrilton): (888)-554-2501
- Center for AR Legal Services: (501) 376-3423
- Conway Counseling & Wellness: (501) 358-6606

## National Phone Resources

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- National Dating Abuse Helpline: (866) 331-9474
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-7233
- (Text 'LOVEIS' to '22522')
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence: (800) 537-2238
- National Network to End Domestic Violence: (202) 543-5566
- Love Is Respect: 1-866-331-9474, 800.787.3224 (TTY).
- The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386

## Visit the Faulkner County Website!

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Our STOPDV services have now been added to the official website for Faulkner County! We have information on how to apply for an order of protection, our compliance court, and how to get involved at [faulknercounty.org](http://faulknercounty.org). You can find our information on Faulkner County's homepage under the Government tab as the STOPDV domestic violence court, as well as the 'How do I...' section with information on applying for an order of protection.

We are so thankful to the county for adding our information to the official website so that we are able to reach more individuals!

## How Do I...?

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- Apply for an order of protection
- Apply for an address
- Apply for a marriage license
- Find someone to officiate a marriage
- Apply for an Arkansas birth certificate
- Apply for an Arkansas death certificate
- Apply for a U.S. passport
- View my voter registration information
- Register to vote

# Contact Us & More



## Staff Contact Info

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## How Can You Support StopDV?

Donate to STOPDV by texting STOPDV19 to 44-321, or...

### Paypal:

[https://paypal.me/fcdvcp?country.x=US&locale.x=en\\_US](https://paypal.me/fcdvcp?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US)

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**None of this would be possible without you!**

## Arkansas Victim Rights

Arkansas legate law (Act 873 and Arkansas Victim Rights Law/Act 1262) provides these protections to victims:

- As a victim of a crime, you are entitled to specific information about the criminal case and the legal process involving the criminal case.
- During criminal proceedings, you have the right to be present and be provided with a separate waiting area away from your abuser.
- You have the right to make an impact statement in person or in writing, detailing how the crime against you has affected your life.
- Once the criminal proceeding is finished, you have the right to have a post-conviction no contact order.
- If your abuser is found guilty and the judge's sentence includes incarceration, you have the right to be informed thirty days prior to the release, parole, furlough, pardon, plea, bail or at the time of escape through notification programs such as VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday)