

# STOPDV Fall 2023



## Newsletter



### 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.

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to be loved



### What is domestic violence?

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

October is



**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

### 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 victims who “couldn’t hit back”. 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.



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updates!**



# Appreciation Corner



## Domestic Violence Awareness

### Candlelight Vigil

**STOPDV would like to thank all those who joined us in support of DV survivors and in remembrance of those who lost their lives due to domestic violence. Special thanks to STOPDV's Board Chair, Andria Otto, Board Member Randy Higgins, and to DV survivor, Danielle Waits for sharing her powerful testimony.**

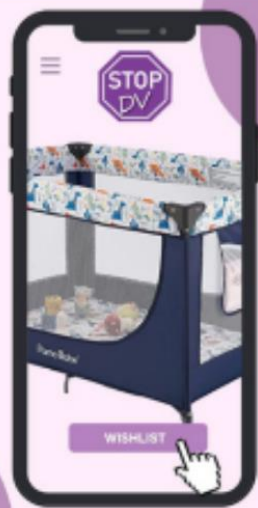


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# What's Happening?

## AMAZON WISHLIST



Our outreach office is in need of several items to help continue serving our clients. To check out the full Amazon wish list of items needed, please visit our website at [wecanstopdv.org/donate](http://wecanstopdv.org/donate).

## we're looking for **INTERNS**

**Are you...**

- HARD-WORKING?
- DETAIL ORIENTED?
- DRIVEN?
- HAVE EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION SKILLS?
- PURSUING A MAJOR IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCE FIELD?



**SEND RESUMES TO:**

**AJOHNSONSTOPDV@GMAIL.COM**

## New Staff Member



### **Corinne Graham**

***Crisis Intervention Specialist II***

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff member, Corinne! She has worked as a legal assistant and paralegal in Faulkner County and has an extensive background in both criminal and family law. Corinne was born and raised on the Jersey Shore and has called Conway home since 2013. She is passionate about serving others and aspires to complete her bachelor's degree in a social science related field.

# Useful Info and Resources

**Did you know that we have an online version of an order of protection available?**

**If you would like to find out more information about orders of protection, including frequently asked questions, be sure to visit our website at [wecanstopdv.org/orders-of-protection-1](http://wecanstopdv.org/orders-of-protection-1).**

## LOCAL PHONE RESOURCES

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

## WHAT SERVICES DOES



**OFFER?**

**CRISIS INTERVENTION**

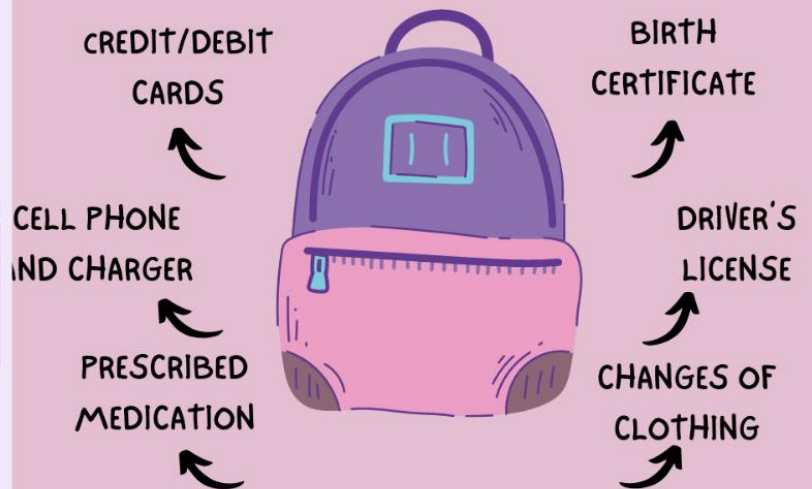
**COURT ADVOCACY**

**SAFETY PLANNING**

**LEGAL SERVICES**

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE ASSISTANCE**

## WHAT TO PACK IN A GO BAG



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## NATIONAL PHONE RESOURCES

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



# Contact Us & More



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

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## How Can You Support STOPDV?

Donate to STOPDV by texting 'STOPDV19' to 44-321,  
OR

### Square:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML6G3YW9FZBB7/checkout/BWPIVRF5PRTHSEDN4TXSBDW2>

### PayPal:

<https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=pq08kbZamMzxvO36M03Xqj0f-YIEmvpaayfvGHOy0v14Qfeo750bC-Yjmdierrs1zB9HHkfWrZSS7Np->



## 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)

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