



STOPDV Spring 2024

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.

HOW SHOULD LOVE BE?



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.

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.



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What's Happening?



NEW ELECTRONIC OP FORMS COMING OUT SOON!



CRISIS INTERVENTION SPECIALIST II

Meet Kristyn James who is our new Crisis Intervention Specialist II and is the first point of contact for survivors of domestic violence to petition for Orders of Protection in Faulkner County.

We are excited to announce that StopDV will be moving to digital(fillable)forms. This will streamline the administrative part of the Order of Protection process and allow STOPDV to continue to provide services in the event of office closings due to inclement weather.





SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Appreciation Corner



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BOARD CHAIR ANDRIA
OTTO PRESENTING CHRIS
RIPPI WITH THE 2023
LOUIS FURST AWARD FOR
HIS DEDICATION AND
SUPPORT TO STOPDV AND
THE CLIENTS WE SERVE.
WE AT STOP DV ARE SO
GRATEFUL TO HAVE
THEM!



HOW DO I...?

- 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

VISIT THE FAULKNER COUNTY WEBSITE!

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.

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 in need of domestic violence-related advocacy services!



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Useful Info & Resources



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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

POSITIVE COPING HABITS

Healthy Habits for Healing (Outside of Therapy)



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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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- Heather McKinney, Protection Order Attorney II 501-764-6452

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-YIEmvpaayfvGh0y0v14Qfeo750bC-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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