

What is STOPDV?

STOPDV is the first domestic violence court project in Arkansas that provides court advocacy, safety planning and support to domestic violence clients, along with legal services while their cases are active in the Faulkner County. STOPDV is based in Conway, Arkansas and initially on funded October 1st, 2019. We are located at the Faulkner County Justice Building.



Our Story

STOPDV was initially founded over 20 years ago by the Honorable 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 (STOPDV stands for the Special Team on the Prevention of Domestic Violence.) Our board consists of a legislator, city council and quorum court members, an attorney, and other community members who are committed to helping survivors of domestic violence. In our first year, we were able to assist 883 clients, far exceeding our set goal of 50 clients. We look forward to continuing to serve our community.

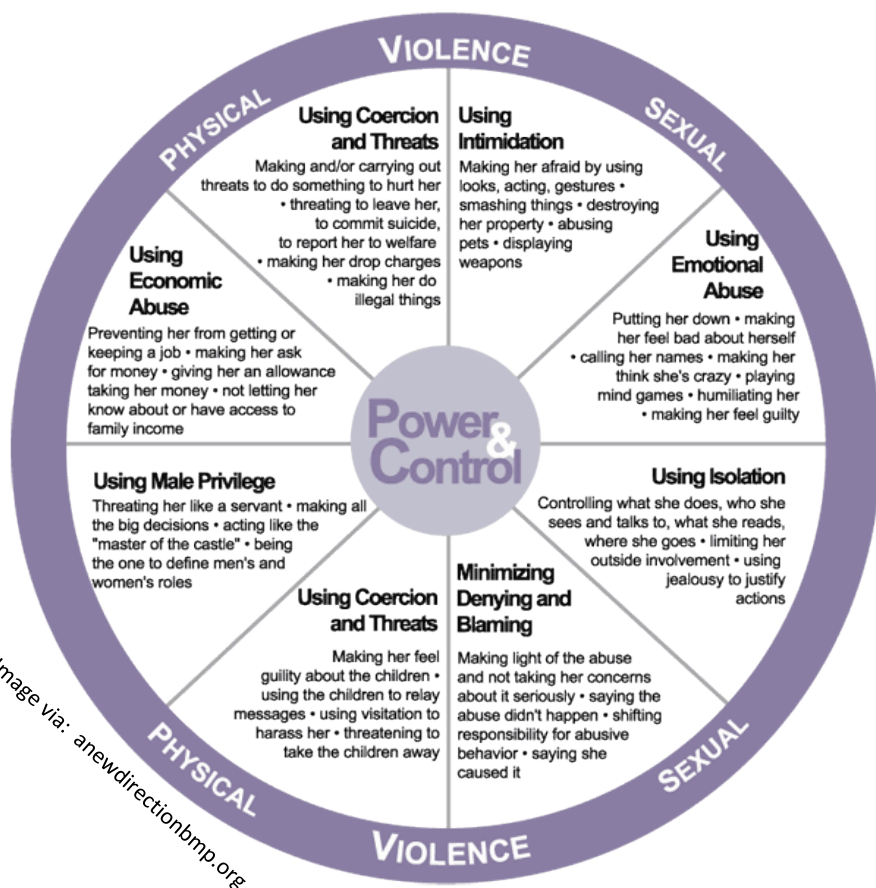
About 1 in 5 women and nearly 1 in 7 men who have experienced



rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.

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National Domestic Violence
Awareness Month (DVAM)

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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?



July COCC Meeting

There will be a Community Oriented Coordinating Council (COCC) Meeting on July 23rd, at 2pm on the 4th floor of the Justice Building.

Court Project Liaison: Terri Edens

Terri Edens, STOPDV's team leader and Court Project Liaison, will be speaking July 21st at the **Noon Rotary Club in Greenbrier!**

Terri is available to speak at various events and meetings to introduce STOPDV and its stories. Contact Terri Edens at tedensstopdv@gmail.com (501) 764-6401 for inquiries!

Safety Planning in an Abusive Relationship

- Tell someone you trust what is happening.
- Open a checking or savings account and/or credit card in your own name to establish or increase your dependency.
- Leave money, an extra set of keys, copies of important documents, extra medicine, and clothes with someone you trust, so you can leave quickly.
- Keep hotline and shelter numbers available.
- Determine who would let you stay with them or lend you money.
- If you have a protection order, always carry it with you.

Getting Help When an Abuser is Present:

- Visit the National Domestic Violence Hotline website. Call 1800-799-SAFE (7233) or text "START" to 88788
- Document all evidence of abuse with screenshots, pictures, dates, etc.
- Visit wecanstopdv.org and keep up with Arkansas' Domestic Violence laws.
- Dial 911 in case of emergency, and if your abuser is nearby, "**order a pizza**", and the operator will know what to do.

October COCC Quarterly Meeting

Join STOPDV and our partners in the Community Oriented Coordinating Council meeting! Meet the hard workers and leaders of our community who strive to fight against domestic violence. Get a chance to hear them speak about how they make a difference in our community! Exciting activities including a Q&A panel of professionals will be presented throughout the day!



STOP DV
FAULKNER COUNTY COURT PROJECT



COMMUNITY ORIENTED COORDINATING COUNCIL

QUARTERLY MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 2021
1:00PM - 4:30PM

Location:

4th Floor Courtroom
510 S. German Ln.
Conway, Arkansas 72034

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We Are Recruiting Volunteers & Interns!

Are you interested in volunteering or participating in an internship with STOPDV? Do you know someone who would be interested?

Please contact Amy Johnson at ajohnsonstopdv@gmail.com or (501) 764-6496 for more information or to schedule an interview!

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The relief you can sense from children who realize someone has their best interests at heart and is trying to make the situation better for them is what motivates me to work harder.


I started working as a receptionist for a garbage company when I was 19 and worked my way up to Regional HR Manager over the 11 years that I worked for that company. I finished my Bachelor's degree after 8 years of attending college part-time at night. Two years after I finally got my B.S., I was accepted into law school. My job helps give children and their caregivers a voice without having to relive the trauma they have experienced from their abusers. Children need someone to advocate for them, and building that trust is the most fulfilling part of my job. I loved being an HR professional, but I love being a lawyer even more!

JENNY JACKSON

Attorney-at-Law
Qualified Attorney Ad Litem
Certified Mediator
The Shaw Firm, PLLC



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I hope to help people by being an advocate for STOPDV. I want to help in any way I can so that others know there is support available.

I work for Centennial Bank and one of the things I love most about my position is getting to work in the community. My dream is to help people find the best loan program that works for them in getting the mortgage loan for the home they love. I believe that hard work has given me many opportunities and opened many doors for me and I am so thankful. I have always wanted to help people and STOPDV is something that I have always been passionate about getting involved in. Not everyone has the support system or the courage to try and get help. Every person's circumstances are different, and I want to help in any way that I can!

DESTINY LANKFORD

Mortgage Loan Officer
Centennial Bank
620 Chestnut St.



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STOPDV Intern & Volunteer Spotlight



Serye Kim

Serye is from Bryant, Arkansas, and is currently a rising senior at Hendrix College, double majoring in Psychology and Spanish. She is excited to be working as the social media intern for STOPDV.

“I believe STOPDV has many positive qualities that I hope to see in a future career of mine. I am very excited to be here, and thankful to be a part of an organization that does so much for the community!”



Keshelia Hill

Keshelia was born in Liberal, Kansas, but was raised in Little Rock, AR. Keshelia has graduated with a Master of Science degree in Administration of Justice and Security from the University of Phoenix.

“I am excited to volunteer with STOPDV, helping our community, regardless of how old you are. You can still make a difference in someone's life.”



Useful Information & Resources



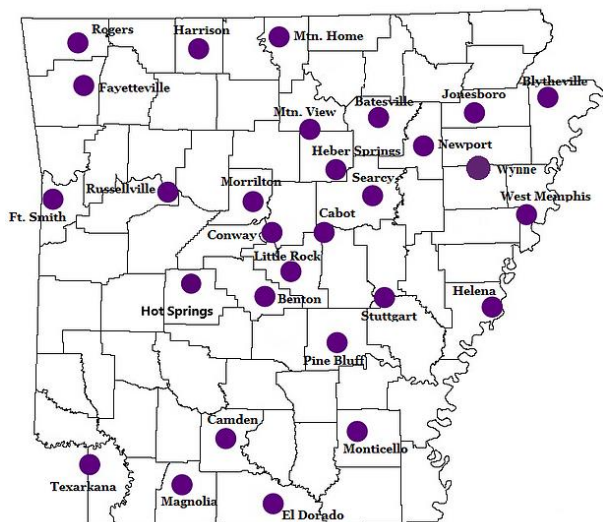
If you are in immediate danger, call 911

Arkansas Phone Resources

Arkansas (AR) State Police: **(501) 618-8000**
AR Coalition Against Sexual Assault: **(800) 656-4673**
AR Coalition Against Domestic Violence: **(501) 907-5612**
Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence: **(501) 661-7975**
Rise House Crisis Hotline: **(866) 358-2265**
Women and Children First: **(800) 332-4443**

National Phone Resources

National Dating Abuse Helpline: **(866) 331-9474**
National Domestic Violence Hotline: **(800) 799-7233**
(Text LOVEIS to 22522 if you are unavailable to speak on the phone)
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence:
please contact: **(800) 537-2238**
National Network to End Domestic Violence: can be reached at **(202) 543-5566**



Locations of all the shelters across Arkansas
(As of 2021)

<http://www.domesticpeace.com/shelters>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MYTH vs. FACT

Abusers are just out of control and need anger management.

Abusers use many deliberate tactics to maintain power and control in a relationship. These tactics may include physical violence and aggression, but there are other ways that control is established.

Domestic violence is always physical abuse.

Emotional abuse, financial abuse, sexual abuse, isolation, threats, and intimidation are all forms of domestic violence.

Minimizing, Denying, & Blaming

Power and Control Wheel

- Making light of the abuse and not taking concerns seriously
- Saying the abuse did not happen
- Shifting responsibility for abusive behavior
- Saying that the victim caused it or was responsible for it
- Using children to make the victim feel guilty
- Gaslighting and victim blaming

If a victim does not leave, it must not be that bad or they are okay with how they are being treated.

Leaving an abusive relationship is difficult, and on average, a victim will try to leave their abusers 8 times before they do so successfully.

Domestic violence only happens to women.

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of (some form of) physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime. 30-50% of transgender people experience domestic violence in their lifetime.



Contact Us and More



Contact Us:

Instagram: [StopDVProject](#) **Facebook:** [StopDV](#) **Conway Women's Center 24-Hour Hotline:** [501-329-2255](#)

Staff Contact Information:

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Check out our website! www.Wecanstopdv.org



What is Consent?

- Consent is a safe, open, and ongoing conversation about the activities you and your partner are comfortable with and actively want to experience together.
- Consent should happen every time.
- Your relationship status is not consent. Whether it is the first time or the hundredth, a casual or committed relationship, nobody is ever obligated to give consent, even if you have before.
- Saying yes to one act does not imply your consent to others.
- It is not consent if you are afraid or unable to say "no", or manipulated, pressured, or threatened to say "yes".

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Arkansas Victim Rights

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

- As a victim of 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 30 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)

How Can You Support STOPDV?

Share our Facebook page, Instagram, and website: www.wecanstopdv.org

Donate to STOPDV by texting STOPDV19 to 44-32, using our Square or our PayPal link below to make a tax-deductible donation.

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