



STOPDV Summer 2022 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 system.

PTSD AWARENESS MONTH

3 WAYS TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS WITH PTSD

01

BE PATIENT.

Those with PTSD may not be able to trust others as easily as before an event(s) took place.

Being patient can go a long way in the healing process.



02

SHOW VULNERABILITY.

Being vulnerable with your loved one(s) is a great way to build trust and comfortability over time.

Be sure to take time and care for yourself as well.



03

SHOW UP FOR THEM.

It can be very difficult to return to a sense of normalcy after a traumatic event has taken place.

Checking in on loved ones is crucial in supporting survivors.



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Did you know that June is PTSD Awareness Month? In the month of June, we highlighted several ways to help provide support to survivors with trauma and PTSD.

OUR STORY

STOPDV was initially founded over twenty 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. Our board consists of a legislator, city council and a quorum court member, 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 fifty clients. We look forward for continuing to serve our community.

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?

OUTREACH OFFICE UPDATE



Our outreach office has recently had a transformation! We want to make sure our clients feel as welcomed as possible when they visit our office for assistance. We're so grateful for the furniture donations we have received in the last quarter to make this possible!



COMPLIANCE COURT

We are honored to have Honorable Judge Clawson's support in District Court towards helping hold offenders accountable. He has been instrumental in assisting our compliance court project launch and take full effect in Faulkner County. Our compliance court advocate, Cristal Ramirez, has been able to communicate with defendants involved in domestic violence-related cases to ensure that they are complying with the judge's orders.

Both Cristal and Judge Clawson work together to monitor enrollment in domestic violence intervention programs and payments of fines or fees ordered. We are so thankful for the support from our community and towards survivors of domestic violence.

WORRY EATERS



STOPDV is currently taking donations for Worry Eaters!

These dolls help our little ones a lot in times where children may be in crisis or required to testify. Donations can be made by visiting our Square link listed on our contact page or by texting 'STOPDV' to 44-321. Every donation, larger or smaller, makes an impact.



SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Spotlight Corner



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CORTNEY KENNEDY DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



Cortney Kennedy has been a licensed attorney in Arkansas since 2014 and a deputy prosecuting attorney in Faulkner County for the past 7 years.

She currently prosecutes all felony domestic crimes in Faulkner County, and has previously prosecuted person, property, and drug crimes. Cortney keeps involved with the law enforcement community by teaching Writing and Research classes for the Criminal Justice Institute and in the past, has taught Faulkner County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputies classes such as Probable Cause, Rules of Evidence, & Constitutional Law.

Cortney is a proud member and immediate past president of Conway Noon Rotary, a graduate of Conway Area Leadership Program (2019) and Jeff Farris Leadership Program (2018). She volunteers time with Faulkner County's Teen Court Program as well as the Conway Police Department's mentorship program for new hires. She lives in Conway with her husband, four kids, and three dogs. Cortney attends New Life Church, where she is active in a Lifegroup. Her family stays busy attending athletic events, camping, boating, and making the most of every day.

Helping the survivors of domestic violence is a cause close to Cortney's heart. Domestic violence affects every aspect of the family, including the innocent children, and can become a generational curse. It is Cortney's goal to end the cycle of domestic violence by holding offenders accountable and by providing survivors with the resources they need to remove themselves from the situation. Cortney strives to handle survivors with compassion and mercy and to lend them her strength when they have none of their own.

SUMMER 2022 INTERN SPOTLIGHT



Savion Platt, Order of Protection Support Intern

My name is Savion Platt, and I am a rising Junior at Hendrix College. Prior to my internship with STOPDV, I was not informed of there being a specialized area within the courts specifically for helping navigate victims through the court systems. What was also interesting was seeing how STOPDV works to make sure people are given the resources they need in order to combat the difficulties they are facing. STOPDV has allowed me to learn and gain more information on the concepts of domestic violence through research from helping with the social media to meeting and experiencing the situations in real time with those who walk through the door.



Useful Info & Resources



Address Confidentiality Program

Program Description:

The Address Confidentiality Program is a free program administered by the Office of Driver Services. Participants in this program will be issued a driver's license or identification card that displays a post office box in lieu of a residential address.

Participants will also have the option of providing a secret word for their driver's license or identification card account to create a secure way of making future modifications to the participant's record. The secret word is designed to prevent unauthorized individuals from making changes to the record.

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 over the phone.)

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

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

Arisa Health Mobile Care Unit



Arisa Health is now offering primary care services regardless of insurance or ability to pay for to those in need of care. Their supportive services include:

- Primary Care
- Care Coordination
- Peer Support
- Assertive Community Treatment
- Crisis Response Teams
- Supportive Services for Veterans

For more information, be sure to visit their website at arisahealth.org or give them a call at 1-833-737-1197.



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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:

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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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