



STOPDV Summer 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.

DANGER ASSESSMENT



We have implemented a new evidence-based danger assessment to help create thorough safety plans with our clients! Our team believes that knowledge is power, and that this will be another valuable way to assist survivors with understanding their situation and the resources available.

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 POSITION

Join this groundbreaking advancement in domestic violence victim services field and help make a difference. In 2019, STOPDV implemented Arkansas's first Domestic Violence (DV) Court to help survivors of domestic violence navigate through the court system while providing advocacy and legal assistance to improve outcomes for survivors and their children, while holding offenders accountable.

The Crisis Intervention Specialist II is the first point of contact for survivors of domestic violence to petition for Orders of Protection in Faulkner County. Responsibilities include but are not limited to providing:

- Crisis Intervention: individual, in- person, emotional support and guidance as the point of contact for survivors filing an Order of Protection (OOP).
- Provide individualized trauma-informed services to assist petitioners as they navigate through the OOP process.
- Administrative duties required for the OOP.
- Court- administrative duties on court days.
- Follow-up contact with petitioners as needed.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in social work or related field or equivalent work experience preferred.

Qualifications: (cont.)

- An understanding of domestic violence dynamics and sensitivity to the barrier's survivors
- face.
- Familiarity with domestic violence related laws, the justice system, and basic legal
- terminology.
- The ability to communicate both orally and in writing in a clear concise manner.
- To be culturally competent while working with people of various ethnic, racial, and
- socioeconomic backgrounds.

Send resumes to Terri Baker, Court Liaison, at tbakerstopdv@gmail.com

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.



SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Appreciation Corner



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MARY HUTSON HARBOR HOUSE

Meet Mary Hutson, CIT, of Harbor House! Ms. Hutson has a background in counseling and batterer's intervention programs, and has been a tremendous help to our compliance court program. She always goes above and beyond to ensure that she can help us monitor those in our compliance court. When she is not busy providing batterer's intervention treatment, she works inside the court room with respondents and defendants in domestic violence-related cases to ensure they are signed up for the appropriate classes ordered by the judge.

She has been a tremendous help to the Faulkner County community and has always readily made the time to support our mission of keeping victims of domestic violence safe and expanding the resources available for survivors.

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.

FAULKNER COUNTY WEBSITE

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

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



FALL INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

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- ORDER OF PROTECTION SUPPORT INTERN
- COMPLIANCE COURT INTERN
- PROJECT SUPPORT INTERN



If you're looking for an opportunity to get involved with your community this fall, we have THREE different areas that you can take part of!

We've got openings for a compliance court intern, order of protection support intern, and project support intern. If you'd like to apply, we've got our applications open through Handshake & HireHendrix. Find out more at wecanstopdv.org/get-involved.

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



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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-YIEmpaaYfvgh0y0v14Qfeo750bC-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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