



STOPDV Summer 2025

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.

BREAK THE SILENCE



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 LAUNCHING SOON!!!



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. Keep an eye out for the exact launch date.



UCA VOLUNTEER FAIR

Outside of the Ronnie Williams Student Center:



StopDV will be at the UCA Volunteer Fair on September 9th from 1 to 3 p.m. Come meet our team, learn about volunteer and internship opportunities, and find out how you can get involved in supporting survivors in our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

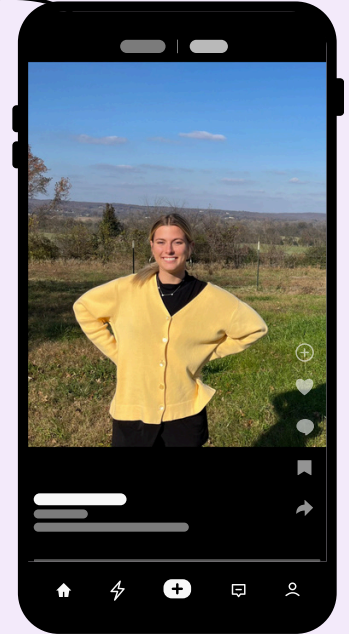


The Rise House of Conway 24-Hour Hotline: (866)358-2265

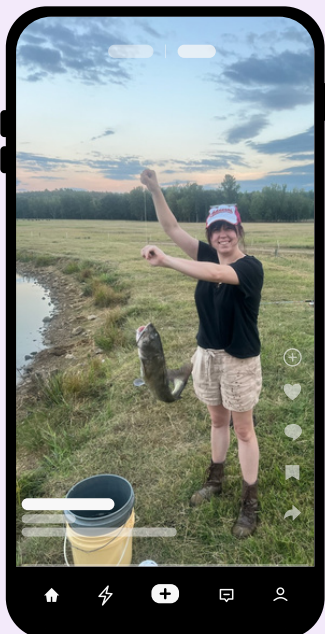
Meet Our Summer Interns!



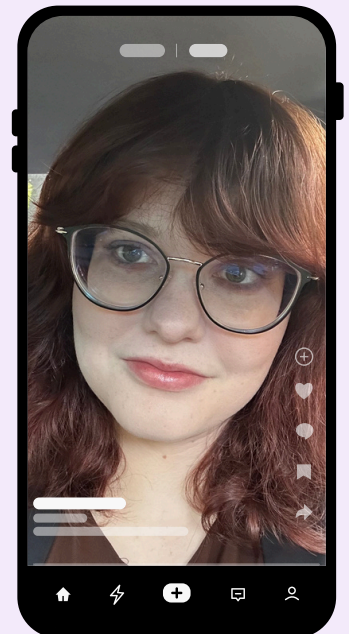
Hi, my name is Makayla Thompson! I'm studying Criminology and Psychology at the University of Central Arkansas. I've always been passionate about advocacy and supporting those impacted by violence and injustice. Interning with STOPDV has already taught me so much, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn from experienced advocates while contributing to work that truly makes a difference in the lives of survivors.



Hello, I'm Sarah Graham, and I'm currently interning with STOPDV as a Project Support Intern! I was drawn to this organization because it allows me to integrate both of my majors, Computer Science and Philosophy, by contributing to projects that involve data analytics and examining the legal system's impact on individuals. I'm deeply passionate about addressing domestic violence and committed to helping provide resources and support to survivors.



Hi, I'm Courtney Morris. I'm a student at the University of Central Arkansas, majoring in Geography and Criminology. I am passionate about using GIS along with criminology theory to map and analyze domestic violence within Arkansas, specifically the urban vs. rural divide and how it effects survivors seeking services, legal help, as well as advocacy. I am so grateful that STOPDV has given me the opportunity to work on the ground level and help survivors in a meaningful way



My name is Mary Lyle. I am a junior at the University of Central Arkansas pursuing a degree in political science. What drew me to start an internship at STOPDV is the desire to learn more about victim advocacy and how to support abuse victims in the legal system. Making sure no one is left behind in the legal system is very important to me, and interning here has felt very rewarding in that aspect. I've already learned so much from just a few weeks here, and can't wait to learn more as the time goes by. When I graduate from UCA, I hope to go on to law school and start a career in public defense where I can use my knowledge I gained from my internship here to better support and advocate for my future clients.

There are many opportunities to learn and thrive at StopDV. An internship with StopDV gives you meaningful work experience, projects for development and networking, and potentially the opportunity to move into a full-time career post-graduation.
If interested, please send resumes to:
ajohnsonstopdv@gmail.com



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EVAWI Conference 2025



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**International Conference on Sexual Assault,
Domestic Violence, and Forging New Pathways**
April 22-24, 2025 | Anaheim, California
**Intensive 3-day conference highlighting promising
practices and emerging issues to effectively respond
to gender-based crimes.**



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Useful Info & Resources



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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

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510 S. German Lane Rm 306



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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- Jenny Jackson, Protection Order Attorney
(501)-504-6275

How Can You Support STOPDV?

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

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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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**None of this would be possible
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