

STOPDV SUMMER 2026

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.

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 bredited 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. DV 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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Welcoming New Board Members



Danielle Waits



Danielle resides in Faulkner County and is a licensed escrow officer with 13 years of experience in the title industry. She also holds a bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management. Danielle first connected with STOPDV in 2022 while seeking support during a difficult period in her life. As a survivor of domestic violence, she understands firsthand the importance of having safe, compassionate resources available to those in crisis. Her experience inspired a passion for advocacy and helping others navigate similar challenges. Danielle is honored to serve on the STOPDV Board of Directors and is committed to raising awareness, supporting survivors, and strengthening resources for individuals and families affected by domestic violence.

Tess Fletcher



Tess has dedicated more than 20 years to nonprofit leadership, working to strengthen communities and advocate for children, families, and individuals affected by trauma and abuse. She is passionate about building partnerships, empowering others, and creating lasting, positive change. Tess and her husband, Eric, own Branch Out Paint Bar & Boutique, where they enjoy bringing people together through creativity and community. She is also an active member of the Conway Morning Rotary Club and the Faulkner County Master Gardener program. Tess is honored to serve on the STOPDV Board of Directors and is committed to supporting the organization's mission of improving safety for domestic violence victims and increasing access to resources for survivors.

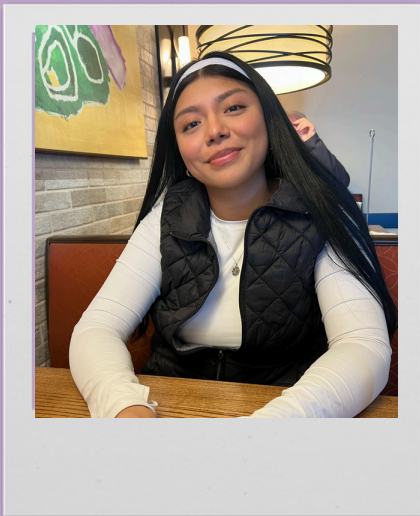
To learn more about our board members and their stories, visit www.wecantopdv.org

Farewell to Our Spring Intern



Please join us in thanking our spring Intern, Arely Pioquinto, for the dedication and enthusiasm she brought to STOPDV. We are grateful for the support she provided to our team and the compassion she showed in helping further our mission. We have truly enjoyed having her with us and wish her all the best in her next chapter.

Welcoming Our New Summer Interns



Hello! My name is Stephany Morales, and I am a senior at UCA majoring in Political Science and International Studies. I am looking forward to using my knowledge of policy and community advocacy to empower survivors and gain hands-on experience at STOPDV!



Hi! My name is Ivory Danuser, and I am a rising senior Psychology Major and Studio Art Minor at Hendrix College. I am so excited to learn from and be apart of the amazing team here at StopDV!



Hello, I'm Savannah Cox and I am an upcoming senior at Hendrix college. I major in Psychology and I am so excited to learn and get experience through STOPDV. I am so thankful for this opportunity!

Purple Table Talk



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In April, we proudly hosted our first Purple Table Talk, bringing together community members, leaders, advocates, and supporters for an evening of awareness and meaningful conversation. The event featured our Executive Director, four judges, and a moving testimony from a survivor whose story reminded us why this work matters.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity and encouragement shown by our community.

Through the support of our sponsors and donors, we raised \$7,800 to support survivors and honor the lives lost to domestic violence. Every contribution helps further our mission and provide hope and resources to those affected by abuse.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended, sponsored, and supported this event. Thank you for helping make our first Purple Table Talk such a success. We look forward to continuing this important cause. Stay tuned for future event announcements!



Recently STOPDV reached out to our community through social media with a wish list of items for our outreach room. Within just a few days, we were humbled by the incredible generosity of those who answered our call with thoughtful donations. These items will help create a more welcoming and comforting space for petitioners and their children, providing support during what can often be a difficult time. We are sincerely grateful to everyone who contributed. Your generosity helps us continue our mission and reminds the families we serve that they are supported by a caring community.

Donations are always appreciated! Support our Outreach Room by shopping our Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28DH8KAUAGZCS?ref_=wl_share. Every item helps make a difference.

Useful Info and Resources

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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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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None of this would be possible without you!

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.
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