



STOPDV WINTER 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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Meet Our Board



ASHLEY KUTILEK



We're excited to welcome Ashley to the STOP DV Board! Ashley holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology with a minor in Addictions Counseling, along with an associate degree in Legal Studies, and brings years of experience supporting women and families impacted by domestic violence, trauma, addiction, and the criminal justice system. After relocating to Faulkner County in 2023, she became deeply committed to advocacy, safety, and empowerment within the community. Ashley is passionate about strengthening families and is eager to share her experience and heart for service through her role on the board.

SHAWNA HEASLET



We're honored to welcome Shawna to the STOP DV Board! A Faulkner County resident since 1994, Shawna brings 18 years of experience in finance through her career at First Security Bank, with a background in customer service, management, and lending. Her connection to STOP DV began in 2021 and continues to inspire her commitment to the organization's mission. As Development Chair, Shawna is dedicated to strengthening fundraising efforts that sustain STOP DV's services and support survivors throughout our community. Shawna is passionate about protecting families and helping build a safer, stronger Faulkner County.

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

Best Wishes to Our Fall Interns

Thank you to our amazing fall interns for your passion, hard work, and dedication. You've each made a meaningful impact at STOPDV, and we're so grateful to have had you on our team. Wishing you all the best in what comes next.



Interested in becoming an intern or volunteer?

Scan the QR code to answer a few quick questions so we can find the best fit for you. You'll also get more information about what we do here at STOPDV and how you can get involved.





Our Supporters & Team



Community Impact

A big thank you to First Security Bank! Their recent fundraiser provides vital support for survivors, helping strengthen safety and resources for those impacted by domestic violence. As we start the new year, we're especially grateful for their generosity and the example they set for other local businesses looking to make a difference in our community. Their support helps us continue providing essential services and hope to families across Faulkner County.

Celebrating Together

Celebrating the holidays together. Our STOP DV team came together to share a festive evening, connect with one another, and reflect on the year's work supporting survivors.



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Useful Info & Resources



SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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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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-YIEmvpaayfvgh0y0v14Qfeo750bC-Yjmdier1zB9HHkfWrZSS7Np->



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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sponsors, funders, volunteers,
board, staff members, and
community partners.**

**None of this would be possible
without you!**