



Domestic Violence in Iowa

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN IOWA

- In 2011, 6,628 domestic violence incidents were reported to Iowa law enforcement.ⁱ Many others went unreported.
- In 2014, 13 Iowans were killed in domestic violence homicides. 54% of those murdered were killed with guns.ⁱⁱ
- On one day in 2014, Iowa domestic violence programs served 853 victims/survivors; another 133 were turned away due to lack of resources.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Researchers estimate 55,340 Iowans experienced sexual violence in 2009; 10% were under the age of 18.^{iv}
- 17.3% of Iowa women are stalked during their lifetimes.^v

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.^{vi}
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, an average of close to 15 calls every minute.^{vii}
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.^{viii}
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.^{ix}
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.^x

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN IOWA

1st Congressional District

Cedar Valley Friends of the
Family,
Waverly

Deaf Iowans Against Abuse,
Cedar Rapids

Domestic Abuse Resource
Center/Helping Services,
Postville

Waypoint,
Cedar Rapids

YWCA DV Program,
Dubuque

If you need help:

Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
Or, online go to DomesticShelters.org





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2nd Congressional District

Crisis Center and Women's Shelter,
Ottumwa

Crisis Intervention Services,
Oskaloosa

Domestic Violence Intervention Program,
Iowa City

SafePath Survivor Resources,
Davenport

YWCA DV/SA Resource Center,
Clinton

3rd Congressional District

Children and Families of Iowa –
Domestic Violence Services,
Des Moines

Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo
Amanecer (LUNA),
Des Moines

Phoenix House,
Council Bluffs

Crisis Intervention and Advocacy
Center,
Adel

Monsoon,
Des Moines

Polk County Crisis and Advocacy
Services,
Des Moines

4th Congressional District

ACCESS – Assault Care Center
Extending Shelter and Support,
Ames

Council on Sexual Assault and
Domestic Violence,
Sioux City

Family Crisis Center,
Sioux Center

Centers Against Abuse and Sexual
Assault,
Spencer

Crisis Intervention Service,
Mason City

Fort Dodge Domestic/Sexual
Assault Outreach Center,
Fort Dodge

ⁱ Iowa Department of Public Safety (n.d.). *2011 uniform crime report*. Unpublished data.

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^x Violence Policy Center. (2012). *American roulette: Murder-suicide in the United States*. Retrieved from www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf.

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