



## Domestic Violence in Kentucky

### 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 KENTUCKY

- Kentucky programs sheltered 3,295 victims of abuse and their children between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014; 40% of these were children.<sup>i</sup>
- Kentucky programs provided 119,718 bed-nights between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014; 45% of these were for children.<sup>ii</sup>
- In a single day in Kentucky in 2014, 10% of people seeking services were turned away due to lack of resources.<sup>iii</sup>
- 1 in 9 women in Kentucky has been a victim of *forcible* rape.<sup>iv</sup>

### 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.<sup>v</sup>
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, 15 calls per minute.<sup>vi</sup>
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.<sup>vii</sup>
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.<sup>viii</sup>
- 72% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>ix</sup>

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN KENTUCKY

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District

Sanctuary Inc.  
Hopkinsville  
(270) 885-4572

Merryman House  
Paducah  
(270) 443-6282

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District

Barren River Area Safe Space  
Bowling Green  
(270) 781-9334

SpringHaven  
Elizabethtown  
(270) 765-4057

OASIS  
Owensboro  
(270) 685-0260

#### **If you need help:**

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





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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

Center for Women and Families  
Louisville  
(502) 581-7200

### 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Safe Harbor  
Ashland  
(606) 926-2150

Women's Crisis Center  
Maysville  
(606) 655-2650

Women's Crisis Center  
Covington  
(859) 655-2650

### 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

LKLP Safe House  
Hazard  
(606) 439-1552

Family Life Abuse Center  
Mount Vernon  
(606) 256-9511

Bethany House Abuse Shelter  
Inc.  
Somerset  
(606) 679-1553

DOVES of Gateway  
Morehead  
(606) 256-2724

Sandy Valley Abuse Center  
Prestonburg  
(606) 285-9079

### 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

GreenHouse17  
Lexington  
(859) 233-0657

Sanctuary Inc.  
Hopkinsville  
(270) 885-4572

Merryman House  
Paducah  
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<sup>i</sup> Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2014). *KCADV's FY14 statistics*. Retrieved from <http://kcadv.org/resources/statistics/>

<sup>ii</sup> *ibid*

<sup>iii</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence (2015). *'14 domestic violence counts Kentucky summary*. Retrieved from <http://nnev.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/KY.pdf>.

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<sup>vi</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence (2015). *2014 domestic violence counts: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services*. Retrieved from [http://nnev.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14\\_NatlSummary\\_Color-2.pdf](http://nnev.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14_NatlSummary_Color-2.pdf).

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<sup>ix</sup> Violence Policy Center. (2012). *American roulette: Murder-suicide in the United States*. Retrieved from [www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf](http://www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf).

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