



## Domestic Violence in Louisiana

### 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 LOUISIANA

- In 2010, Louisiana ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation for femicide; 2/3 of these murders were committed using guns.<sup>i</sup>
- 81% of female homicides in Louisiana are committed by a partner or ex-partner.<sup>ii</sup>
- There has been at least one domestic homicide in every parish in Louisiana.<sup>iii</sup>
- Over 5,000 adult women per year living in Louisiana will experience domestic violence.<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, an average of close to 15 calls every 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 involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>ix</sup>

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN LOUISIANA

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

Metropolitan Center for Women and Children  
Jefferson  
(504) 837-5455

St. Bernard Battered Women's Program  
Arabi  
(504) 277-3177

Safe Harbor  
Mandeville  
(985) 626-5740

The Haven  
Houma  
(985) 872-0757

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

Iris Domestic Violence Center  
Baton Rouge  
(225) 389-3002

New Orleans Family Justice Center  
New Orleans  
(504) 866-9554

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

Chez Hope  
Franklin  
(337) 828-4200

Faith House  
Lafayette  
(337) 267-9422

SNAP: Safety Net for Abused  
Persons  
New Iberia  
(337) 367-7627

Jeff Davis CADA  
Jennings  
(337) 616-8418

Oasis: A Safe Haven  
Lake Charles  
(337) 436-4552

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

June N. Jenkins Women's  
Shelter  
DeRidder  
(337) 462-1452

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

Domestic Abuse Resistance  
Team  
Ruston  
(318) 513-9373

The Wellspring Alliance for  
Families  
Monroe  
(318) 651-9314

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

Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment  
Hammond  
(985) 542-8384

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/AmericaUnderTheGun-3.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid.

<sup>iii</sup> Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. *2015 Legislative Guide*. <http://lcadv.org/wp-content/uploads/2015-LCADV-Legislative-Guide2.pdf>

<sup>iv</sup> Tjaden & Thoennes, National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention Survey, 2000. 4. Black, M.C., Basile, K.C., Breiding, M.J., Smith, S.G., Walters, M.L., Merrick, M.T., Chen, J., & Stevens, M. (2011). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010 Summary Report. National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved from: [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs\\_report2010-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs_report2010-a.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://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14\\_NatlSummary\\_Color-2.pdf](http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14_NatlSummary_Color-2.pdf).

<sup>vii</sup> Truman, J. & Morgan, R. (2014). *Nonfatal domestic violence, 2003-2012*. Retrieved from <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ndv0312.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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