



## Domestic Violence in New Jersey

### 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 NEW JERSEY

- There were 65,060 domestic violence offenses reported by the police in 2012, a 7 percent decrease compared to the 70,311 reported in 2011.<sup>i</sup>
- Children were involved or present during 29 percent of all domestic violence offenses occurring in 2012. Specifically, 4 percent (2,298) were involved and 25 percent (16,534) were present.<sup>ii</sup>
- Wives were the victims in 16 percent (10,829) and ex-wives were the victims in 3 percent (2,187) of the reported domestic violence offenses in 2012. Overall, females were victims in 75 percent (48,697) of all domestic violence offenses.<sup>iii</sup>
- The number of domestic violence complaints that had prior court orders issued against the offender decreased from 13,099 in 2011 to 11,494 in 2012. This is a decrease of 12 percent.<sup>iv</sup>
- Domestic violence offenses arising from a dating relationship accounted for 14 percent (9,370) of the state total.<sup>v</sup>

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.<sup>vi</sup>
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, approximately 15 calls every minute.<sup>vii</sup>
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.<sup>viii</sup>
- Having a gun in the home increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.<sup>ix</sup>
- 72% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>x</sup>

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN NEW JERSEY

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

Camden County Women's Center  
Camden  
856.963.5668

Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)  
Camden  
866.295.7378

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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

The Women's Center-Atlantic County  
Linwood  
609.646.6767

Center For Family Services, SERV  
Glassboro  
856.964.0242

Coalition Against Rape and Abuse, Inc  
Cape May  
609.522.6489

Salem County Women's Services  
Salem  
856.935.6655

Center For Family Services, SERV  
Vineland  
856.696.2032

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

Providence House Domestic  
Violence Services of Catholic  
Charities  
Delran  
856.824.0599

Silent Tears DV Foundation  
Burlington  
609.424.2989

Domestic Violence Advocacy  
Center (DVA Center)  
Medford  
609.265.9000

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

Providence House of Catholic Charities - Ocean County  
Whiting  
732.350.2120

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

DASI: Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention  
Services  
Newton  
973.579.2386

Strengthen Our Sisters  
West Medford  
973.506.4408

Alternatives To Domestic Violence  
Hackensack  
201.487.8484

Center For Hope And Safety  
Hackensack  
201.944.9600

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

180 Turning Lives Around, Inc.  
Hazlet  
732.264.4111

Women Helping Women  
Metuchan  
732.549.6000

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

Resource Center of Somerset  
Hillsborough Township  
908.359.0003

SAFE in Hunterdon  
Flemington  
908.788.9696

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault  
Crisis Center (DASACC)  
Washington  
908.453.4181

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

YWCA Union County  
Elizabeth  
908.355.1995

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

Passaic County Women's Center  
Paterson  
973.523.0130

Project SARAH  
Clifton  
973.777.7638

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

My Sister's Lighthouse  
Newark  
973.424.9191

FAMILYConnections-  
DREAMS Program  
East Orange  
973.675.3817

BabyLand Domestic  
Violence Shelter  
Newark  
973.399.3400

Womenrising  
Jersey City  
201.333.5700

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

Rachel Coalition  
Florham Park  
973.740.1233

The Safe House  
Bloomfield  
973.759.2154

Jersey Battered Women's Service,  
Inc.  
Morristown  
973.267.7520

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

Manavi  
New Brunswick  
732.435.1414

Womanspace  
Lawrenceville  
609.394.0136

Women Aware  
New Brunswick  
732.249.4900

<sup>i</sup> Retrieved from [http://www.njsp.org/info/pdf/2012\\_domestic\\_violence.pdf](http://www.njsp.org/info/pdf/2012_domestic_violence.pdf). Domestic Violence in New Jersey for the year ending December 31, 2012 NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING UNIT

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid

<sup>iii</sup> Ibid

<sup>iv</sup> Ibid

<sup>v</sup> Ibid

<sup>vi</sup> 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*. Retrieved from [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs\\_report2010-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs_report2010-a.pdf).

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

<sup>ix</sup> Campbell, J.C., Webster, D., Koziol-McLain, J., Block, C., Campbell, D., Curry, M. A., Gary, F., Glass, N., McFarlane, J., Sachs, C., Sharps, P., Ulrich, Y., Wilt, S., Manganello, J., Xu, X., Schollenberger, J., Frye, V., & Lauphon, K. (2003). Risk factors for femicide in abusive relationships: Results from a multisite case control study. *American Journal of Public Health, 93*(7), 1089-1097.

<sup>x</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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