



Domestic Violence in Pennsylvania

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 PENNSYLVANIA

- In one day in 2014, 2,498 victims/survivors were served by Pennsylvania domestic violence programs; 252 requests for domestic violence services went unmet.ⁱ
- In Philadelphia, 17.3% of students have been physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past year, almost twice the national average.ⁱⁱ
- An estimated 19.1% of Pennsylvania women will experience stalking in their lifetimes.ⁱⁱⁱ

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.^{iv}
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, an average of close to 15 calls every minute.^v
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.^{vi}
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.^{vii}
- 72% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.^{viii}

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN PENNSYLVANIA

1st Congressional District

Lutheran Settlement House
Philadelphia

2nd Congressional District

Women Against Abuse
Philadelphia

Women in Transition
Philadelphia

3rd Congressional District

AWARE
Sharon

SafeNet
Erie

Victim Outreach Intervention
Center
Butler

HAVIN
Kittanning

Women's Services
Meadville

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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4th Congressional District

Survivors
Gettysburg

YWCA York
York

5th Congressional District

A Safe Place
Warren

Centre County Women's
Resource Center
State College

SAFE
Clarion

A Way Out
Coudersport

Huntingdon House
Huntingdon

Safe Journey
Erie

CAPSEA
Ridgway

PPC Violence Free Network
Oil City

YWCA Victims' Resource Center
Bradford

6th Congressional District

Domestic Violence Center of
Chester County
Chester

Laurel House
Norristown

7th Congressional District

Domestic Abuse Project of
Delaware County
Media

8th Congressional District

A Woman's Place
Doylestown

9th Congressional District

Alice Paul House
Indiana

Community Action Crossroads
Project
Punxsutawney

Women in Need
Chambersburg

Domestic Abuse Project
Altoona

Your Safe Haven
Everett

10th Congressional District

Abuse and Rape
Crisis Center
Towanda

HAVEN of Tioga
County
Wellsboro

Safe Haven of Pike
County
Milford

Sullivan County Victim
Services
Laporte

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The Abuse Network
Lewistown

Transitions
Lewisburg

Victims' Intervention
Program
Honesdale

YWCA Wise Options
Williamsport

11th Congressional District

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and
Perry Counties
Carlisle

Clinton County Women's Center
Lock Haven

Women's Center of Columbia/Montour
Bloomsburg

YWCA Harrisburg
Harrisburg

12th Congressional District

Crisis Center North
Pittsburgh

Crisis Shelter of
Lawrence County
New Castle

Women's Center of
Beaver County
Beaver

Women's Help Center
Johnstown

13th Congressional District

Women's Center of Montgomery
County
Elkins Park

14th Congressional District

Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center
Tarentum

Women's Center and Shelter of
Greater Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh

15th Congressional District

Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County
Lebanon

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley
Allentown

16th Congressional District

Berks Women in Crisis
Reading

Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County
Lancaster

17th Congressional District

Domestic Violence Service
Center
Wilkes-Barre

Schuylkill Women in Crisis
Pottsville

Women's Resource Center
Scranton

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18th Congressional District

Blackburn Center
Greensburg

Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA
Washington

ⁱ Ibid.

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