



National Task Force to End  
Sexual & Domestic Violence

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May 6, 2022

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (NTF) represents national, tribal, state, and local organizations working to end domestic violence and sexual assault. The 437 undersigned organizations join with the NTF to urge you to significantly increase funding for federal programs that address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Domestic and sexual violence are life-threatening, pervasive crimes that affect millions of people every day. We implore you to build upon our nation's progress in addressing these crimes by providing incredibly-needed investments in the FY 2023 funding bills.

Our nation has made such phenomenal progress in understanding and addressing domestic violence and sexual assault. Congress is committed to make an ongoing, annual investment. Survivors rely on federally-funded direct services such as shelter, rape crisis services, culturally specific services, legal assistance, counseling, and more. However, the overwhelming demand for services leaves many of these effective and essential programs short of the necessary funding to meet the need.

### **Return on Investment**

A study shows that the lifetime economic cost of intimate partner violence to the U.S. population is \$3.6 trillion<sup>1</sup>. In its first six years alone, The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has saved an estimated \$12.6 billion in net-averted costs<sup>2</sup>. Studies have shown that an increase in the availability of legal services is associated with a decrease in intimate partner homicide<sup>3</sup>. VAWA funds, particularly the ones supporting law enforcement, have been linked to a reduction in rape and aggravated assault<sup>4</sup>. Referring a victim to an advocate has been linked to an increased willingness to file a police report, keeping our communities safer<sup>5</sup>. A 2017 study highlighted the effectiveness of bystander intervention funded through VAWA's Rape Prevention and Education Program in reducing sexual assault perpetration<sup>6</sup>. Domestic violence shelters, funded in significant part by the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA), have proven to be successful at addressing victims' urgent and long-term needs while helping victims protect themselves and their children<sup>7</sup>. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding has allowed communities to foster innovation, reduce waitlists, increase vital services, hire staff to counsel more survivors, and expand rural services.

### **Desperate need remains**

Despite this progress, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, culturally specific organizations, and other domestic violence and sexual assault service providers continue to face budget shortfalls, exacerbated by economic strain in communities and increased rates of domestic violence and sexual assault in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The national spotlight on these crimes is bringing more survivors out of the shadows and increasing requests for services. We applaud these survivors and are trying to address the increased demand for services. Unfortunately, many programs are forced to turn away victims who are desperate and have nowhere to go.

Almost one in five women in the United States has been the victim of rape or attempted rape, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A 2021 survey by the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence shows that the nation's 1,500 sexual assault programs often lack sufficient resources to meet victims' most basic needs.

Almost 1/3 of programs report a waiting list for services with 2/3 of those programs reporting a waiting list for counseling, some of which are several months long; 45% of programs lack a therapist on staff<sup>8</sup>.

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence's 2021 Domestic Violence Counts Report, 70,032 victims of domestic violence received services in one day. However, on the same day, 9,444 requests for services went unmet due to a lack of funding and resources. Of those unmet requests, 64% were for safe housing<sup>9</sup>.

Native women face some of the highest levels of violence of any group. Four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime and overall, which comes to more than 1.5 million American Indian and Alaska Native women. Over 90% of these victims have experienced that violence at the hands of a non-Indian intimate partner.

### **FY 2023 Funding needed to support survivors**

Maintained and steadily increasing funding for VAWA grants, FVPSA, the Rape Prevention and Education program, and the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault set-aside in homelessness funds, along with sustained funding released from VOCA, are beginning to address a portion of the gap in direct services and are helping communities invest in prevention. We are extremely grateful for these critical funds that will save and transform lives.

The federal government funds vital programs at the U.S. Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Health and Human Services (HHS) that reach into every community across the nation to provide safety, access to services, and justice for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The formula grant programs and national services include:

- The Sexual Assault Services Program (VAWA, DOJ), which is the federal government's only funding source dedicated to sexual assault services and rape crisis centers in every state;
- Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA, HHS), which is the federal government's only dedicated funding stream for domestic violence shelters and outreach programs;
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA, DOJ), which is a non-taxpayer fund that supports 7,800 victim services agencies across the nation, including on tribal lands, to help victims deal with the immediate aftermath of a crime;
- The Rape Prevention and Education Program (RPE, HHS), which supports comprehensive sexual violence prevention in every state for communities and schools;
- The STOP program (VAWA, DOJ), which improves the criminal justice and wider community response by allowing states and communities to develop coordinated community responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH, HHS), which receives over 600,000 contacts per year; StrongHearts Native Helpline (StrongHearts), which serves the specific cultural and jurisdictional needs of Native victims of domestic and dating violence; and Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS), which is the only national service program for Deaf and hearing-challenged survivors of domestic violence.

We ask you to support and prioritize investments in the President's FY 2023 budget to reach the most vulnerable survivors, including increasing funding for culturally specific organizations; funding for LGBTQ and Deaf survivors; direct financial assistance to meet survivors' emergency needs, and support for families affected by domestic violence at the intersection of substance-use coercion, housing instability, and child welfare involvement.

This includes investments in VAWA and related discretionary programs that complement the state formula grants by propelling innovation and providing targeted responses to

domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. All the programs detailed in the attached [chart](#) work together to provide a comprehensive response to victims of gender-based violence. These include lifesaving legal services; funding for services in rural and remote areas; transitional housing programs to help victims rebuild their lives after violence and abuse; law enforcement improvements such as sexual assault response teams, initiatives to address the rape kit backlog, and homicide reduction initiatives; services for underserved victims, including individuals with disabilities and elderly victims; funding to ensure compliance with the requirement of serving victims with limited English proficiency; programs aimed at children, youth, and college students; projects addressing courts and visitation; programs to respond to the epidemic of sexual assault and domestic violence on tribal lands; projects addressing violence in the workplace; and prevention programs and public health responses to violence and abuse.

Additionally, we urge Congress to increase the set-aside for housing for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) homelessness assistance program to \$75 million. The funds support rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry and other critical activities to assist survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence.

Finally, we urge Congress to provide at least \$15 million (in addition to \$400 million to address USCIS backlogs) to process victim-related applications within 90 days of receipt and ensure the timely access to employment authorization for victims in the U visa program, as well as in the T visa and VAWA Self-Petition programs. These programs are critical for victims to be able to escape and overcome abuse, as many abusers use immigration status to control their victims. Fortunately, Congress has recognized these risks and created the U visa and VAWA self-petition remedies. The U visa was established in 2000 for victims of certain designated crimes who suffered substantial physical or mental abuse and are certified as helpful to law enforcement or government officials in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity.

However, due to the delay in the issuance of regulations until 2007, the 10,000 visas available annually were not allocated during FY 2001-FY 2007. We are requesting inclusion of legislative language and sufficient funding to: **1)** recapture the unallocated visas from the date of the enactment of the U-visa program until the present day — a minor technical change that would significantly alleviate the backlog of over 170,800<sup>101112</sup> primary applicants awaiting U-visas; **2)** increase staffing of the Vermont Service Center Humanitarian Unit and the Nebraska Service Center U Visa Unit by at least 100 additional agents; and **3)** provide adequate resources to hire and train adjudicators to process victims' applications within 90 days of receipt and to issue employment authorization within 180 days. These resources are critical and can mean the difference between leaving and recovering from abuse and returning to abusive and exploitative relationships.

Each of these programs must receive increased funding to ensure that our communities can build on our years of progress and meet the needs of ALL victims.

**We ask Congress to:**

- fully fund VAWA, FVPSA, and related programs;
- provide steady funding for VOCA, and maintain a tribal funding stream, without transferring funds from VOCA to fund other programs;
- maintain a housing set-aside for survivors in the HUD homelessness program; and

- increase funding to address the backlog in victims' applications at USCIS' Vermont and Nebraska Service Centers.

We call on you to support increased funding for these vital programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monica McLaughlin, National Network to End Domestic Violence, at [mmclaughlin@nndv.org](mailto:mmclaughlin@nndv.org) or Terri Poore, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, at [terri@endsexualviolence.org](mailto:terri@endsexualviolence.org).

Thank you for your continued leadership in keeping victims safe and healthy. We know our successes could not be achieved without your support, and we are grateful for all that you do.

Sincerely,

(list in formation)

**National, International and Tribal Organizations**

- Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence
- Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
- Center for Violence Prevention Research
- CommonSpirit Health
- Document The Abuse
- EmBark Foundation, Inc.
- Esperanza United (Formerly Casa de Esperanza National Latin@ Network)
- Futures Without Violence
- General Federation of Women's Clubs
- Heels of Greatness, Inc.
- ICNA Relief USA
- It's On Us
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
- Legal Momentum, the Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund
- Leto Advisors & Advocates LLC.
- Luna y Sol Sanctuary
- Me Too. International, Inc.
- National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
- National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- National LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence Institute
- National Network to End Domestic Violence
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center
- NOW - National Organization for Women
- One Fair Wage
- Persist on Purpose LLC
- Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network
- Restaurant Opportunities Centers United

SafeBAE: Safe Before Anyone Else  
Sexual Violence Prevention Association  
South Asian SOAR  
Tahirih Justice Center  
The National Domestic Violence Hotline  
The National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault (SCESA)  
Ujima: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community  
YWCA USA

### **Alabama**

Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
One Place Family Justice Center  
SafeHouse of Shelby County  
Turning Point, Inc.  
Victim Services of Cullman, Inc.  
The House of Ruth, Inc.

### **Alaska**

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA)

### **Arizona**

Alice's Place, Inc.  
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence  
Arizona Secretary of State - Address Confidentiality Program  
Mt. Graham Safe House

### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Division of Children and Family Services

### **California**

AGAPE LIVING  
Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault  
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence  
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLA Foundation)  
Community Violence Solutions  
Dove, Inc.  
Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus  
No Peace No Quiet  
North County Rape Crisis & Child Protection Center  
Lassen Family Services  
Live Violence Free  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
Lumina Alliance

Partners Against Violence  
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno  
SAFE Family Justice Centers  
San Francisco Women Against Rape  
StrengthUnited, A CSUN Community Agency  
Tri-Valley Haven  
ValorUS  
Waymakers  
Women's Center-High Desert, Inc.  
YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley

### **Colorado**

Advocates Against Domestic Assault  
Advocates for Victims of Assault, Inc.  
Advocate Safehouse Project  
Bright Future Foundation for Eagle County  
Chaffee County Law Enforcement Advocates  
Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Finding Our Voices  
Hispanic Affairs Project  
Home Schoolers School LLC.  
Park County Sheriff's Office  
PeaceWorks, Inc.  
Project Hope of Gunnison Valley  
Project Safeguard  
RESPONSE  
River Bridge Regional Center  
Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center  
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence  
Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley  
San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center  
SARA House  
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center (SAVA)  
Violence Free Colorado

### **Connecticut**

BHcare HOPE Family Justice Center  
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

### **District of Columbia**

DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence  
DC Rape Crisis Center (DCRCC)

### **Delaware**

Delaware Alliance Against Sexual Violence  
Delaware Center for Justice

### **Florida**

ALPHA House of Pinellas County  
Hattie M Wiggins Beacon of Light, Inc.  
The ALM Triumph Center

### **Georgia**

Ahimsa House  
Anafiel House, Inc  
Art4Hope Limited  
Battered Women's Shelter, Inc.  
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.  
Hope & Faith  
International Women's House, Inc.  
LiveSafe Resources  
SafeHomes Domestic Violence Center  
SAFE Shelter Center for Domestic Violence Services  
The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.  
Waycross Area for Abused Persons, Inc.

### **Hawaii**

Domestic Violence Action Center  
YWCA Kauai

### **Idaho**

Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence

### **Illinois**

Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse  
Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home)  
Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach  
Ascend Justice  
Cairo Women's Shelter, Inc.  
CAWS, Connections for Abused Women and their Children  
Community Crisis Center  
Crisis Center for South Suburbia  
Crisis Center Foundation  
Dove, Inc.  
Family Shelter Service of MFS DuPage  
Freedom House  
Fulton-Mason Crisis Service



Guardian Angel Community Services  
Harbor House  
HOPE of East Central Illinois  
HOPE of Ogle County  
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Inellas Restoration Center  
Life Span  
Metropolitan Family Services  
Mid Central Community Action, Inc.  
Mutual Ground  
Neopolitan Lighthouse  
Peoria County Family Justice Center  
Remedies Renewing Lives  
Safe Journeys  
Sojourn Shelter & Services, Inc.  
SWAN, Stopping Woman Abuse Now  
The Women's Center, Inc.  
Turning Point, Inc.  
Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern IL  
VOICES of Stephenson County  
WIRC-CAA, Victim Services  
YWCA of the Sauk Valley

### **Indiana**

Alternatives Incorporated of Madison County  
Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence

### **Iowa**

Amani Community Services  
CAASA  
Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center  
Crisis Intervention Service  
Domestic Violence Intervention Program  
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo Amanecer (L.U.N.A.)  
Rape Victim Advocacy Program, University of Iowa  
Riverview Center

### **Kansas**

Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence  
Family Crisis Center, Inc.  
Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc.  
SOS, Inc.

**Kentucky**

Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Thrive Empowerment Center

**Louisiana**

D.A.R.T. - Domestic Abuse Resistance Team  
Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault  
Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR) Center

**Maine**

Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

**Maryland**

Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.  
For All Seasons  
Heartly House  
Life Crisis Center  
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, Inc.  
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County  
Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy  
The Greater Washington Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse

**Massachusetts**

Jane Doe, Inc.  
Northeast Justice Center

**Michigan**

Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters  
Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence  
The Avenue Family Network, INC

**Minnesota**

Safe Haven Shelter & Resource Center  
Someplace Safe  
Southwest Crisis Center  
Standpoint  
Violence Free Minnesota

**Mississippi**

Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Missouri**

Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety for Northeast Missouri, Inc.  
Agape House Inc of Mountain View  
ALIVE St. Louis  
Audrain County Crisis Intervention Services  
Casa Guadalupe  
Crime Victim Center of St. Louis  
DeafLEAD  
House of Refuge  
JADASA – Journey Against Domestic and Sexual Abuse  
Life Source Consultants  
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
MOCSA, Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault  
Regional Family Crisis Center  
Rose Brooks Center  
Russell House  
Southeast Missouri Family Violence Council  
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.  
True North of Columbia, Inc.  
Whole Health Outreach  
Young Women's Christian Association Of St. Joseph, Missouri

**Montana**

Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Nebraska**

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence  
The Bridge

**Nevada**

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence  
S.A.F.E. House, Inc.  
Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services LLC

**New Hampshire**

New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
The Front Door Agency, Inc.

**New Jersey**

A Partnership for Change  
Dina's Hope  
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence  
Rompiendo el Silencio, Casa de Amor, Inc.

**New Mexico**

Enlace Comunitario

New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs

**New York State**

Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center

Barrier Free Living, Inc.

Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.

Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc.

Help Restore Hope Center

MACSC, Mechanicville Area Community Services Center

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault

NMIC

Safe Horizon

St. Peter's Crime Victim Services

The Caribbean Voice, Inc.

Urban Resource Institute

Vera House, Inc.

Yo Digo No Mas

YWCA Mohawk Valley

**North Carolina**

Compass Center for Women and Families

Durham Crisis Response Center

Families First, Inc

Families Living Violence Free

Friend to Friend

Harbor, Inc.

InterAct (Family Violence Protection Center)

Mitchell County SafePlace

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence

North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Our VOICE

REACH of Cherokee County

REACH of Macon County

The SAFE Alliance

Safe Space, Inc.

Safelight, Inc.

Turning Point, Inc.

**Ohio**

A.L.I.V.E., Inc.

Artemis Center

Ashtabula Solicitor's Office  
Asian Services in Action (ASIA)  
Battered Women's Shelter  
Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County  
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center  
Conneaut Municipal Court  
Crime Victim Services  
Crisis Care Line, Inc.  
Crossroads Crisis Center, Inc.  
Domestic Violence Project, Inc.  
EVE Incorporated  
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.  
Family Violence Prevention Center  
Haven House of Pickaway County, Inc.  
Homesafe, Inc.  
Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center, Rape Crisis Center of Summit and Medina  
Counties  
INEOS Pigments, USA  
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland  
LSS CHOICES  
Mya Women's Center  
My Sister's Place  
Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
Ohio Domestic Violence Network  
Ohio Victim Witness Association  
Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services  
Rape Crisis Center of Medina and Summit Counties  
Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.  
Sandusky Valley Domestic Violence Shelter  
Sarah's Friends, Inc.  
Signature Health  
Southern Ohio Task Force on Domestic Violence  
Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program  
The Cocoon  
The Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. - Richland County  
The Lighthouse  
The Sexual Assault Network of Central Ohio  
Townhall II  
Transitions, Inc.  
Tri-County Help Center, Inc.  
US Together  
Women Helping Women  
WomenSafe, Inc.  
YWCA Hamilton

YWCA of Greater Cincinnati

**Oklahoma**

Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault  
Women in Safe Home, Inc.

**Oregon**

Domestic Violence Resource Center  
Tides of Change

**Pennsylvania**

Mercy Center for Women  
Nationalities Service Center of Philadelphia  
Penn State Harrisburg  
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape  
The Abuse Network, Inc.  
Transitions of Pennsylvania  
Women's Resource Center

**Rhode Island**

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Day One

**South Carolina**

Beyond Abuse  
Foothills Alliance  
Hopeful Horizons  
Laurens County SAFE Home Network  
Meg's House  
Pathways to Healing  
Pickens County Advocacy Center  
Pee Dee Coalition  
Rape Crisis Center of Horry & Georgetown Counties SC  
Safe Harbor, Inc.  
Sistercare, Inc.  
South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

**South Dakota**

South Dakota Coalition Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence  
South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault  
Winner Resource Center for Families

**Tennessee**

Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Texas**

Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center  
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse  
Asian Family Support Services of Austin  
AVDA, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse  
Bay Area Turning Point, Inc.  
Center Against Sexual & Family Violence  
Crisis Center of West Texas  
Daya Inc  
Family Crisis Center  
Families In Crisis, Inc.  
FamilyTime Crisis & Counseling Center  
Focusing Families  
Fort Bend Women's Center  
Freedom House  
Friendship of Women, Inc  
Gateway Family Services, Inc.  
Houston Area Women's Center  
Lubbock Rape Crisis Center  
Noah Project, Inc.  
Resource Crisis Center of Galveston County  
SafeHaven of Tarrant County  
Safer Path Family Violence Shelter, Inc.  
Serving Children and Adults in Need, Inc.  
Sexual Assault Resource Center  
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault  
Texas Council on Family Violence  
The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc.  
The P.E.A.C.E. Initiative, Putting an End to Abuse through Community Efforts  
The Purple Door - Women's Shelter of South Texas  
The Turning Point, Inc.  
The SAFE Alliance  
The Women's Center of Tarrant County  
Williamson County Crisis center d/b/a Hope Alliance  
Women in Need, Inc.

**Utah**

Utah Domestic Violence Coalition

**Vermont**

AWARE, Inc.

Circle, Inc.  
HOPEWORKS  
Mosaic Vermont, Inc.  
NewStory Center  
Pride Center of Vermont  
Safeline, Inc.  
Steps to End Domestic Violence  
Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Voices Against Violence  
WISE - Women's Information Service  
WomenSafe, Inc.  
Women's Freedom Center

### **Virginia**

Doorways  
Heart of Gold Shelter  
Project Horizon, Inc.  
Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance

### **Washington State**

King County Sexual Assault Resource Center  
Multi-Communities  
Orange Child  
Rural Resources Victim Services  
Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs  
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

### **West Virginia**

Centers Against Violence  
Comprehensive Women's Service Council, Inc.  
CONTACT Huntington, Inc.  
Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center  
Family Crisis Center, Inc.  
Family Refuge Center  
Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center  
REACH Rape Crisis Program/The Counseling Connection  
SAFE, Stop Abusive Family Environments, Inc.  
Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Help Center, Inc.  
West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services

### **Wisconsin**

ASTOP, Inc.  
BeLEAF Survivors



Core el Centro  
Diverse and Resilient  
Domestic Violence Escape (DOVE), Inc.  
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin  
Family Advocates, Inc.  
FRIENDS, Inc.  
HAVEN, Inc.  
Manitowoc County Domestic Violence Center  
Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth  
New Beginnings  
Personal Development Center, Inc.  
RCC Sexual Violence Resource Center  
Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County, Inc.  
Safe Haven  
Stepping Stones, Inc.  
The Bridge to Hope  
The Women's Center  
The Women's Community, Inc.  
UMOS, United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc.  
UNIDOS  
Violence Intervention Project  
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Wise Women Gathering Place, Inc.

## **Wyoming**

Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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