



April 2025 Update



Let's see that Survivors THRIVE in 2025!

- **Advocate Training** -ACADV has provided training to 146 domestic violence advocates across the state in the month of January.
- **Legal Services** -Our new Parent and Child Legal Aid Program assisted 52 domestic violence victims filing order of protections (OOP). We represented 16 parents and 16 children at OOP court hearings. We obtained over 13 years of permanent orders of protection. We provided legal advice on Privileged Communications through online training and on call attorney consultations to 31 clients.
- **Law Enforcement Education** -We provided 5 Law Enforcement trainings throughout the state including Fort Smith Police Department and North Little Rock Police Department.
- **Legislation** - We advanced HB1434 Child Custody exception for Domestic Violence through the House and it now heads to the Senate. Amended HB1433 to obtain passage that requires law enforcement to run warrant checks when serving respondents with OOP. HB1829 Amending OOP Statutes that we worked on with AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts) advanced out of the House and is headed to the Senate.
- **Fundraising and Development** - We provided fundraising and development continuing education training to Family Violence Prevention in Batesville. We are creating a online Fundraising and Development training that will be ready mid-year for all shelter members to utilize through our online training portal.

- **Volunteers** - We hosted students from the University of Arkansas Little Rock to who completed an hour of training on the health impact of domestic violence and then worked on a health literacy and education campaign.
- **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** - April 6th - 12th. Don't miss Arkansas Recognition and Victims' Rights Ceremony April 8th at 10am held at the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce to promote victims' rights, honor crime victims, and recognize those who advocate on their behalf. On April 10th at 6:30pm the Candlelight Vigil will be held at Allsopp Park Pavilion in Little Rock honoring people who have experienced violence, creating hope by supporting those in our community who have been through horrific past experiences due to violence. This event is for survivors, families, friends, and community supporters.
- **Coalition Champion**- As a Champion Partner you will be able to utilize our on-line domestic violence training classes, have your company's logo branded on our "Partners" page on our website, logo branded on our social media and featured in our monthly newsletter going out to over 1100 Coalition volunteers, members, and partners. Become a Coalition Champion...**DONATE**

VOLUNTEER



Candlelight Vigil

Sharing hope and honoring people who have experienced violence, including underserved victims.

Where: Allsopp Park Pavilion
3700 Cedar Hill Road
Little Rock, AR

When: Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM

Focusing on Healing - The Candlelight Vigil will honor people who have experienced violence by honoring our past experiences, creating hope by supporting those in our community. This is a relaxed event and is meant to further a sense of community by providing support through the sharing of strength and hope. It will be held on April 10th at 6:30 PM at Allsopp Park Pavilion, 3700 Cedar Hill Road, Little Rock, AR. (Cedar Hill Road is off Cantrell Road by Riverdale). This effort, while for all victims/survivors, is particularly recognizing often underserved victims of violence—people with disabilities, elderly people, people who are Deaf, members of the LGBTQ community, and people from diverse ethnic backgrounds. This event is for survivors, families, friends and community supporters. All are invited to attend.

Accommodations:

For any other disability-related accommodations, please contact Kiah at kiahh@uark.edu by April 4th.

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Crime Victims Assistance Association of Arkansas



Arkansas Recognition and Victims' Rights Ceremony

In Honor of

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Where: North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce
100 Main St
North Little Rock, AR 72114

When: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM

The annual event, held during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, will be held at North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce at 100 Main St, North Little Rock, AR. This event is held in communities across the country to promote victims' rights, honor crime victims and recognize those who advocate on their behalf.

All are invited to attend.

Accommodations:

Location is accessible. For any additional accommodation needs, please contact Kiah at 501-725-0137 or kiahh@uark.edu 3 days prior to event.

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These numbers show the critical need for our domestic violence shelters across the state!

ACADV



2024 BY THE NUMBERS

16,471

total victims served

16% increase

4,324 unmet requests for services

114,957

safe nights of sleep provided

43% increase

1,895 survivors provided medical advocacy

9% increase

in total children served

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Be a Coalition Champion

Please help us champion against
domestic violence!

Champion Levels:

- \$25 a month helps provide brochures and handouts that educate victims on how to safety plan and choices they have to increase safety and protection. These educational materials are placed in service provider offices across the state of Arkansas and throughout our legal system.
- \$50 a month provides a domestic violence online training course to a new advocate working with survivors.
- \$100 a month or a one-time donation of \$1200 provides education of judges

- \$100 a month or a one time donation of \$1200 provides education of judges, prosecutors, and police understanding how to better serve victims of domestic violence and their children.
- \$200 a month can provide an expert witness to testify on behalf of a domestic violence victim and their children in the prosecution trial.
- \$500 a month or a one-time donation of \$6000 for the year helps provide free to the victim legal representation in obtaining Orders of Protection.

**Champions will receive donor recognition on the ACADV monthly newsletter, on the Champion's page on the ACADV's website, and on our social media unless otherwise requested.



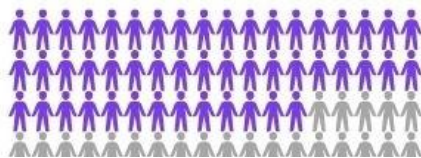


There are several benefits for our members including free domestic violence training, workshops, the latest news and updates on domestic violence, access to our awareness projects and much more.

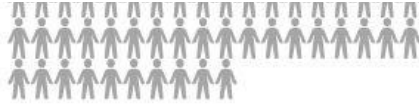
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ARKANSAS

2024 Update



49,998 or 43.9% of the **114,957** bed-nights provided to clients at shelters (shelter, safe-home, motel placement or transition housing)



residents) were for children 12 and younger.

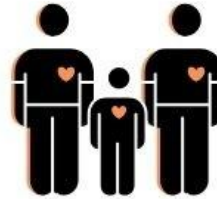
SERVICE TYPE

NUMBERS

Total Hotline Calls	26,580
Face-to-Face Crisis Intervention*	28,715
Unmet Requests for Services**	4,637
Total Bednights Spent	114,957

2023 Domestic Violence Homicides: 43

"A woman and her children were seeking help finding affordable housing. We typically run out of housing funds before the end of the year, and we were **unable** to help them at our program. If we had received more funding this year, we could have offered to re-house them right away"



This quote came from an Arkansas DV program via the 14th annual national census of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). The survey was conducted on Sept. 29, 2019, and 29 out of the 31 (94%) Arkansas programs participated. From this point in time assessment, NNEDV found: 259 adult and child victims found refuge in our shelters and another 346 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services. On just that day alone, 120 requests for help were not filled because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs.

National Network to End Domestic Violence (2020). 14th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report. Washington, DC. Retrieved from: NNEDV.org/DVCounts.

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TOTAL COURT ADVOCACY HOURS

This figure represents the number of hours dedicated to court advocacy that were provided to domestic violence victims and their families from program staff (residential and non-residential combined) in 2024.

16,471

TOTAL SURVIVORS SERVED

This figure represents the total number of clients served in our shelter programs, including residential and community services in 2024.

SUCCESS STORY FROM A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM IN ARKANSAS

"We successfully assisted a victim who was trafficked into our area from another State with emergency shelter, medical advocacy, and court advocacy. Her willingness to file charges led to the successful service of search warrants followed by the arrests of four individuals who were subsequently charged with numerous counts of rape, kidnapping, and drug-related charges. We were able to successfully relocate the victim outside of our jurisdiction. All defendants are currently awaiting trial."

Because abusers use many tools to harm and control their victims, our programs serve victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking, and more.



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*Number of contacts recorded for residential and non-residential face-to-face crisis intervention services, includes all ages and genders.

**Unmet requests includes requests for shelter and non-residential services, all ages and genders as well.

All Data is from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

**The 2022 numbers are not completely populated at this time.

WARNING SIGNS

of dating violence:

- extreme jealousy & possessiveness
- relationship gets very serious, very fast
- constant verbal putdowns, in public & private
- isolation from friends & family
- frequent accusations of cheating

You don't deserve this
1.800.799.7233 for 24/7 assistance

Donate

Help us continue to help victims of domestic violence and provide comprehensive training and support for shelter services across Arkansas.



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