



National Task Force to End
Sexual & Domestic Violence

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Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science
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Development, and Related Agencies
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April 19, 2018

Dear Senators Moran, Shaheen, Blunt, Murray, Collins, Reed, Moore Capito, and Tester, and Representatives Culberson,
Serrano, Cole, DeLauro, Diaz-Balart, Price, Carter, and Roybal-Allard:

The National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (NTF) is comprised of national, state, and local organizations working to end domestic violence and sexual assault. The 931 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 the incredibly-needed investments in the FY 19 funding bill.

We are experiencing a watershed moment in our country as survivors of gender-based violence are coming forward after living in the shadows for years, even decades. Our message to survivors must be clear: when you come forward for help and support, it will be available. Our nation has made such phenomenal progress in understanding and addressing violence against women because Congress committed to make an ongoing, annual investment. Victims of these degrading and life-threatening crimes rely on federally-funded direct services such as shelter, rape crisis services, legal assistance, counseling, and more. Communities across the country rely on federal prevention funding to protect our young people. Federal funding underpins our nation's improvements to the community-based response to domestic and sexual violence.

The recently-passed FY 18 funding bill provides significant and record investments to address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Investments in VAWA provided increases in housing programs and rural services. FVPSA increases will help domestic violence programs across the country serve more survivors and begin to meet some of the desperate need on tribal lands. The increased VOCA fund cap will allow innovation and expansion of services for victims across the country, and the historic tribal funding stream will allow tribes to create and sustain urgently needed victim services. Increased RPE funding will support more essential rape prevention and education programs. The first ever funding stream for domestic violence rapid re-housing will begin to address survivors' housing needs. We are extremely grateful for these critical funds that will save and transform lives. We encourage Congress to continue investing in these vital programs.

Steady funding for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), along with sustained funding released from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), are beginning to address a portion of the gap in direct services. However, the overwhelming demand for services leaves many of these effective and essential programs short of the necessary funding to meet the need.

VAWA, VOCA, and FVPSA are smart investments that have fueled our undeniable national progress in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Before the passage of VAWA, law enforcement often failed to conduct effective investigations and make arrests where appropriate, prosecutors often declined to file charges they could have proven, and courts often neglected or mishandled cases involving survivors and their families. With the passage of VAWA, the infusion of federal funds fostered unprecedented coordination between frontline stakeholders who respond to domestic violence and sexual assault crises – police officers, victim service providers, prosecutors, judges, and the criminal and civil justice systems. VAWA has elevated a national learning community, fostering innovation and promoting best practices. Additionally, federal VAWA funds encourage states to leverage local and state funds in the effort to end these pervasive crimes. VAWA's work is complemented by VOCA, which funds direct services to victims of all types of crime, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, and FVPSA, which is our nation's only dedicated funding source for domestic violence shelters and direct service organizations.

Return on Investment

VAWA saves lives and taxpayer dollars. In its first six years alone, VAWA saved an estimated \$12.6 billion in net-averted costs.ⁱ Between VAWA's implementation in 1994 and 2011, serious victimization by an intimate partner declined by 72% for women and 64% for men.ⁱⁱ Studies have shown that an increase in the availability of legal services is associated with a decrease in intimate partner homicide.ⁱⁱⁱ VAWA funds, particularly the ones supporting law enforcement, have been found to be a clear link to a reduction in rape and aggravated assault.^{iv} Referring a victim to an advocate has been linked to an increased willingness to file a police report, keeping our communities safer.^v A 2017 study highlighted the effectiveness of bystander intervention funded through VAWA's Rape Prevention and Education Program in reducing sexual assault perpetration.^{vi} Domestic violence shelters, funded in significant part by FVPSA, have proven to be successful at addressing victims' urgent and long-term needs while helping victims protect themselves and their children.^{vii} Additionally, the recent increased funding released via VOCA 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, shelters, rape crisis centers, and other domestic and sexual violence service providers continue to face budget shortfalls. The national spotlight on these crimes is bringing more survivors out of the shadows and increasing requests for services. We applaud these survivors and want 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 2017 survey by the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence shows that the nation's 1,300 sexual assault programs often lack sufficient resources to meet victims' most basic needs. Half of rape crisis centers have a waitlist for counseling services, and 40% have a waitlist of a month or more for prevention programs. In 2017, 28% of rape crisis centers saw an overall decrease in funds as well as a decrease in staffing – almost 80 advocate positions were either laid off or left unfilled.

The CDC found that more than 12 million individuals experience domestic violence every year. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence's 2016 Domestic Violence Counts Census, 72,959 victims of domestic violence received services in one day. However, on the same day, 11,991 requests for services went unmet due to a lack of funding and resources. Of those unmet requests, 66 percent were for safe housing. Also in 2016, domestic violence programs laid off approximately 1,200 staff positions. Most of the laid-off positions were direct service staff, including counselors, advocates, and children's advocates. Given reduced funding and staff, local programs had to reduce or completely eliminate countless services, including emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and counseling.

Additionally, 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 percent of these victims have experienced that violence at the hands of a non-Indian intimate partner.

The federal government funds critical 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 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;
- 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;
- The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA, HHS), which is the federal government's only dedicated funding stream for domestic violence shelters and outreach programs;
- The 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; and
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH, HHS), which receives approximately half a million 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.

VAWA and related discretionary programs 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 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 disabled 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; a national domestic violence hotline; and prevention programs and public health responses to violence and abuse.

Additionally, we request a \$50 million set-aside for housing for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) homelessness assistance program. The funds would 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 you to provide sufficient funding to ensure the timely processing of U visas and VAWA self-petitions for crime victims. Many immigrant victims face difficult challenges seeking assistance or escaping domestic violence, with abusers using 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. Currently, there is a 3-year wait for crime victim visas just to be processed, and several years longer wait to get a visa due to the cap on U-visas. Under VAWA, certain types of immigrant victims who suffered domestic violence, child abuse, or elder abuse may "self-petition" for lawful permanent resident status. VAWA self-petitions also have long wait times and often take years to process. We are requesting sufficient funding to: 1) increase staffing of the Vermont Service Center Humanitarian Unit and the Nebraska Service Center U Visa Unit by at least 60 additional agents, 2) provide adequate resources to hire staff, and 3) increase resources to train adjudicators. These resources are critically needed to be able to address the timely processing of crime victims' applications that can mean the difference between leaving and recovering from abuse, and returning to abusive and exploitative relationships.

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

We ask the Committees to fully fund VAWA, FVPSA, and related programs, set the VOCA cap at an average of the past three years' deposits into the VOCA account and to maintain a tribal funding stream in VOCA, to create a housing set-aside for survivors, and to increase funding for the Vermont and Nebraska Service Centers. We oppose transferring funds from VOCA to fund other programs.

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@nnev.org or Terri Poore, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence at 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,

National

A Better Balance
ACCESS
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
American GI Forum of the US
American Humanist Association
American Medical Student Association
American Psychological Association
Asian American Psychological Association
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
ASISTA
Association of VAWA Administrators (AVA)
Black Women's Blueprint
Brain Injury Association of America
Break the Cycle
Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces
Doctors for America
Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project
End Violence Against Women International
Fairness, Dignity & Respect Project
FaithTrust Institute
Family Values @ Work
Feminist Majority Foundation
FORGE, Inc.

Freedom Network USA
Futures Without Violence
General Federation of Women's Clubs
Girls Inc.
Healthy Teen Network
Hispanic Federation
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA-JPIC
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda
Intermountain Public Health Consulting, LLC
International Association of Forensic Nursing
Jewish Women International
John Snow, Inc. (JSI)
Just Detention International
LCLAA
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
Legal Momentum, the Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund
MANA, A National Latina Organization
Matters of My Heart, LLC
Mi Familia Vota
MomsRising
Movement Advancement Project
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)
National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures
National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Black Justice Coalition
National Center for Health Research
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence
National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women
National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Housing Law Project
National Human Services Assembly
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Juvenile Justice Network
National Latina/o Psychological Association
National Network for Youth
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Organization for Women
National Organization of API Ending Sexual Violence
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National Respite Coalition
National Youth Advocate Program, Inc.
National Council of Negro Women
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
North American MenEngage Alliance

Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity, Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth
Ounce of Prevention Fund
People Demanding Action
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Pretrial Justice Institute
Progressive Congress Action Fund
Protect All Children's Environment
Purse Power, Inc.
RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)
Safe States Alliance
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
SchoolHouse Connection
Service Women's Action Network (SWAN)
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)
Sisters of Charity - Halifax, US Region
Sisters of Charity Federation
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership
Sisters of Charity, BVM
Sisters of Mercy South Central Community
SocioEnergetics Foundation
The Jewish Federations of North America
The John Leary Organization
The Multiracial Activist
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
Ujima, Inc.:
 The National Resource Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community
UltraViolet
Union for Judaism
United Migrant Opportunity Services/UMOS, Inc.
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity
Victim Rights Law Center
Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training (VIET)
Violence Policy Center
VOICE MALE Magazine
Voto Latino
Witness to Mass Incarceration
Women of Color Network, Inc.
Women of Reform Judaism
Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press
Wren & Roch Foundation
Young Feminists & Allies:
 National Organization for Women's (NOW) Inaugural Virtual Chapter
YWCA USA

Alabama

Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence
AshaKiran
Community Service Programs of West AL, Inc.
Greater Birmingham National Organization for Women
YWCA Central Alabama

Alaska

Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
Alaska Institute for Justice
Alaska National Organization for Women Chapter
Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Anvik Tribal Council
Emmonak Women's Shelter
Native Village of Buckland
Standing Together Against Rape

Arizona

Ability360
Agnes' Centers For Domestic Solutions
Alice's Place Inc.
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Catholic Community Services Yuma
Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse
Eve's Place Inc.
Horizon Health and Wellness
Pax Christi Phoenix
Time Out, Inc.
Tohdenasshai Committee Against Family Abuse
Ability360
Agnes' Centers For Domestic Solutions
Alice's Place Inc.
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Catholic Community Services Yuma
Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse
Eve's Place Inc.
Horizon Health and Wellness
Pax Christi Phoenix
Time Out, Inc.
Tohdenasshai Committee Against Family Abuse

Arkansas

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Crisis Intervention Center
Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Family Violence Prevention
Fort Smith Crisis Intervention Center
Ozark Rape Crisis, Inc.
Women and Children First

California

Afghan Coalition
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Women's Shelter
Bay Area Women Against Rape
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault
California Elder Justice Coalition
California National Organization for Women
California Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Center for the Pacific Asian Family
Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County
Community Health Councils
DeafHope
DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc.
Equal Rights Advocates
Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County
Family Services of Tulare County

Greater Hope Foundation
House of Ruth, Inc.
Immigration Center for Women and Children
Korean Community Center of the East Bay
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Minority AIDS Project
Monterey County Rape Crisis Center
North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center
Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas, Inc.
Peace Over Violence
Public Health Advocates
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno
Rape Trauma Services of San Mateo County
RISE
Ruby's Place
Sacramento NOW
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc.
Southwestern Law School Immigration Law Clinic
Sure Helpline Crisis Center
The Resource Connection
The University Corporation dba Strength United
Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center
WISE & Healthy Aging
Women's Center-High Desert, Inc.
YWCA Glendale
YWCA Greater Los Angeles
YWCA of North Orange County
YWCA of San Diego County
YWCA San Francisco & Marin

Colorado

A Woman's Place, Inc.
Advocate Safehouse Project
Advocates of Lake County
Alternative Horizons Corporation
Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Colorado Fiscal Institute
Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)
Crisis Center
Crossroads Safehouse
Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment (DOVE)
Estes Valley Crisis Advocates
Family Tree
Hispanic Affairs Project
Park County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Program
PeaceWorks, Inc. (dba) Mountain Peace Shelter
Project Safeguard
RESPONSE
Rise Above Violence
Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center
Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley
SafeHouse Denver
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center
The Gathering Place: A Refuge for Rebuilding Lives
Voces Unidas for Justice

Domestic Safety Resource Center

Connecticut

All Our Kin
Center for Latino Progress (CPRF)
Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury
The Center for Family Justice
The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education
YWCA Darien/Norwalk
YWCA New Britain

Delaware

Child, Inc.
Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
Delaware Center for Justice
Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families
People's Place
YWCA Delaware

District of Columbia

Amara Legal Center
Ayuda
DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence
DC NOW
DC Rape Crisis Center
DC Volunteer Lawyers Project
District Alliance for Safe Housing, Inc. (DASH)
My Sister's Place, Washington DC
Network for Victim Recovery of DC
Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment
Wanda Alston Foundation

Florida

Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies
Community Coalition on Homelessness dba Turning Points
Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
Daytona Beach Police Department
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence
Florida Impact
Florida National Organization for Women
Gulf Coast Sexual Assault Program
Haitian Neighborhood Center, Sant La Inc.
Human Rights Clinic at Miami Law
Jacksonville Area National Organization for Women
KidSafe Foundation
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Legal Aid Service of Broward County
MUJER, Inc.
Organize Florida
Palm Beach County National Organization for Women
National Organization for Women, Pasco County
Pasco Kids First, Inc.
Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force
Tallahassee NOW

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children
The Victim Service Center of Central Florida
Pinellas Florida National Organization for Women

Georgia

Advocates for Responsible Care (ARxC)
Colquitt County Serenity House Project, Inc.
Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, Inc. DBA Hope Harbour
Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia
Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority
Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc.
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Jewish Family & Career Services of Atlanta
Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center
Rape Response, Inc.
Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc., DBA Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House
Urban Recipe

Hawaii

Hale Ho'omalua Domestic Violence Shelter
YWCA O'ahu

Idaho

1951
Advocates Against Family Violence, Inc.
Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse
BCYCDVH DBA Boundary County Victim Services
Bingham Crisis Center
Family Crisis Center
Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence
Oneida Crisis Center
Priest River Ministries
Safe Passage
Scott Brand
Women's and Children's Alliance
YWCA Lewiston, ID-Clarkston, WA

Illinois

ADV & SAS
Anna Ghar, Inc.
Between Friends
Center on Halsted
Chicago Women's AIDS Project
Englewood Community Connection Outreach Corp.
EverThrive Illinois
Guardian Angel Community Services
HOPE of Ogle County
Illinois Accountability Initiative
Illinois Child Care Bureau
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Illinois National Organization for Women
Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living

Mujeres Latinas En Accion
Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault
Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry
Pillars Community Health
Project IRENE
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator
Rape Victim Advocates
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
Safe Passage
Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service
The Women's Center, Inc.
Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Women and Children's Horizons
YWCA McLean County Stepping Stones
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago
YWCA of the Sauk Valley
YWCA of the University of Illinois

Indiana

Alternatives Incorporated of Madison County
Center for Nonviolence, Inc.
Coburn Place Safe Haven
Girls Inc. of Monroe County
God's Helping Hand
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Indiana Institute for Working Families
Indianapolis NOW
Middle Way House
Wabash Valley Alliance Beyond the Violence
YWCA Evansville
YWCA Greater Lafayette Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program
YWCA Muncie

Iowa

Amani Community Services
Crisis Intervention Service
Deaf Iowans Against Abuse, Inc.
Domestic Violence Intervention Program
Family Crisis Center
Family Crisis Centers, Inc.
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV)
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity
Rape Victim Advocacy Program
YWCA Clinton

Kansas

Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
LARC DVS
Rose Brooks Center
Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc.
SOS, Inc.

Kentucky

Bethany House Abuse Shelter, Inc.
DOVES of Gateway
Green River Regional Rape Victim Services
Hope Harbor, Inc.
Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs
Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Kentucky Equal Justice Center
Kentucky Protection and Advocacy
Purchase Area Sexual Assault & Child Advocacy Center
Sanctuary, Inc.
Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services
Women's Crisis Center

Louisiana

City of Baton Rouge/Office of Social Services
Faith House, Inc.
Family Justice Center of Ouachita Parish
Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic abuse
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse
Louisiana AIDS Advocacy Network, Inc.
Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault
Metro Center's For Community Advocacy
National Organization for Women, Shreveport/Bossier
Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR)
St. Landry-Evangeline Sexual Assault Center
The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.
Union Parish Section 8 Housing
United Way of Southeast Louisiana
Washington Parish Sexual Assault Center
YWCA Greater Baton Rouge

Maine

Caring Unlimited-York County's DVRC
Community Concepts, Inc.
Community Housing of Maine
Family Violence Project
Hope and Justice Project
Immigrant Resource Center Of Maine
Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
New Hope for Women
Partners for Peace
Safe Voices
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services
Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine
Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine
Through These Doors
YWCA Mount Desert Island

Maryland

A Change Would Do You Good, LLC
Addiction Connections Resource
Behavioral Health and Crisis Services Department of Health and Human Services
Court Watch Montgomery
Crisis Intervention Center
Doctors for America - Maryland State
HopeWorks of Howard County
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Maryland National Organization for Women
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, MD
SARC
The Women's Law Center of Maryland
Washington County NOW

Massachusetts

Alternative House
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Boston Medical Center Domestic Violence Program
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc.
Casa Myrna Vazquez
Children's Charter division of The Key Program
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.
Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.
HarborCOV
Harbour House Family Center
Housing Corporation of Arlington
Jane Doe Inc., the MA Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts
New Hope, Inc.
Pathways for Change, Inc., Central MA Rape Crisis Center
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center
The Second Step, Inc.
Transition House
Voices Against Violence
YWCA Cambridge
YWCA Central Massachusetts
YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts
YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts

Michigan

Bay Area Women's Center
CARES of Southwest Michigan
Catherine Cobb Safe House
Center for Civil Justice
Center for Women in Transition
Diane Peppler Resource Center
Domestic Violence Escape, DOVE, Inc.
Family Counseling and Shelter Services of Monroe County

Groundcover News
HAVEN
HIV AIDS Alliance of Michigan
Home for Peace and Justice
Hope Shores Alliance
IHM Sisters Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office
Lansing Area AIDS Network
Livonia Housing Commission
Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence
Michigan Disability Rights Coalition
National Organization for Women, Michigan Chapter
Oasis/Family Resource Center
The Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County
YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region
YWCA Kalamazoo

Minnesota

Committee Against Domestic Abuse (CADA) Inc.
Community Health Service, Inc.
Domestic Abuse Project
Family Pathways
Hands of Hope Resource Center, Inc.
HOPE Coalition
Integrated Community Solutions
MICAH- Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing
Mid Minnesota Legal Aid
Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women
Minnesota NOW
Refuge Network/Family Pathways
Sexual Violence Center
Someplace Safe
Tubman

Mississippi

Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence
Haven House Family Shelter, Inc.
Mississippi Center for Justice
Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Missouri

ALIVE, Inc.
C.A.R.E. of Atchison County, Inc.
Cameron Housing Authority of the City of Cameron
DeafLEAD
Family Self Help Center, d/b/a Lafayette House
FCC Behavioral Health
Good Samaritan of the Ozarks/Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings
Hope House
House of Hope
Kansas City Anti-Violence Project
Lydia's House, Inc.
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
National Organization for Women, Columbia Area

National Organization for Women, Missouri
Phelps County Family Crisis Services/Russell House
Safe Connections
Safe House for Women
Safe Passage
St. Martha's Hall
Synergy Services, Inc.
The Women's Safe House
Victim Support Services, Inc.
WINGS Domestic Violence Shelter
YWCA St. Joseph, MO

Montana

Child Care Resources, Inc.
District 4 Human Resources Development Council, Domestic Abuse Program
Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
Musikanten
Sanders County Coalition For Families
Women's Resource Center
YWCA Billings
YWCA Great Falls

Nebraska

Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska
Crisis Center, Inc.
Domestic Abuse Sexual Assault Services
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Rape/Domestic Abuse Program
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team
Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Inc.
The Bridge
Voices of Hope

Nevada

Domestic Violence Resource Center (formerly CAAW)
Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Nevada Homeless Alliance
Nevada NOW
Nevada Public Health Association
S.A.F.E. House, Inc.
Safe Embrace
Safe Nest: Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Voices Against Violence

New Jersey

Bergen County Alternatives to Domestic Violence (ADV)
Center for Hope and Safety
Christ Presbyterian Church
Displaced Homemakers Network of NJ, Inc.
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
Family Promise Union County
Jersey Battered Women's Service, Inc.
Jewish Family Service & Children's Center of Clifton/Passaic
Modestly Cover Diaper Bank of Essex County

Morris County, NJ National Organization for Women
National Organization for Women of New Jersey
New Jersey Association on Correction
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence
New Jersey Public Health Association
New Jersey Tenants Organization
NJ State Industrial Union Council
National Organization for Women, Northern New Jersey Chapter
National Organization for Women, Middlesex/Somerset Chapter
Richard Brown
Salem County Women's Services
South Jersey NOW, Alice Paul Chapter
WomenRising, Inc.
Women's Rights Information Center
YWCA Bergen County
YWCA Union County

New Mexico

Community Against Violence
Encuentro
Girls Inc. of Santa Fe
Las Cruces Police Department-Victim Assistance Unit
New Mexico Asian Family Center
New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence
New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc.
Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico
Silver Regional Sexual Support Services
Teach For America, New Mexico
Tewa Women United
Tri-County Family Justice Center

New York

A New Hope Center, Inc.
Advocacy Center of Tompkins County
Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center
Arbor Housing and Development
Barrier Free Living
Buffalo prenatal perinatal Network
Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler counties, NY
Cattaraugus Community Action
Chances and Changes, Inc.
Church Women United in New York State
Crime Victims Treatment Center
Day One
Domestic Violence Advocacy Program of the Mechanicville Community Center
Family Services
Girls Inc. of Long Island
Henry Street Settlement
Her Justice
Hope's Door
Housing Works, Inc.
Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley Inc.
JCTOD Outreach, Inc. (dba) Johnson Park Center (JPC)

L.I. Against Domestic Violence
MACSC Domestic Violence Advocacy Program
Mount Vernon United Tenants
My Sister's Place
New Destiny Housing
New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault
New York State Downstate Coalition for Crime Victims
Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp. (NMIC)
PWN=NYC
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.
Safe Homes of Orange County
Safe Horizon
Sanctuary for Families
SICM - Schenectady Community Ministries
Sisters of Charity of New York
Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester Justice & Peace Office
Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, New Windsor, NY
St. Peter's Kitchen
STEPS to End Family Violence
Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service, Inc. (Crisis Services)
The Community Outreach at St. John's Lockport
The Retreat
The Safe Center LI
Turning Point for Women and Families
Vera House, Inc.
Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County
Wellspring
YWCA NorthEastern New York
YWCA of Binghamton & Broome County
YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County Inc.
YWCA Western New York
YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester

North Carolina

Albemarle Hopeline, Inc.
Center for Family Violence Prevention
Child Care Services Association
Durham Crisis Response Center
Equality North Carolina
Family Crisis Council of Rowan, Inc.
Fayetteville Chapter of NOW (NC)
NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Next Step Ministries
North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Safe Alliance
The Outer Banks Hotline, Inc.

North Dakota

CAWS North Dakota
Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota
Rape and Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo Moorhead
Safe Shelter

Walsh County Victim Assistance
YWCA Cass Clay

Ohio

A.L.I.V.E, INC
Abuse & Rape Crisis Shelter of Warren County
Artemis Center
Asian Services In Action
Battered Women's Shelter
Cogswell Hall, Inc.
Community Development Corporation Resource Consortium, Inc.
Council on Domestic Violence Inc. DBA: Open Arms
Crime Victim Services
Domestic Violence Project, Inc.
Eastlake Police Victim Assistance
EVE, Incorporated
Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research
First Presbyterian Church
Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, US Area
Harbor House Domestic Violence Shelter / Harbor Point Domestic Violence Shelter a Division of
Personal and Family Counseling Services, an OhioGuidestone Organization
Healthy Fathering Collaborative
National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter
Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence
Ohio Council of Churches
Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families
Rape Crisis Center
Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven
Rape Crisis Team of Trumbull County
Southern Ohio Sexual Assault Treatment Center
The Cocoon
The Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.
Tri-County Help Center, Inc.
Ursuline Social Justice Office
Westland Ecumenical Community Food Pantry
Women Helping Women
Xenia Area Fish Food Pantry
YWCA Dayton
YWCA Greater Cincinnati
YWCA of Van Wert County
YWCA Warren
YWCA Youngstown

Oklahoma

Community Crisis Center
Crisis Control Center, Inc.
Domestic Violence Intervention Services (DVIS)
Help In Crisis
Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma
Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Women In Safe Home, Inc.
Women's Haven

Women's Resource Center
YWCA Oklahoma City

Oregon

CASA of Oregon
Cascade AIDS Project
Central Oregon Coast Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW)
Community Action Program of East Central Oregon
Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest
Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance
Northwest Pilot Project
Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
Russian Oregon Social Services, a Program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Womenspace
YWCA of Greater Portland

Pennsylvania

Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh
Blackburn Center
Butler YWCA
Clinton County Women's Center
Crime Victim Center of Erie
Crisis Center North
Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County
Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc.
Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County, Inc.
Domestic Violence Service Center, Inc.
Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA
Hunger-Free Pennsylvania
Laurel House
Lawrence County Community Action Partnership
Lutheran Settlement House
Mazzoni Center
Mifflin County Crime Victim Services
Ni-ta-nee NOW
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Organization for Women
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Pennsylvania Head Start Association
Philly Neighborhood Networks
PPC Violence Free Network/Shelter
Survivors, Inc.
The Abuse Network, Inc.
The Women's Center Inc. of Columbia/Montour Counties
Transitions of Pennsylvania
Victim Outreach Intervention Center
Victims' Intervention Program
Women Against Abuse, Inc.
Women's Center of Montgomery County
Women's Law Project
Women's Resources of Monroe County, Inc.

YWCA Carlisle
YWCA Greater Pittsburgh
YWCA Lancaster

Rhode Island

Amos House
Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center
Day One
Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County
Progreso Latino
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Sojourner House
Women's Resource Center

South Carolina

Able South Carolina
Beyond Abuse
Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons
Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties
Foothills Alliance
Hopeful Horizons
Julie Valentine Center
Laurens County SAFE Home
Meg's House Shelter for Abused Women and Children
People Against Rape
Pickens County Advocacy Center
Rape Crisis Center (Serving Horry & Georgetown Counties)
Safe Harbor, Inc.
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
Sistercare
South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Union County Council on Aging
YWCA of the Upper Lowland, Inc.

Tennessee

Healthy and Free Tennessee
Knoxville Feminist Action Brigade
Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Women Are Safe, Inc.
YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee

Texas

Atascosa Family Crisis Center
Children's Defense Fund - Texas
Crisis Center of the Plains
Crisis Center of West Texas
Daya Inc.
Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Inc.
Family Support Services of Amarillo, Inc.
Fannin County Family Crisis Center
Girls Inc. of San Antonio
Hays-Caldwell Women's Center

Hope Alliance
Kendall County Women's Shelter
Mosaic Family Services
National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter
Open Arms Rape Crisis Center & LGBT+ Services
SAFE | Stop Abuse For Everyone
Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
Texas Muslim Women's Foundation , Inc.
TexProtects/Prevent Child Abuse Texas
The Montrose Center
The Purple Door
Trafficking and Exploitation Action Network
YWCA Greater Austin

Utah

Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center
CAPSA
Disability Law Center
DOVE Center
KAVA Talks
New Hope Crisis Center
Pacific Island Knowledge 2 Action Resources
Pacific Island Women's Empowerment
Peace House
Safe Harbor Crisis Center
Seekhaven Family Crisis & Resource Center
South Valley Services
St. Anne's Center/Lantern House
Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Utah Domestic Violence Coalition
YWCA Utah

Vermont

Disability Rights Vermont
Homeless Prevention Center
National Association of Social Workers, Vermont Chapter
Sexual Assault Crisis Team
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging
The Dream Center
Voices Against Violence
Voices for Vermont's Children

Virgin Islands

V. I. Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Council

Virginia

Fairfax Grassroots
Lorton Community Action Center
Moral Mondays on D.O.G. Street
Phoenix Project
Shelter House, Inc.
The James House Intervention/Prevention Services, Inc.

Virginia Anti-Violence Project
Virginia NOW
Virginia Poverty Law Center
YWCA South Hampton Roads

Washington

API Chaya
Casa Latina
Children's Alliance
Citizens Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse
Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence
Crisis Support Network
Disability Rights Washington
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services
Domestic Violence Services of Benton & Franklin Counties
Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County
Dove House Advocacy Services
El Centro de la Raza
Emergency Support Shelter
Faith Action Network
Forks Abuse Program
Jewish Family Service of Seattle
LifeWire
Lower Valley Crisis and Support Services
SAGE- Safety, Advocacy, Growth & Empowerment of Chelan & Douglas Counties
Snohomish Community Food Bank
Sravasti Abbey
Tacoma Community House
The DOVE Project
Toppenish Community Chest
Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
Washington State Chapter National Organization For Women
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV)
YWCA Clark County
YWCA of Yakima
YWCA Spokane
YWCA Walla Walla

West Virginia

CONTACT Rape Crisis Center
Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Family Crisis Intervention Center of Region V, Inc.
Family Refuge Center
REACH Rape Crisis Program/The Counseling Connection
Shenandoah Women's Center
Stop Abusive Family Environments, Inc.
West Virginia Child Advocacy Network
West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services
Women's Resource Center
YWCA of Wheeling

Wisconsin

9to5 WI

Association for Prevention of Family Violence (APFV)
ASTOP Sexual Abuse Center
AVAIL, Inc.
Brighter Tomorrows
Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.
Community Development Authority of Marshfield
Community Referral Agency
Couleecap, Inc.
Embrace Services, Inc.
End Domestic Abuse WI
Family Advocates, Inc.
Family Center
Family Support Center
FRIENDS Inc.
HAVEN, INC.
HELP of Door County, Inc.
Madison-area Urban Ministry
Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth, Inc.
New Day Shelter
New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers
Passages, Inc.
People Against a Violent Environment, Inc. (PAVE)
People Against Domestic and Sexual Abuse of Jefferson County WI
Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.
Reach Counseling Services
Safe Haven Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Support Center
Sexual Assault Services of LSS
Stepping Stones, Inc.
Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence
Vernon County Domestic Abuse Project
Violence Intervention Project
Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health
Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice
YWCA Madison

Wyoming

Advocacy & Resource Center
Crook County Family Violence
FOCUS, Inc.
Johnson County Family Crisis Center
Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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