

# HOW YOU CAN HELP.

PARTICIPATE | ADVOCATE | DONATE

As the state coalition leading the charge against domestic violence, GCADV is uniquely positioned to help bring about change for survivors of abuse in Georgia. We utilize a variety of public and private sources to help achieve our mission but we need your help. The best way to help end domestic violence is by getting involved and making a difference in your community. GCADV can help you find a number of different ways to get involved :

## SPEAK UP

Write a local journalist and let them know how you feel about their portrayal of domestic violence in the media. You can also use social media or the GCADV blog (gcadv.org) to share your thoughts or articles about domestic violence.

## VOLUNTEER

There are countless volunteer opportunities both at GCADV and our member programs. You can also join a domestic violence task force and use your unique talents to help GCADV or help create systems change in your community.

## HOST AN EVENT

Contact us to learn more about our **Cell Phone Drive** campaigns as well as the **Cut It Out** events with local salons. These events are fun and raise both money and awareness.

## GIVE

Donating to GCADV or a local program has an immediate and positive impact. Our website (gcadv.org) has an easy to use donation page where you can help us fund our advocacy, research and change efforts.

Call us at 404.209.0280 or visit [gcadv.org](http://gcadv.org) to learn more about how you can help.

Together, we say to victims that they do not have to take the journey to safety alone and that we will create a community that is safe for all.

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OVERVIEW

24-Hour Statewide Hotline - 1.800.33.HAVEN (1.800.334.2836) V/TTY

[WWW.GCADV.ORG](http://WWW.GCADV.ORG)

GEORGIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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# SERVICES & PROGRAMS

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** is one of the most pressing public health issues of our time.

It is a leading cause of injury to women in Georgia between the ages of 15 and 44, with nearly one out of every three women in this age group being abused at least once by their partners during their lifetimes\*. All too often, this violence becomes deadly, with Georgia ranking 10th in the country for its rate of men killing women\*\*.

## **Over 100 Georgians lose their lives to domestic violence each year.**

### **OUR MISSION**

The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. (GCADV) brings together member agencies, allied organizations and supportive individuals who are committed to ending domestic violence. Guided by the voices of survivors, we work to create social change by addressing the root causes of this violence. GCADV leads advocacy efforts for responsive public policy and fosters quality, comprehensive prevention and intervention services throughout the state.

\* Division of Public Health, Georgia Department of Human Resources, 2001  
\*\* Violence Policy Center, 2010

### **IMPLEMENTING THE MISSION**

Being a coalition means working together for a common cause. We know that now and in the years to come, we will be up against enormous challenges that promise to test our capacity for conviction and perseverance. It is as vital as ever that we remember that the foundation for the future success of this Coalition lies in our hands, all of us, collectively. As we coalesce around our common cause, we do so with the voices of domestic violence survivors and their needs for safety always in the forefront of our minds.

### **SAFETY FOR ALL**

#### **Outreach Initiative to Underserved Populations**

GCADV recognizes the need to provide all members of the Georgia community with equal opportunities to reach safety. GCADV is working to increase cultural competency and attitudinal accessibility by providing training to advocates across Georgia. By working with, supporting and highlighting immigrants and refugees, LGBTQ communities, people with disabilities, Deaf individuals, teens, elders, survivors in the movement, communities of color and others, we hope to increase collaboration and access for survivors of all backgrounds to receive the services and safety they deserve. A primary objective is to increase the marketing of Georgia's 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline, 1.800.33.HAVEN (1.800.334.2836) V/TTY so that all people in Georgia will have knowledge of the hotline and that cultural or language differences will not be barriers to getting help.

### **PATHWAYS**

#### **Member Initiatives to Create A Safety Net and Increase Resources**

GCADV provides services to members through a strategic communication plan that includes regular e-publications for members and a new interactive website with a members only section. Other Pathways initiatives include domestic violence provider training, legislative advocacy, brochures and publications, economic justice advocacy, community outreach and regular technical assistance. Pathways encourages enhanced collaborations and the inclusion of best practices at all levels of GCADV Member Program Staff, from advocates to executive directors and even boards of directors.

### **IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD**

#### **Education and Media Initiative to Reduce Fatalities, Engage the Community and Mobilize a Statewide Voice**

GCADV strives to show the community that domestic violence is happening "in your own backyard." We create awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence through the media, billboards, fatality review reports, public service announcements and the GCADV info kit. This initiative is designed to help bystanders, friends, family and faith communities understand and respond to the domestic violence that is affecting so many people in our community. In Your Own Backyard offers resources for a variety of helping professionals, such as attorneys, clergy, law enforcement, judges, doctors and nurses to better identify and more safely respond to domestic violence concerns. One particular program of this initiative provides workplace trainings and consults on workplace safety planning and domestic violence policy development. GCADV encourages employers to increase awareness of domestic violence through cell phone drives, action alerts, training and human resources practices.