

# A SNAPSHOT of GEORGIA: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

## Domestic violence

Oct. 2012 to Sept. 2013



## Rape and sexual assault

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In FFY 2013, Georgia's 46 state-certified domestic violence programs

- Answered **58,955** crisis line calls
- Provided **248,463** bednights of shelter
- Conducted **5,065** community awareness and outreach events

In FFY 2013, Georgia's 22 state-funded sexual assault centers

- Served **3,944** victims of rape and sexual assault, including **2,276** adult victims and **1,668** child victims
- Conducted **1,300** community awareness and prevention events with **130,135** participants

Data provided by the Governor's Office for Children and Families



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Family  
Violence



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Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault

# Support legislation to make strangulation assault a felony offense!

Over **44%** of domestic violence victims served by Georgia's state-certified domestic violence programs have been **strangled**, according to a recent survey.

Victims of prior attempted strangulation are **8 times more likely to be killed** by the same abusive partners.

Georgia ranks **12th in the nation** for the rate at which women are killed by men.

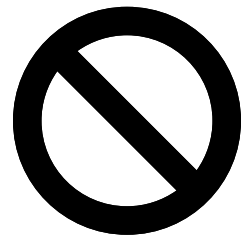
Defining strangulation as a felony under the aggravated assault statute will better enable prosecutors to successfully prosecute this crime and seek a sentence that reflects the seriousness of this offense.

## CURRENT GAPS IN VICTIM SERVICES



**4,612** victims and their children were **turned away** from domestic violence shelters due to lack of bed space in FFY 2013

Victims of rape and sexual assault in **27 Georgia counties** have **NO ACCESS to services** of a sexual assault center, and victims in **26 other counties** have access to only **limited services**



**Thank you for supporting stable funding for Georgia's domestic violence and sexual assault centers!**

State funding to Georgia's domestic violence and sexual assault centers is a worthwhile investment in public safety. This funding helps to ensure that victims of these crimes have options for escaping abuse and not becoming a statistic.