

A SNAPSHOT of GEORGIA: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Domestic violence

Oct. 2015 to Sept. 2016



Rape and sexual assault

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In FFY 2016, Georgia's 46 state-certified domestic violence programs

- Sheltered **5,390** victims and their children
- Provided **332,110** bednights of shelter
- Conducted **2,026** community awareness and outreach events with **298,529** participants

In FFY 2016, Georgia's 31 state-funded sexual assault centers

- Served **4,694** victims of rape and sexual assault, including **2,605** adult victims and **2,089** child victims
- Conducted **3,839** community awareness and outreach events with **120,685** participants

Data provided by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council



Georgia
Commission on
Family
Violence



Pass legislation to keep guns out of the hands of domestic violence perpetrators!

529 Georgians were killed

by firearm in domestic violence incidents between 2010 and 2015.

The vast majority - roughly 70% - of domestic violence deaths in Georgia each year are committed using firearms.

Every neighboring state in the Southeast, including Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida, has enacted similar legislation.

Georgia ranks **8th in the nation** for the rate at which women are killed by men.

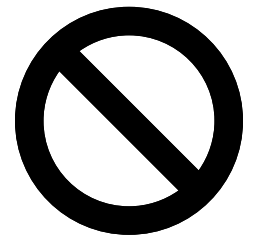
1. Make it a felony crime for domestic violence perpetrators to possess a firearm or ammunition while subject to a Family Violence Protective Order or if convicted of a family violence-related misdemeanor.
2. Require these individuals to relinquish their firearms and ammunition to local law enforcement.

CURRENT GAPS IN VICTIM SERVICES



1,557 victims and their children were **turned away** from domestic violence shelters due to lack of bed space in FFY 2016

Victims of rape and sexual assault in **22 Georgia counties** have **NO ACCESS to services** of a sexual assault center, and victims in **30 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.