

A SNAPSHOT of GEORGIA: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Domestic violence

Oct. 2010 to Sept. 2011



Rape and sexual assault

July 2010 to June 2011



In federal FY 2011, Georgia's 46 state-certified domestic violence programs....

- Answered **68,622** crisis line calls
- Provided **279,472** bednights of shelter
- Conducted **4,026** community education events.

In state FY 2011, Georgia's 24 state-funded sexual assault centers....

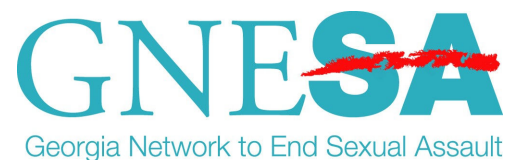
- Served **5,575** victims of rape and sexual assault, including **3,890** adult victims and **1,685** child victims
- Conducted **728** community awareness and prevention events with **29,302** participants



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Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault

Georgia ranks 6th in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men.

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.

Please do your part by supporting Governor Deal's funding recommendations for domestic violence and sexual assault programs in the AFY 2012 and FY 2013 budgets.

AREAS OF UNMET NEED

2,900 victims and their children were **turned away** from domestic violence shelters due to lack of available space in FFY 2011.

Victims of rape and sexual assault in **57** Georgia counties have **NO access** to services of a state-certified sexual assault center.

IMPORTANT SERVICES PROVIDED

Not just shelter, but also...

- Someone to reach out to for crisis support 24/7
- Support groups for adults and children to share their experiences and heal
- One-on-one advocacy, safety planning, and counseling
- Trained advocates to help victims navigate the court system when seeking Temporary Protective Orders, pursuing criminal charges, or other legal matters
- Trained advocates to help victims become financially self-sufficient by connecting them with employment, helping with budgeting skills, and securing transportation

A lifeline for victims of sexual assault

- Someone to reach out to for crisis support 24/7
- Trained advocates to accompany victims to forensic medical exams
- Support groups for adults and children to share experiences and heal
- One-on-one advocacy and counseling
- A resource for sexual assault prevention education in the community
- Trained advocates to help victims navigate the court system