

# A SNAPSHOT of GEORGIA: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

## Domestic violence, 2010



In 2010, Georgia's 46 state-certified domestic violence programs....

- Provided shelter to **7,544** victims and their children
- Served **63,085** non-residential victims, up **18%** from 2009
- Provided **939,521** services to victims and their children

## Rape and sexual assault, 2010



In 2010, Georgia's 24 state-funded rape crisis centers....

- Served **5,694** victims of rape and sexual assault, including **4,022** adult victims and **1,672** child victims
- Provided accompaniment to **1,042** medical appointments including rape kits and follow-up exams
- Answered **4,668** crisis calls



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# Eliminating ALL state funds to Georgia's domestic violence and sexual assault centers and replacing them with TANF funds is NOT a viable solution to budget shortfalls.

After years of funding cuts, Georgia's domestic violence and sexual assault centers are struggling to keep their doors open. These centers rely on state funding for critical operating expenses that other funding sources—including TANF—cannot cover. Federal TANF restrictions may prevent the use of TANF dollars for services currently supported by state dollars, such as services to single adults without children.

Additionally, Georgia's TANF grant may be decreased by the federal government, jeopardizing all services funded by TANF. As demand for domestic violence and sexual assault services is increasing, Georgia should not destabilize the funding for these life-saving services by eliminating all state funding.

## OTHER TROUBLING FACTS

In 2010, domestic violence shelters were forced to turn away

**2,636** victims and their children due to lack of available space

Victims of rape and sexual assault in

**51** Georgia counties have **NO access** to services

Georgia ranks **10th** in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men.

Domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers have been forced to make up to **50%** cuts to staff

Domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers are experiencing up to **60%** cuts in private donations and charitable giving

## LIFE-SAVING and LIFE-CHANGING SERVICES PROVIDED

### Domestic violence shelter services

- 24-hour crisis line support
- 24-hour, 7-day-a-week residential services
- One-on-one support and advocacy
- Support groups, both for adults and for children
- Legal advocacy and court accompaniment
- Assistance with Temporary Protective Orders
- Helping victims become financially self-sufficient through assistance with job search, transportation to work, job readiness skills training, and budgeting classes
- Financial assistance

### Rape crisis center services

- 24-hour crisis line support
- Accompaniment to medical appointments including rape kits and follow-up exams
- Court accompaniment
- Sexual assault nurse examinations
- Individual and group counseling
- Assistance with accessing victims compensation
- Sexual assault prevention education programs
- Financial assistance