



2020 Public Policy Agenda

GCADV'S POLICY STANCE

- We value and want public policy efforts that create a state where everyone feels safe.
- We value and want a public policy process where people's voice and autonomy are valued.
- We value and want a public policy process where people are openly informed and engaged.
- We value and want public processes and policies that are inclusive and welcoming across race, class, culture, ability, identity, etc.

PRIORITY ISSUES

ISSUE:

FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

POSITION STATEMENT: State-administered funding for domestic violence programs is a crucial component of the network of services and systems that assist victims of domestic violence in Georgia. GCADV supports the Governor's proposal for level-funding of domestic and sexual violence programs.

ISSUE:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

POSITION STATEMENT: GCADV supports legislation which mirrors existing federal law making it a felony crime for domestic violence perpetrators to possess a firearm or ammunition while they are subject to a Family Violence Temporary Protective Order or if they are convicted of a qualifying family violence-related misdemeanor. GCADV also supports legislative efforts which would require domestic violence perpetrators who are subject to this prohibition to relinquish their firearms to local law enforcement.

ISSUE:

STRENGTHENING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY AND DATING VIOLENCE

POSITION STATEMENT: GCADV supports legislation to amend O.C.G.A. 19-13-1 to expand the family violence definition to include dating partners or persons whom a past or present pregnancy has developed.

ISSUE:

DEFINITION CHANGE OF PRIMARY AGGRESSOR

POSITION STATEMENT: GCADV supports legislation to amend O.C.G.A. language from primary aggressor to dominant aggressor. This will help with reducing arrests of survivors and adequately reflect the reality of the incidences from the lens of isolated behavior to patterned behavior.



OTHER ISSUES WE ARE MONITORING AT THE LEGISLATURE

GCADV supports measures that:

- Enhance survivor access to services such as healthcare/Medicaid.
- Enhances economic well-being and sustainability of all people.
- Centers the protection, access, and rights of all people.