



2021 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 requests 2.7M in funding for domestic and sexual violence programs.

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: STRENGTHENING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF STALKING

POSITION STATEMENT: GCADV supports legislation to amend O.C.G.A. § 16-5-90 to expand the stalking definition to recognize that stalking can happen in any public or private property occupied by the victim.

ISSUE: GCADV SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON SEXUAL ASSAULT

POSITION STATEMENT: GCADV supports SB 287 that seeks to remove the statute of limitations on allegations of sexual assault.

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 including Living Wage and Paid Leave.
- Centers the protection, access, and rights of all people including firearms legislation.