

Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
2018 Annual Report



# A Letter from our Leadership

Dear Friends of GCADV,

Thank you for making the 2017/2018 an incredible year! We spent the year deepening our relationships with members, survivors, partners, supporters, and all of you! Our work has focused on expanding awareness and broadening our impact, while intentionally striving to live into the values of equity, wholeness, and freedom.

We began the year with **Stop Violence Against Women Day**—a day that focused on safety and survival for survivors. Throughout the year our trainings and technical assistance centered on trauma, safety, and healing for survivors and communities. Our **Community Engagement Project** continued to support community-based programs and learn from historically oppressed and marginalized communities how to better support survivors from those communities.

The **Child and Youth Project** supported those who work young people exposed to domestic violence including child advocates and mental health therapists. Our **Disabilities Project** continued to work with member pilot sites to build their capacity to serve Deaf and Hard of Hearing survivors. And, the **Fatality Review Project** had a deep focus on the connection between domestic violence fatalities and stalking.

As you read about our year, some of these themes will be evident. As we continue to focus on on-the-ground solutions to violence, we know we can count on your continued support.

**Together we are all making a difference!**



Katie Bates  
GCADV Board President



Jan Christiansen  
Executive Director

## Statewide Statistics

Over **850** Georgians were killed by a firearm in domestic violence incidents between 2010 and 2018

Georgia ranked **25th** in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men.



Sheltered **6,152** victims and their children

Answered **45,715** crisis line calls

Provided **452,998** bed nights of shelter

**2,753** victims and children did not receive shelter due to **lack of bed space.**

Conducted **1,432** community awareness & outreach events.

**8,613** GCADV training hours impacted **2,065** advocates

# Advocacy

## Stop Violence Against Women Day

Hundreds gathered at the Georgia State Capitol on January 30th, 2018 to urge legislators to support proposals which seek to enhance the safety of domestic and sexual assault survivors. This year GCADV along with partner organizations, focused on two issues that have historically had a great impact on survivor safety and well-being.

### 1) Support measures to increase victim safety and keep firearms out of the hands of domestic violence perpetrators.

- 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, have enacted similar legislation.
- States that have laws which restrict access to firearms by individuals subject to domestic violence restraining orders see an 8 to 13 percent reduction in intimate partner homicide rates and a 25 percent reduction in intimate partner gun homicides in their cities.
- In the years between 2010 and 2017, over 700 Georgians were killed by firearms in domestic violence incidents.



### 2) Support measures to enhance safe housing for victims and decrease financial barriers to safety.



- Over 80% of homeless women and children have experienced domestic violence.
- Victims of domestic violence bound by lease agreements may remain in unsafe housing to avoid financial penalties which damage their credit and rental history.
- **Georgia has fallen behind 27 other states** (including TX, NC, and VA), which offer victims the ability to vacate a lease without financial penalty.
- Georgia offers no protection for victims who need to terminate their lease agreement due to abuse, unless you live in publicly funded housing.

Kimya Motley, Tameka Palmer, and Elisa Covarrubias shared their stories during the survivor panel that morning.

## 2017-2018 Legislative Highlight

**Georgia House Bill 834**, enhances housing protections for victims of family violence by allowing early lease termination without financial penalty by providing a civil or criminal protective order and a police report.

This bill came into effect July 1, 2018 .

The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence offers a variety of trainings to domestic violence programs and other professionals to strengthen our state's response to domestic violence and ensure that victims receive the best advocacy services possible. GCADV provides on-site and web-based training to domestic violence programs. Below are some examples of trainings GCADV has developed for advocates and partner organizations.



## Mental Health Training

GCADV hosted a two-day training in Tifton, Georgia on the intersection between domestic violence and mental health. Ruth's Cottage & The Patticake House and Wholistic Therapeutic Services participated in learning how to offer best practices when working with survivors that experience mental health concerns. The curriculum for this training was developed and adapted by the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health and facilitated by trainers, Alexis Champion and Michelle White.



## The Youngest Survivors: Supporting Children & Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence

This training addresses the many aspects of service provision for child and youth advocacy in domestic violence settings. In this one-day training, advocates will be provided with information, tools, knowledge and strategies to use in direct practice with children, youth and their caregivers. Topics discussed in this training include: strengthening advocate self-care practice, exploring the impact

of witnessing domestic violence on child development, developing a child-centered safety plan, highlighting cultural humility, and assessing access to community resources.

## Don't Knock the Hustle: Centering Survivors Strengths and Skills Towards Economic Empowerment

The purpose of this training is to explore non-traditional ways for survivors to gain financial empowerment. It is centered on a trauma-informed, survivor-focused, and empowerment based approach, with a focus on tapping into and cultivating existing creative skills. Advocates will also gain an understanding of the larger systems of oppression that effect survivors from marginalized and culturally-specific communities. **To access our archived webinars, and to view and register for upcoming in-person training, visit our training website <https://training.gcadv.org>**

**"The Frontline Training** has given my staff the tools needed to think outside of their worldviews. Many times, it is difficult for us to fully understand what someone is going through because we haven't lived it ourselves.

This training helps in opening the eyes of staff members to the difficult decisions survivors have to make in order to leave their abusers all while giving us the skills needed in order to best help each family/individual."

- Haley Clark, Executive Director of Colquitt County Serenity House Project, Inc.

# Fatality Review Project

## A Closer Look at Stalking Behaviors

The Project's 14th Annual Report focuses on the problem of intimate partner stalking. The Project identified stalking behaviors in 58 percent of its reviewed cases. Stalking is defined as a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. Reviewed stalking cases included a pattern of behaviors including: following the victim or showing up at locations where the victim was; driving by the victim's home, school or work; using technology or other methods to monitor, track, or harass the victim; sending unwanted gifts or messages; causing damage to property; threatening to hurt the victim or others; or related actions designed to control and intimidate the victim.

### Key findings in the Report include:

- **Intimate partner stalkers are the most dangerous type of stalker and stalking is a risk factor for homicide.** Intimate partner stalkers utilize multiple strategies to monitor and control victims including surveillance, life invasion, intimidation, and interference.
- **Perpetrators in reviewed stalking cases engaged in threatening and intimidating behaviors at a higher rate.** Perpetrators were more likely to make threats to kill the victim (present in 67 percent) and threaten the victim with a weapon (present in 43 percent).
- **A history of physical assault was more prevalent in reviewed stalking cases than in non-stalking cases.** In 95 percent of stalking cases the perpetrator had a history of physically assaulting the victim. Strangulation, a dangerous and lethal form of physical assault, occurred in stalking cases at over twice the rate of non-stalking cases. Perpetrators were twice as likely to have sexually assaulted the victim prior to the homicide than in non-stalking cases.
- **In 74 percent of reviewed stalking cases, a Temporary Protective Order was violated prior to the fatal incident.** These incidents signal missed opportunities to hold perpetrators, who subsequently went on to kill their victims, accountable for ongoing abuse.
- **Homicides in reviewed stalking cases were more likely to occur in "public" spaces,** such as the home of a family member or friend, a parking lot or sidewalk, a workplace or on public land. Thirty-nine percent of fatal incidents in reviewed stalking cases occurred away from the home.
- **Many bystanders witness these tragic events.** Witnesses to the homicide were present in 56 percent of the reviewed stalking cases, 38 percent of the witnesses were children.

Estimates show that 312,000 Georgians may be stalked annually. We owe it to those victims & we owe it to the Georgians killed in domestic violence-related incidents, to understand the problem of stalking & improve our response to it.



For more information about the Fatality Review Project or the 14th Annual Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project Report, please go to [georgiafatalityreview.com](http://georgiafatalityreview.com).

# Community Engagement



## Community Relationships Informing Survivor Engagement

GCADV's Community Relationships Informing Survivor Engagement (RISE) Project, supports Georgia's community based non-profit organizations providing culturally relevant services to survivors of domestic violence (DV) who identify from communities of color and other marginalized communities. This project is specifically designed to cater to the needs of small, non-traditional, grassroots organizations who are un-resourced or under-resourced as they rise in their communities to meet the short-and long-term needs of DV

survivors. Selected organizations will receive up to twenty four months of intense on-site training and technical assistance, with the potential for long term follow-up and support.

GCADV's goal is to assist community based organizations in building overall organizational capacity and sustainability towards their success in proficiently meeting the needs of DV survivors and their communities. This goal is accomplished by providing organizations with:

- Monthly in-person technical assistance related to organizational capacity building and sustainability.
- Assessment of organizational practices, policies, and procedures.
- In-person work sessions for strategic planning and implementation.
- Mission cultivation and streamlining support.
- Cultivation & assessment of culturally relevant & linguistically appropriate services, resources, programming, & outreach.
- Board training
- Access to state and national training opportunities and information.



### Community Based Organizations

Amani Women's Center  
Pearls of Resilience  
Hurt 2 Heal  
MACOSH Healing Network  
Noor Family Services  
Precious Petals Foundation  
Sister's Empowerment Network  
Rose of Sharon

"I had the opportunity to attend both trainings that left me in awe. Words cannot explain how the trainings has changed my life and my perspective on working with survivors from the African-American/Black community."

-2018 Community RISE Participant Survey

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## Member Programs 2017 - 2018

Ahimsa House, Inc.

AVLF Safe & Stable Families

Camden Community Crisis Center, Inc.

Center for Pan Asian Community Services

Cherokee Family Violence Center

Circle of Hope

Colquitt County Serenity House

Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia

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Assistance Program

FAITH-Fight Abuse in the Home

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Spalding County Sheriff's Department,

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Women's Resource Center

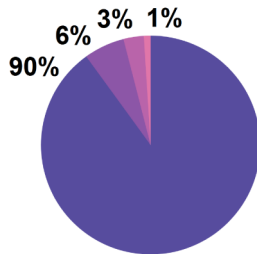




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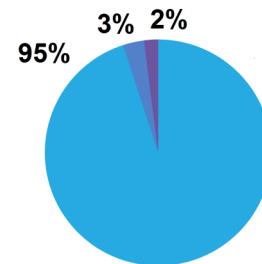
### REVENUE

Federal & State Awards	1,723,950	90%
Membership	56,476	3%
Contributions	115,492	6%
Other	21,005	1%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,916,923</b>	<b>100%</b>



### EXPENSES

Programs	1,758,287	95%
Legislative Advocacy	51,632	3%
Administrative	46,146	2%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,856,065</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Donors 2017-2018

## Thank you to all of our supporters!

Your support makes all our programs possible and makes a difference in the lives of survivors and their children across Georgia. Together we can help to not only transform the lives of survivors but also our cultural and systemic response to domestic violence and oppression in our state. #WeBeginsWithMe

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# Programs and Initiatives

## GCADV's mission is Collaborate. Advocate. Educate. Empower.

We envision a Georgia free of domestic violence, we empower survivors and the programs that serve them, we educate the public, and we advocate for responsive public policy. Our strength is in numbers, as we collaborate throughout Georgia to stop domestic violence.

### We support our mission by:

- Fostering quality services for victims by increasing the capacity of members and service providers.
- Mobilizing a statewide voice to increase public policy development that helps victims and prevents domestic violence.
- Educating the public to take action and prevent domestic violence.

### Core Programs

- **Training:** Providing comprehensive survivor focused training and information resources to domestic violence programs, first responders, healthcare providers, and others.
- **Technical Assistance:** Providing hands-on guidance and support to domestic violence programs across the state to ensure high quality care as they work directly with survivors and their families.
- **Public Policy and Advocacy:** Ensuring that the interests and rights of domestic violence survivors are protected and upheld.
- **Statewide Outreach:** Ensuring communities across the state are informed about domestic violence and motivated to create change in the prevention, intervention, and response to domestic violence.
- **24-Hour Statewide Hotline:** 1.800.334.2836 Providing coordinated access to safety and support.
- **Rapid-Rehousing Project:** Connecting survivors to permanent housing resources through three of our member programs.
- **Fatality Review Project:** Enhancing victim safety and batterer accountability through annual analysis and reporting of domestic violence fatalities and the gaps in services and systems response.
- **Community Engagement:** Engaging communities and stakeholders to ensure access to safe, compassionate care and justice for all victims. This involves Community Conversations, specialized trainings, and the Community Rise Project.
- **Child & Youth Project:** provides training opportunities, technical assistance and resources for direct service providers that work with children and youth exposed to domestic violence.
- **Disabilities Project:** In partnership with the GA Center for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing to create better services for survivors, beginning with 5 pilot sites across the state to include training, mentoring, resources, & technical assistance.



*we* begins with *me*

Ending domestic violence & all forms of oppression begins with each of us.  
We each must come together as the collective “we” to create communities  
That embody love, peace, equity, and connection.



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