



Collaborate. Advocate. Educate. Empower.

Forward Movement

Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Annual Report 2014

Together

We create forward movement

Dear Friends,

For over 30 years, GCADV has given voice to the issue of domestic violence in Georgia. 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 work collaboratively throughout Georgia to stop domestic violence.

Thank you for your support of GCADV. This year, because of the commitment and diligence of our member programs, staff, volunteers, and allies, we have experienced significant forward movement in our mission. GCADV, along with the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, worked to introduce and pass Georgia House Bill 911 into law, making strangulation assault a felony offense. GCADV continued to promote systemic change and advocacy by collaborating with the Georgia Commission on Family Violence and the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault to host the annual Stop Violence Against Women Day at the Georgia Capitol. We also continue to expand our training and technical assistance efforts. This year we provided intensive on-site assistance to domestic violence and child protective services agencies in two Georgia communities to help develop more collaborative approaches to serving families.

GCADV values all of our partnerships. Together, we can eliminate the systemic, cultural, and individual barriers that contribute to domestic violence. Please consider making a donation to GCADV. Your donation enables us to continue the work of ensuring homes free from violence. No donation is too small, and every gift makes a difference. Thank you for taking the time to read about how we, collectively, are making an impact on the lives of domestic violence survivors and the programs that serve them.



Jan Christiansen
Executive Director



Amy Weaver
Board President

Overview

Georgia domestic violence during 2014

Georgia ranked **9th** in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men.

5,879 victims and children did not receive shelter due to lack of bed space.

Georgia's **46** state-certified domestic violence programs:



Served **30,404** adult and child victims

Provided **264,186** bed nights of shelter



Conducted **4,791** community awareness and outreach events

Our Mission

Collaborate. Advocate. Educate. Empower

Our strength is in numbers, as we collaborate throughout Georgia to stop domestic violence.

GCADV gives voice to the issue of domestic violence in Georgia through its collaborations with domestic violence programs, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, law enforcement, prosecutors, healthcare providers, and allies throughout the state. In 2014, GCADV had 52 member programs. These programs ensure that domestic violence survivors receive the care, compassion, and resources needed to heal and thrive. This year, GCADV, in collaboration with the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, published its 10th annual Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project report. This report raises awareness about domestic violence, gives a voice to victims and their loved ones, addresses the dangers of victim-blaming, and serves as a practical tool to inspire and drive change.

We advocate for responsive public policy.

GCADV actively champions legislation and systems policies that improve the lives of survivors and their families.

During the 2014 legislative session, GCADV worked with key allies to help pass House Bill 911 which makes strangulation assault a felony in Georgia. Strangulation is one of the most common forms of domestic violence. With this bill in place, law enforcement officers and prosecutors are better equipped to prevent homicides by holding offenders accountable. GCADV's work to get this legislation passed, as well as our survey of domestic violence victims to learn more about the prevalence and impact of strangulation, were featured in a national webinar presented by the Family Justice Center Alliance.

We educate the public.

GCADV provides training and education to service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and professionals to strengthen survivor safety and empowerment, abuser accountability, and a comprehensive systems response. In addition, GCADV provides technical assistance to domestic violence agencies, government agencies, and other organizations. In 2014, GCADV provided 6,000 hours of training to 2,000 advocates, allies, and community members.

We empower survivors.

GCADV is engaged in many initiatives designed to address the needs of survivors and transform lives. Through the Transitional Housing Project, GCADV partners with Project Safe in Athens, Circle of Hope in Cornelia, and PADV in Gwinnett County to provide transitional housing and support to survivors and their families. In 2014, the Project served 96 women and children.

Highlights

Making an impact

Community Outreach and Awareness

GCADV organized and hosted the 15th annual Stop Violence Women Day at the Georgia State Capitol on February 6, 2014, in collaboration with the Georgia Commission on Family Violence and the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault. More than 250 domestic violence and sexual assault center staff, members of law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, survivors of violence, and concerned community members were in attendance.

Services and Programs

- Educated over 200 professionals attending state and regional domestic violence conferences on technology safety, survivor-defined advocacy, and domestic violence fatalities in Georgia.
- Trained 170 advocates and other community professionals to recognize and respond to strangulation in domestic violence cases.
- Educated 51 advocates and directors of domestic violence programs on key policy issues and tips for engaging in legislative advocacy.
- Trained 103 new advocates on the key skills for providing domestic violence advocacy to survivors.
- Trained 84 health care professionals on effective patient screening, education, and intervention for domestic violence.
- Educated 140 home visitation professionals on domestic violence screening and intervention.
- Trained 25 advocates on supporting the spiritual needs of survivors and engaging faith communities in domestic violence work.

Public Policy and Systems

- GCADV helped to improve access to unemployment benefits for all domestic violence victims in Georgia by filing an amicus brief on a case won in the Georgia Court of Appeals.
- Advocated for key legislative measures to strengthen laws that protect survivors and increase funding to support and sustain vital domestic violence services during the National Network to End Domestic Violence's Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C.

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Member Programs 2013 - 2014

Ahimsa House

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Chayil

Cherokee Family Violence Center

Christian League for Battered Women

Circle of Hope

Circle of Love Center

Colquitt County Serenity House

Columbus Alliance for Battered Women

Community Welcome House

Crisis Line and Safe House of Central Georgia

Dekalb County Solicitor's Office

FAITH - Fight Abuse in the House

Family Crisis Center of Walker, Date, Catoosa, & Chattooga

Forsyth County Family Haven

Gateway Domestic Violence Center

Georgia Commission on Family Violence

Georgia Latin@s Against Domestic Violence

Harmony House

Haven House

Hospitality House for Women

International Women's House

Liberty House of Albany

No One Alone

North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network

Northeast Georgia Council on Domestic Violence

Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center

Partnership Against Domestic Violence

Peace Place

Polk County Women's Shelter

Project Safe

Promise Place

Raksha

Refugee Family Services

Ruth's Cottage

S.A.F.E.

Salvation Army Safe House

Securus House

Shalom Bayit

Shepherds Rest Ministries

Sisters Empowerment Network

Southwestern Judicial Circuit Family Violence Council

Spalding County Sheriff's Department, Victim Service Unit

Stronghold Atlanta

Tapestri

Tri-County Protective Agency

United 4 Safety

Wayne County Protective Agency

Women In Need Of God's Shelter (WINGS)

Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence

YWCA of Northwest Georgia

Financials 2013 - 2014



Income		
Government	1,125,436	87%
Membership	46,129	3%
Contributions	85,044	7%
Other	33,844	3%
Total Income	1,290,453	100%



Expenses		
Programs	1,158,187	95%
Legislative	32,000	3%
Admin	20,795	2%
Total Expenses	1,210,982	100%

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