A SNAPSHOT of GEORGIA:
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Domestic violence

29,779
adult and child victims served

Rape and sexual assault

8,013
crisis line calls answered

In FFY 2013, Georgia’s 46 state-certified domestic violence programs

- Answered 58,955 crisis line calls
- Provided 248,463 bednights of shelter
- Conducted 5,065 community awareness and outreach events

In FFY 2013, Georgia’s 22 state-funded sexual assault centers

- Served 3,944 victims of rape and sexual assault, including 2,276 adult victims and 1,668 child victims
- Conducted 1,300 community awareness and prevention events with 130,135 participants

Data provided by the Governor’s Office for Children and Families
Support legislation to make strangulation assault a felony offense!

Over 44% of domestic violence victims served by Georgia’s state-certified domestic violence programs have been strangled, according to a recent survey.

Victims of prior attempted strangulation are 8 times more likely to be killed by the same abusive partners.

Georgia ranks 12th in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men.

Defining strangulation as a felony under the aggravated assault statute will better enable prosecutors to successfully prosecute this crime and seek a sentence that reflects the seriousness of this offense.

CURRENT GAPS IN VICTIM SERVICES

4,612 victims and their children were turned away from domestic violence shelters due to lack of bed space in FFY 2013

Victims of rape and sexual assault in 27 Georgia counties have NO ACCESS to services of a sexual assault center, and victims in 26 other counties have access to only limited services

Thank you for supporting stable funding for Georgia’s domestic violence and sexual assault centers!

State funding to Georgia’s domestic violence and sexual assault centers is a worthwhile investment in public safety. This funding helps to ensure that victims of these crimes have options for escaping abuse and not becoming a statistic.