

FLOOD the PHONES

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Mobilize & Advocate for Survivors from Home!

For talking points, phone directory, email template:
<https://tinyurl.com/floodthephonesfolder>



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Even though we **will not** be gathering in person at the Capitol this year we would encourage everyone who registered for the event to continue to mobilize by "Flooding the Phones" of their legislators on Thursday, January 31st.

We will be hosting a [facebook](#) live event on Thursday morning which will cover the following topics:

- How to look up your representatives' and the phone directory
- Current legislative issues for this session

- Talking points to use on the phone
- Mini Skit on how to talk with your legislator
- How to stay up to date on the issues

Facebook Event Page: <https://bit.ly/2SaO7Y6>

Google Folder of Info: <https://tinyurl.com/floodthephonesfolder>

We need your continued collective support to advocate for survivors and their families! It is crucial that our legislators continue to hear voices and our stories so that they will continue to support good policies and stable funding for Georgia's domestic violence and sexual assault centers.

Hosted by [GCADV](#), [GNESA](#), & [Raksha](#)



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.
- Over 850 Georgians were killed by firearms in domestic violence incidents between 2010 and 2018.
- Every neighboring state in the Southeast, including Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida, have enacted similar legislation.
- Over 17 Georgia counties, have already implemented similar local protocols to remove firearms from domestic violence perpetrators.
- 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.



Support measures to include dating partners in the definition of family violence.

- Including dating partners would allow victims of dating violence access to the appropriate resources and responses needed in maintaining safety.
- Six percent of cases reviewed by the Georgia Fatality Review Project involved victims who were in dating relationships.
- States that include protections for dating partners have seen an 11 percent reduction in the total rate of intimate partner homicides.

Click [here](#) for Talking Points

A SNAPSHOT of GEORGIA: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Domestic violence

Oct. 2017 to Sept. 2018



Rape and sexual assault

Oct. 2017 to Sept. 2018



In FFY 2018, Georgia's 46 state-certified domestic violence programs

- Sheltered **6,152** victims and their children
- Provided **452,998** bed nights of shelter
- Conducted **1,432** community

In FFY 2018, Georgia's 22 state-funded sexual assault centers

- Served **4,358** victims of rape and sexual assault, including **2,655** adult victims and **1,703** child victims
- Conducted **2,139** community

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