A SNAPSHOT of GEORGIA:
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Domestic violence
Oct. 2016 to Sept. 2017

44,372 crisis line calls answered

- Sheltered 6,022 victims and their children
- Provided 438,557 bed nights of shelter
- Conducted 1,580 community awareness and outreach events with 335,370 participants

Rape and sexual assault
Oct. 2016 to Sept. 2017

10,296 crisis line calls answered

- Served 3,787 victims of rape and sexual assault, including 2,695 adult victims and 1,092 child victims
- Conducted 2,062 community awareness and outreach events with 189,758 participants

In FFY 2017, Georgia’s 46 state-certified domestic violence programs

In FFY 2017, Georgia’s 22 state-funded sexual assault centers

Data provided by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Pass legislation to keep firearms out of the hands of domestic violence perpetrators!

736 Georgians were killed by firearm in domestic violence incidents between 2010 and 2017.

The vast majority - 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, has enacted similar legislation.

Georgia ranks 14th in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men.

1. Make it a felony crime for domestic violence perpetrators to possess a firearm or ammunition while subject to a Family Violence Protective Order or if convicted of a family violence-related misdemeanor.
2. Require these individuals to relinquish their firearms and ammunition to licensed firearm dealers.

CURRENT GAPS IN VICTIM SERVICES

2,372 victims and their children were turned away from domestic violence shelters due to lack of bed space in FFY 2017.

CURRENT FUNDING FOR VICTIM 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.