A SNAPSHOT of GEORGIA:
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Domestic violence
53,414 crisis line calls answered

Rape and sexual assault
11,368 crisis line calls answered

In FFY 2016, Georgia’s 46 state-certified domestic violence programs

- Sheltered 5,390 victims and their children
- Provided 332,110 bednights of shelter
- Conducted 2,026 community awareness and outreach events with 298,529 participants

In FFY 2016, Georgia’s 31 state-funded sexual assault centers

- Served 4,694 victims of rape and sexual assault, including 2,605 adult victims and 2,089 child victims
- Conducted 3,839 community awareness and outreach events with 120,685 participants

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

529 Georgians were killed by firearm in domestic violence incidents between 2010 and 2015.

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 8th 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 local law enforcement.

1,557 victims and their children were turned away from domestic violence shelters due to lack of bed space in FFY 2016.

Victims of rape and sexual assault in 22 Georgia counties have NO ACCESS to services of a sexual assault center, and victims in 30 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.