

2000-2004 VAdata Report

Domestic Violence Service Providers in Virginia

Virginia has 49 Domestic Violence Service Providers providing services to all counties and cities in Virginia.

Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Service Providers value empowerment and promote the dignity and respect of all persons. Their specialized services have been developed based on the belief that persons who have experienced sexual and/or domestic violence have the right to determine their own response. The immediate availability of crisis intervention and support services facilitates the healing process.

Domestic Violence Defined

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance defines domestic violence as a pattern of abusive behaviors used by one individual to control or exert power over another individual in the context of an intimate relationship.

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Domestic Violence Service Providers offer a wide array of services with the intention of responding effectively to the needs of victims of domestic violence and ultimately reducing the incidence of domestic violence in their communities. A Domestic Violence Service Provider must be a public or private non-profit agency.

Domestic Violence Service Providers:

- Provide 24-hour access to safety and crisis intervention for domestic violence victims and their children;
- Provide confidential services to victims of domestic violence and their children at no charge to the victim;
- Provide 24-hour access to support, information & referrals for women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence, their family and friends, and other professionals seeking to assist them;
- Provide all services without discriminating on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, ability or disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or income;
- Recognize and respond to the differing needs of diverse populations within the community and involve those diverse populations and survivors in the delivery of services;
- Promote protocols and practice throughout the community response to domestic violence to reduce the risk of continued violence and/or fatalities due to domestic violence and enhance safety;
- Promote a community response that encourages the reporting of domestic violence and holds perpetrators accountable for their use of violence;
- Provide community education that raises the level of awareness of the causes and effects of domestic violence in the community, the resources available, the importance of supporting victims and holding perpetrators accountable, and the importance of working together toward a Virginia free of domestic violence.



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Domestic Violence Service Providers participating in VAdata

Abuse Alternatives	Bristol
ACTS*Turning Points	Dumfries
Alexandria Domestic Violence Program	Alexandria
Amherst County Commission Against Domestic Violence	Amherst
Arlington Community Temporary Shelter/Doorways for Women & Families	Arlington
Arlington County—Dept. of Human Services Violence Intervention	Arlington
Avalon: A Center for Women and Children	Williamsburg
Bedford Domestic Violence Services	Bedford
CHOICES, Council on Domestic Violence for Page County	Luray
Citizens Against Family Violence	Martinsville
DOVES, Domestic Violence Emergency Services	Danville
Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Onancock
Fairfax County Domestic Abuse Program	Reston
Family Crisis Services/Victims of Sexual Assault Program	North Tazewell
Family Crisis Support Services	Norton
Family Resource Center	Wytheville
Family Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention Program	Emporia
First Step	Harrisonburg
Franklin County Family Resource Center	Rocky Mount
Genieve Shelter	Suffolk
Hanover Safe Place	Ashland
Haven in Richmond County	Warsaw
Help and Emergency Response	Portsmouth
Hope House of Scott County	Gate City
James House Intervention/Prevention Services	Hopewell
Laurel Shelter	Gloucester
Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice/LAWS (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter)	Leesburg
New Directions	Staunton
OASIS/Warren County Council on Domestic Violence	Front Royal
People, Inc. Domestic Violence Program	Abingdon
Piedmont Crisis Center/Southside Center for Violence Prevention	Farmville
Project Hope of Quin Rivers	Quinton
Project Horizon	Lexington
Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence	Fredericksburg
Response	Woodstock
Safe Harbor	Richmond
Safehome Systems	Covington
Samaritan House	Virginia Beach
Services to Abused Families	Culpeper
Shelter For Abused Women	Winchester
Shelter for Help in Emergency	Charlottesville
Total Action Against Poverty-Women's Resource Center	Roanoke
Transitions Family Violence Services	Hampton
Turning Point (The Salvation Army)	Roanoke
Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline	Virginia statewide
Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley	Radford
YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center	Lynchburg
YWCA Women in Crisis Program	Norfolk
YWCA Women's Advocacy Program	Richmond

