

Domestic Violence Resources

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

1-303-839-1852
www.ncadv.org

NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence

919-956-9124
www.nccadv.org

The National Center for Victims of Crime

1-800-FYI-CALL
www.gethelp@ncvc.org

NC Department of Correction Services for Victims of Crime

1-800-368-1985

The Women's Law Initiative

www.womenslaw.org

NC Victim Assistance Network

1-800-348-5068

Family Violence Prevention Fund

www.fvpf.org
1-415-252-8900

Legal Aid of North Carolina

Your local legal aid office:

PO Box 26087
Raleigh, NC 27611
919-856-2564
www.legalaidnc.org
dviinfo@legalaidnc.org

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Legal Aid of North Carolina

Helping Victims
of
Domestic Violence

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What is the Domestic Violence Initiative?

Legal Aid of North Carolina is a non-profit organization which provides free civil legal services to low-income individuals.

The Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI) is a special unit of Legal Aid. Specially trained attorneys and advocates represent victims of domestic violence throughout the state. Our primary mission is to ensure that legal services are available to assist victims of domestic violence. Additionally, we work closely with non profit and governmental organizations to strengthen our legal services to victims of domestic violence.

The DVI also includes a group of *pro bono* attorneys and other volunteers. These dedicated individuals are an expansion of the network of resources available to our clients.

A Collaborative Effort

The DVI collaborates with over 60 non profit and governmental organizations across the state. The purpose of these collaborations is to provide the best services and resources for domestic violence victims in North Carolina.

In 2001, Legal Aid handled over 2,800 domestic violence cases

At the local level, the DVI collaborates with community domestic violence and social service organizations. We also work closely with law enforcement officials and county district attorney offices.

At the state level, the DVI collaborates with organizations such as the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Governors Crime Commission. The DVI values its relationship with these organizations and understands the necessity of community teamwork in assisting clients and their families.



The Battered Immigrant Project

The DVI recognizes the unique challenges facing battered immigrants. The Battered Immigrant Project ensures that the DVI staff is aware and educated on matters concerning immigration law and cultural sensitivity.

How can we help you?

Victims of domestic violence can receive legal assistance through their local Legal Aid office. These attorneys can provide legal advice concerning:

- protective orders;
- child custody matters;
- property settlement; *and*
- additional civil legal matters related to separation or divorce.

The DVI works jointly with many local domestic violence programs. A large percentage of clients are referred to Legal Aid by advocates at such programs.