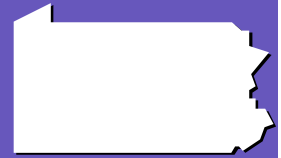




DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS: PENNSYLVANIA



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.¹ **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.²
- ◇ An estimated **1.3 million women** are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.³
- ◇ The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend.⁴
- ◇ The cost of intimate partner violence **exceeds \$5.8 billion each year**, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.⁵
- ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.⁶

CHALLENGES

- State funding cuts have exerted additional stress on domestic violence service providers' already strained budgets. Pennsylvania's 61 community-based domestic violence programs have been greatly hurt by a steady lack of regular cost of living allowances, an \$800,000 cut in the Commonwealth's 2007-2008 budget in the proposed Domestic Violence Services line item, and the loss of almost half a million in funding from the federal government for 2007-2008.⁷
- Pennsylvania has the largest rural population in the nation. Although over half of Pennsylvania's domestic violence programs serve rural areas, public awareness about domestic violence in these areas tends to be low. Low community awareness may increase the fear and isolation many rural victims already feel in Pennsylvania.⁸

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

"Federal funding for legal services and transitional housing has decreased 35% over the last five years and all Philadelphia transitional programs saw a 25% cut in their supportive services budgets this year. As these funding gaps increase it will become increasingly more difficult to sustain service levels."

~Director of Fund Development,
Women Against Abuse

"We are looking at no increase in compensation for extra work duties again for the next fiscal year. We are asking individuals who already are working at maximum capacity to pick up extra responsibilities for the same amount of compensation, with no end in sight."

~Advocate, Pennsylvania
Coalition Against Domestic Violence

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN PENNSYLVANIA

- 91,545 victims received services from the 62 local programs in Pennsylvania between June 2006 and July 2007.¹⁰
- 64 women were killed as a result of domestic violence in 2006.¹¹
- 39,371 protection from abuse orders were filed in Pennsylvania in 2005.¹²
- 24 people, including three children, have been killed as a result of domestic violence since June 22, 2008.¹¹
- 3,434 rape offenses were reported in 2006.¹³

STATE RESOURCES

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.pcadv.org

- ◇ The Coalition was the first domestic violence coalition established in the United States and now has a state-wide network of 61 domestic violence programs. PCADV operates the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, a federally-funded resource of domestic violence information, policy development, and technical assistance. The Coalition also operates the National Electronic Network on Violence Against Women (VAWnet), which offers full-text resources on domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
www.pcar.org

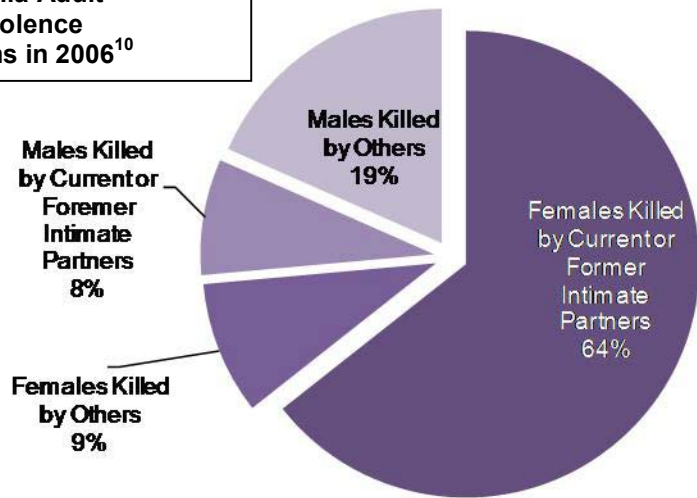
- ◇ The Coalition works with its network of 52 rape crisis centers to eliminate all forms of sexual violence and to advocate for the rights and needs of victims of sexual assault. PCR also works to help its networks create public awareness and prevention education within their communities. The Coalition provides technical assistance in a variety of areas, oversees the rape crisis centers' contracts, monitors relevant legislation and public policy issues, provides library resources and educational trainings, and creates public awareness campaigns.

For more information or to get help, please contact the
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence at
1-800-932-4632

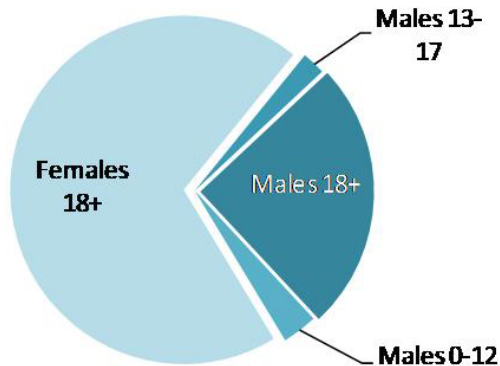
The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE
The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE

Domestic Violence in Pennsylvania

Relationship Breakdown of Pennsylvania Adult Domestic Violence Homicide Victims in 2006¹⁰



Age Breakdown of Pennsylvania Domestic Violence Homicide Victims in 2006¹⁰



Domestic Violence Statistics for the City of Philadelphia

- ◇ 13,039 Protection from Abuse Orders were filed in Philadelphia in fiscal year 2006.⁹
- ◇ 8,011 hotline calls were answered by the Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline for fiscal year 2007.⁹
- ◇ 10,937 individuals were served by Women Against Abuse (Pennsylvania's largest domestic violence service provider and the only provider of emergency shelter and legal services solely for victims of domestic violence in Philadelphia) in fiscal year 2007.⁹
- ◇ 71,350 cases of domestic abuse were reported in Philadelphia in 2006.¹⁴

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NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.