

# Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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## THE RECESSION'S IMPACT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

The dire economy has produced a surge in both the frequency and severity of domestic violence. Financial strain and unemployment exacerbate abusive situations and limit victims' options to break free. Meanwhile, reduced or stagnant funding of domestic violence programs has made it more difficult to meet victims' needs. **The consequences too often are fatal.** Pennsylvania has seen a **stunning spike in the number of domestic violence related deaths**—from 92 in 2006, to 121 in 2007, to 147 in 2008, to 198 in 2009.

**While a bad economy does not cause domestic violence, it does exacerbate abuse.**

- The lack of jobs means many victims are increasingly dependent on abusers, unable to leave because they have no means of supporting themselves and their children.
- Unemployed abusers are home more often, resulting in more frequent abuse.
- Many abusers use their income as a means of controlling their victims; when they lose their job, they intensify other means of control, including violence.

**Because victims have fewer resources of their own, they have greater needs when they come to domestic violence programs for help.**

- Victims are requiring **longer stays in emergency shelters.**
- In addition to crisis intervention, victims are more likely to need help finding a job, transportation during their job search, long-term housing, food, clothing, medical assistance, and child care.
- Because of the shortage of affordable housing and the rising cost of living, **it takes longer for victims to get back on their feet** after fleeing abuse.

**Economic distress has resulted in a dramatic increase in demand for services.**

- **Three out of four domestic violence shelters** across the country **report an increase** in victims seeking assistance, according to a national survey released in 2009.
- The survey data directly connects the increase in domestic violence to the economic downturn: in the poll of more than 600 shelters nationwide, **73 percent attribute the rise in abuse to “financial issues.”**

**The increased demand for services comes as programs are experiencing dire funding shortfalls.**

- Years of **stagnant or decreasing government funding, coupled with the skyrocketing cost of services, already had forced programs to eliminate staff positions and critical programming,** beginning in the early 2000's.
- Programs have seen marked declines in corporate and individual giving.
- **In the past five years, community outreach and prevention education has dropped 50%,** children's services have been severely cut due to lack of staff, and the number of **unmet requests for services has increased 33%.**

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## Pennsylvania Statewide Network of Domestic Violence Services

Adams	Survivors, Inc.	PO Box 3572	Gettysburg	PA	17325	717-334-0589
Allegheny	Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center, Inc.	PO Box 67	Tarentum	PA	15084	724-224-1100
Allegheny	Crisis Center North	PO Box 101093	Pittsburgh	PA	15237	412-364-6728
Allegheny	Womansplace	PO Box 216	Pittsburgh	PA	15134	412-678-4620
Allegheny	Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh	PO Box 9024	Pittsburgh	PA	15224	412-687-8017
Armstrong	HAVIN, Inc.	PO Box 983	Kittanning	PA	16201	724-543-1180
Beaver	Women's Center of Beaver County	PO Box 428	Beaver	PA	15009	724-775-2032
Bedford	Your Safe Haven	195 Drive-in Lane	Everett	PA	15537	814-623-7664
Berks	Berks Women in Crisis	645 Penn Street, 2nd Floor	Reading	PA	19601	610-373-1206
Blair	Domestic Abuse Project of Blair County	2022 Broad Ave	Altoona	PA	16601	814-944-3583
Bradford	Abuse and Rape Crisis Center	PO Box 186	Towanda	PA	18848	570-265-5333
Bucks	A Woman's Place	PO Box 299	Doylestown	PA	18901	215-343-9241
Butler	Victim Outreach Invention Center (VOICE)	PO Box 293	Evans City	PA	16033	724-776-5910
Cambria/Somerset	Women's Help Center, Inc.	809 Napoleon St	Johnstown	PA	15901	814-536-5361
Centre	Centre Co Women's Resource Ctr	140 W Nittany Ave	State College	PA	16801	814-234-5222
Chester	Domestic Violence Ctr of Chester Co	PO Box 832	West Chester	PA	19381	610-431-3546
Clarion	SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone)	PO Box 108	Clarion	PA	16214	814-226-1234
Clinton	Clinton County Women's Center	34 W Main St	Lock Haven	PA	17745	570-748-9539
Columbia/Montour	Women's Ctr, Inc., of Columbia/Montour	111 N Market St	Bloomsburg	PA	17815	570-784-6632
Crawford	Women's Services, Inc.	PO Box 537	Meadville	PA	16335	814-724-4637
Cumberland/Perry	Domestic Violence Services of Cumb/Perry Co	PO Box 1039	Carlisle	PA	17013	717-258-4806
Dauphin	YWCA/Domestic Violence Services	1101 Market St	Harrisburg	PA	17103	717-234-7931
Delaware	Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware Co	14 W 2nd St	Media	PA	19063	610-565-6272
Elk/Cameron	C.A.P.S.E.A	PO Box 464	Ridgeway	PA	15853	814-772-3838
Erie	Safe Horizons Services for Women, Inc.	25 W High St	Union City	PA	16438	814-438-2675
Erie	Safenet	PO Box 1436	Erie	PA	16512	814-455-1774
Fayette	Domestic Violence Services of Fayette Co	PO Box 995	Uniontown	PA	15401	724-437-2530
Franklin/Fulton	Women in Need, Inc.	PO Box 25	Chambersburg	PA	17201	717-264-3056
Huntingdon	Huntingdon House	PO Box 217	Huntingdon	PA	16652	814-643-2801
Indiana	Alice Paul House	PO Box 417	Indiana	PA	15701	724-349-5744
Jefferson/Clearfield	Community Action, Inc./Crossroads Project	105 Grace Way	Punxsutawney	PA	15767	814-938-3302
Lackawanna/Susquehanna	Women's Resource Center, Inc.	PO Box 975	Scranton	PA	18501	570-346-4460
Lancaster	Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster Co	PO Box 359	Lancaster	PA	17608	717-299-9677
Lawrence	Crisis Shelter of Lawrence Co	1218 W State St	New Castle	PA	16101	724-652-9206
Lebanon	Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon Co	PO Box 42	Lebanon	PA	17042	717-273-7154
Lehigh/Northampton	Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.	444 E Susquehanna St.	Allentown	PA	18103	610-797-0530
Luzerne/Carbon	Domestic Violence Service Center, Inc.	PO Box 2177	Wilkes-Barre	PA	18703	570-823-6799
Lycoming	Wise Options	815 W Fourth St	Williamsport	PA	17701	570-322-4637
McKean	McKean County Victims' Resource Center	24 W Corydon St	Bradford	PA	16701	814-368-4235
Mercer	AWARE	343 Smith Ave	Hermitage	PA	16148	724-342-4934
Mifflin/Juniata	The Abuse Network	PO Box 268	Lewistown	PA	17044	717-242-0715
Monroe	Women's Resources of Monroe County, Inc.	PO Box 645	Delaware Water Gap	PA	18327	570-424-2093
Montgomery	Laurel House	PO Box 764	Norristown	PA	19404	610-277-1860
Montgomery	Women's Center of Montgomery County	8080 Old York Rd, Ste 200	Elkins Park	PA	19027	215-635-7344
Philadelphia	Congreso de Latinos Unidos	216 W Somerset St	Philadelphia	PA	19133	215-763-8870
Philadelphia	Lutheran Settlement House/Bilingual DV Project	1340 Frankford Ave	Philadelphia	PA	19125	215-426-8610
Philadelphia	Women Against Abuse, Inc.	100 S Broad St, Ste 1341	Philadelphia	PA	19110	215-386-1280
Philadelphia	Women in Transition, Inc.	21 S 12th St, 6th Floor	Philadelphia	PA	19107	215-564-5301
Pike	Survivors' Resources, Inc.	500 W Harford St	Milford	PA	18337	570-296-2827
Potter	A Way Out	PO Box 447	Coudersport	PA	16915	814-274-0368
Schuylkill	Schuylkill Women in Crisis	PO Box 96	Pottsville	PA	17901	570-622-3991
Sullivan	Sullivan County Victim Services	PO Box 272	Laporte	PA	18626	570-946-4063
Tioga	HAVEN of Tioga County	6 Old Tioga St	Wellsboro	PA	16901	570-724-3549
Union/Snyder/Northumberland	Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition	PO Box 170	Lewisburg	PA	17837	570-523-1134
Venango	PPC Violence Free Network	716 E Second St	Oil City	PA	16301	814-677-4005
Warren/Forest	A Safe Place, Inc.	300 Hospital Dr	North Warren	PA	16365	814-726-1271
Washington/Greene	Washington Women's Shelter, Inc.	308 E Maiden St	Washington	PA	15301	724-223-5481
Wayne	Victims' Intervention Program	PO Box 986	Honesdale	PA	18431	570-252-4431
Westmoreland	Blackburn Center	PO Box 398	Greensburg	PA	15601	724-837-9540
Wyoming	Victims Resource Center	85 S Main St	Wilkes-Barre	PA	18701	570-823-0765
York	YWCA of York/ACCESS-York, Inc.	320 E Market St	York	PA	17403	717-845-8226