



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

FATALITY REPORT ²⁰₂₂





DEDICATION

This report is dedicated to all domestic violence homicide victims, survivors, and those working to end domestic violence in Pennsylvania for future generations.

ABOUT THE REPORT

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence's (PCADV) annual Fatality Report has been the single most reliable source for information about domestic violence-related deaths in Pennsylvania for more than 20 years.

Pennsylvania doesn't have reporting requirements for domestic violence homicides. PCADV compiles its annual list based on news accounts, police departments, and information received from our 59 local domestic violence programs serving all 67 counties.

PCADV uses a conservative method of identifying domestic violence deaths. We do not include cases where no arrests have been made or where the relationship between victim and perpetrator is unclear. We count fatalities involving current and former intimate partners,

family members, police officers, bystanders, interveners, and others such as former partners killed by new partners or new partners killed by former partners.

We exclude child abuse and neglect deaths because they are reported by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. However, we include certain child deaths when the deaths are a direct result of domestic violence. These may include situations where the perpetrator kills the entire family or the children/child to harm the parent.

**Our homicide numbers may change on a yearly basis. This depends on when an arrest is made in a domestic violence related homicide; if someone has been acquitted of a homicide; or if it has been determined that the homicide was committed in self-defense.*



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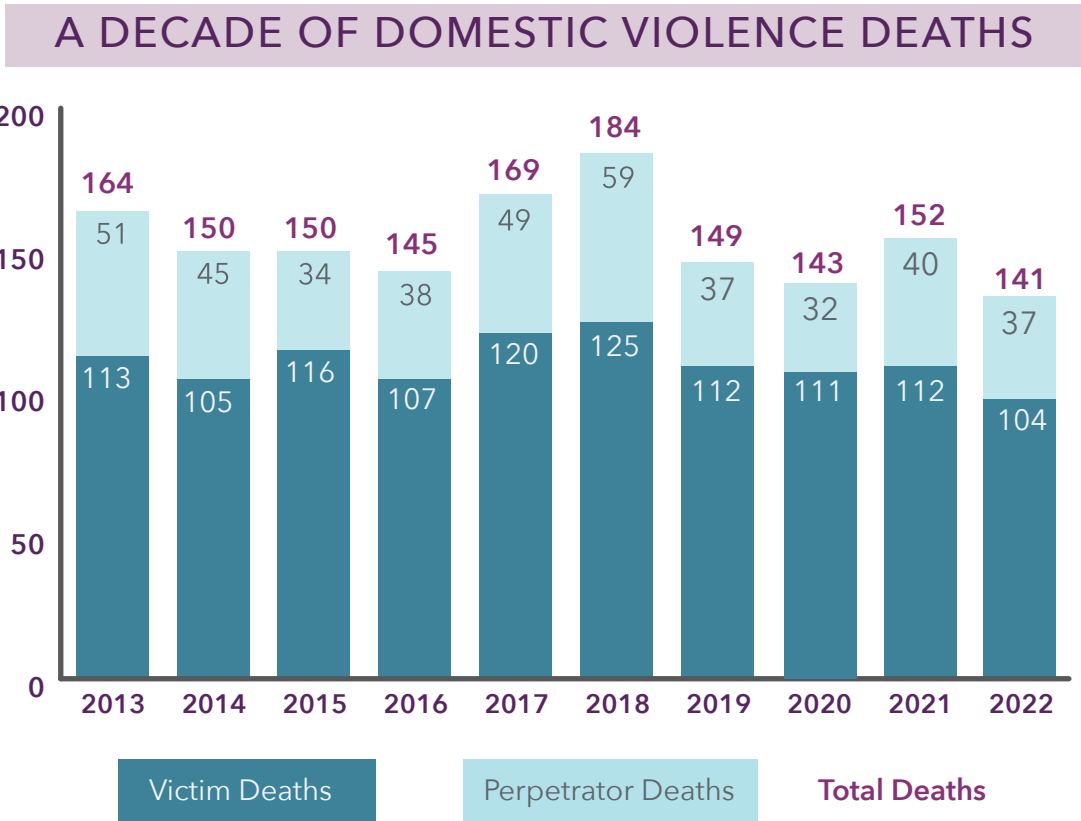
REPORT OVERVIEW

In the last ten years, more than 1,400 victims and perpetrators died in domestic violence-related incidents in Pennsylvania.

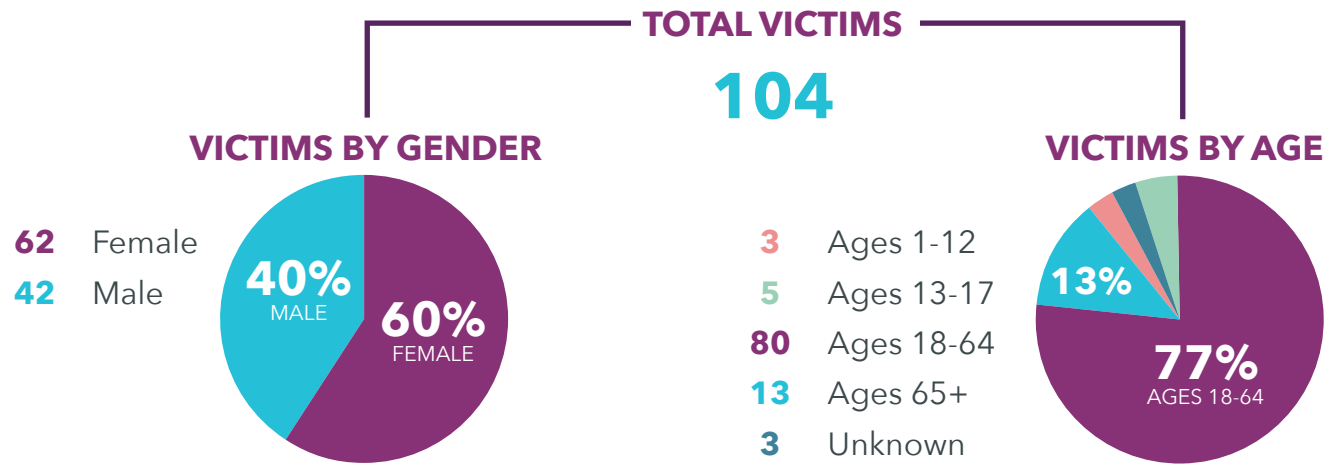
Those killed included women, children, and men of all ages, races, sexual orientations, and socio-economic groups.

In 2022, **104 victims** lost their lives to domestic violence in Pennsylvania. This number includes **62 females** and **42 males**.

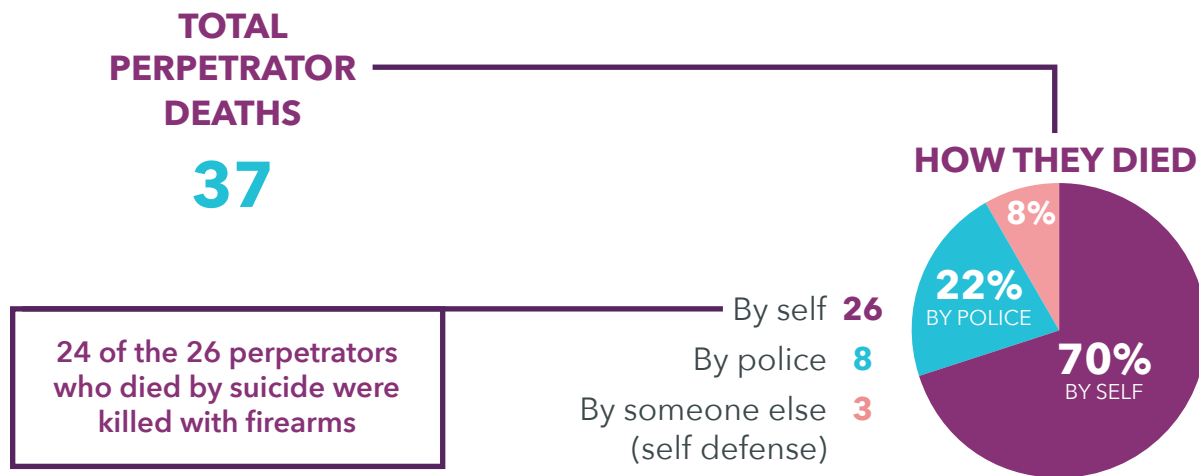
Additionally, there were **37 perpetrator** deaths.



2022 VICTIM DEATHS



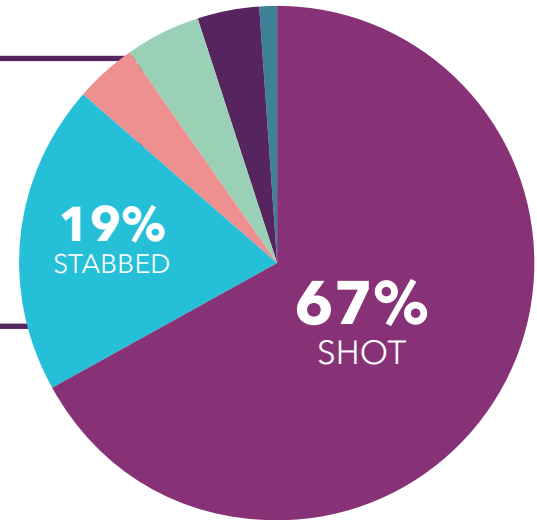
2022 PERPETRATOR DEATHS



HOW THEY WERE KILLED

VICTIM CAUSES OF DEATH

70	Shot	5	Strangled
20	Stabbed	4	Other
4	Beaten	1	Unknown



A Victim's Story

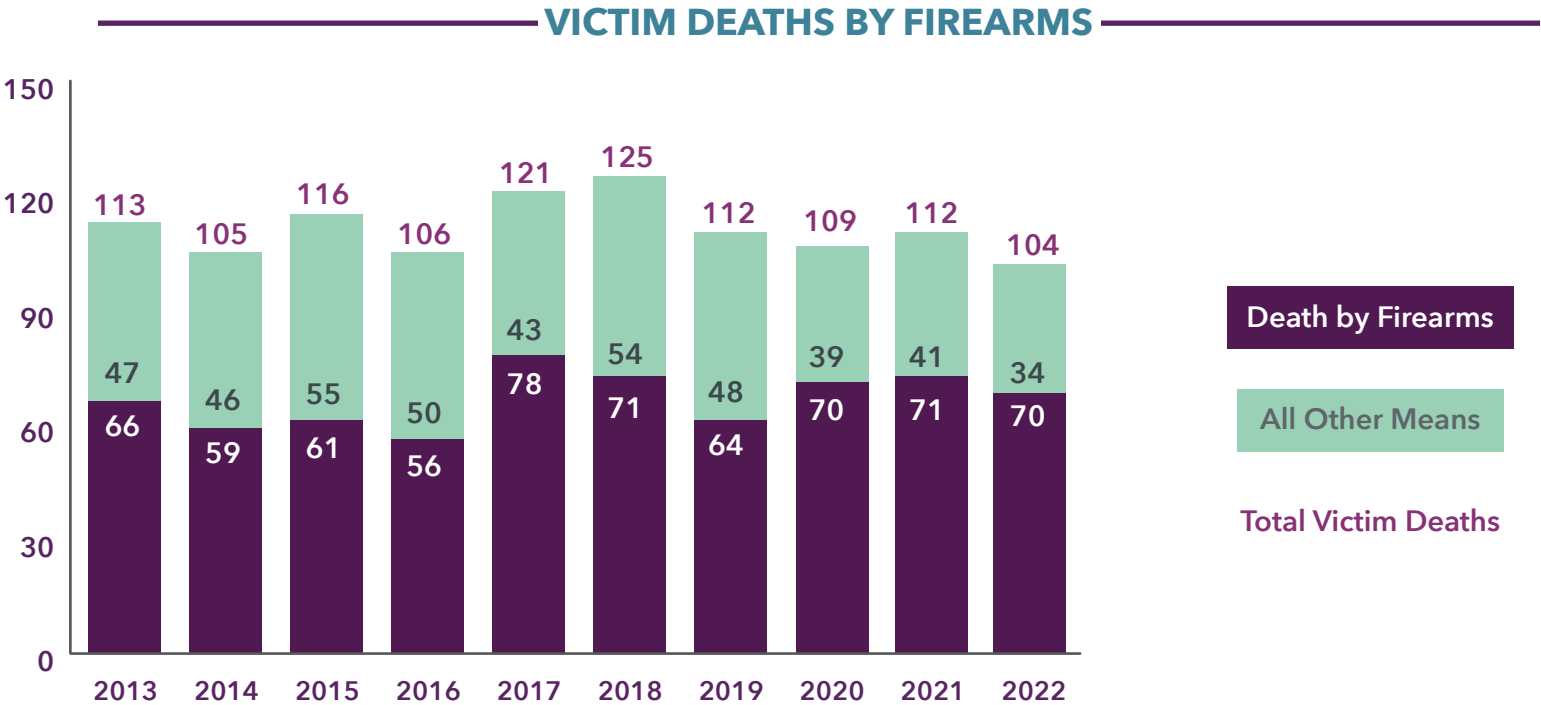
A 35-year-old man stabbed and killed his pregnant 32-year-old former partner. The suspect and the victim had a 13-year-old son together but their relationship was over and each were dating other people. The suspect was upset because the victim was pregnant by her new boyfriend and had filed for full custody of their son two weeks prior. Family of the victim said she liked listening to music, singing and dancing, traveling, and photography. She had an outgoing personality, and her son was the joy of her life.

A Victim's Story

A 23-year-old man followed his 23-year-old ex-girlfriend to her place of work, pulling up behind her as she arrived. An argument broke out and another employee tried to intervene. The perpetrator pulled out a handgun and shot his ex-girlfriend and her coworker before taking his own life. The shooter had shown up at the victim's place of employment on another occasion a few weeks early, and police were called. Both victims survived their injuries. Friends and family of the 23-year-old victim say she balances being an amazing mother, working two full-time jobs, and studying medicine, and is happiest when spending time with her family, and that while her journey forward is not without challenges, it is nothing short of miraculous. They salute her coworker's bravery and selfless actions.

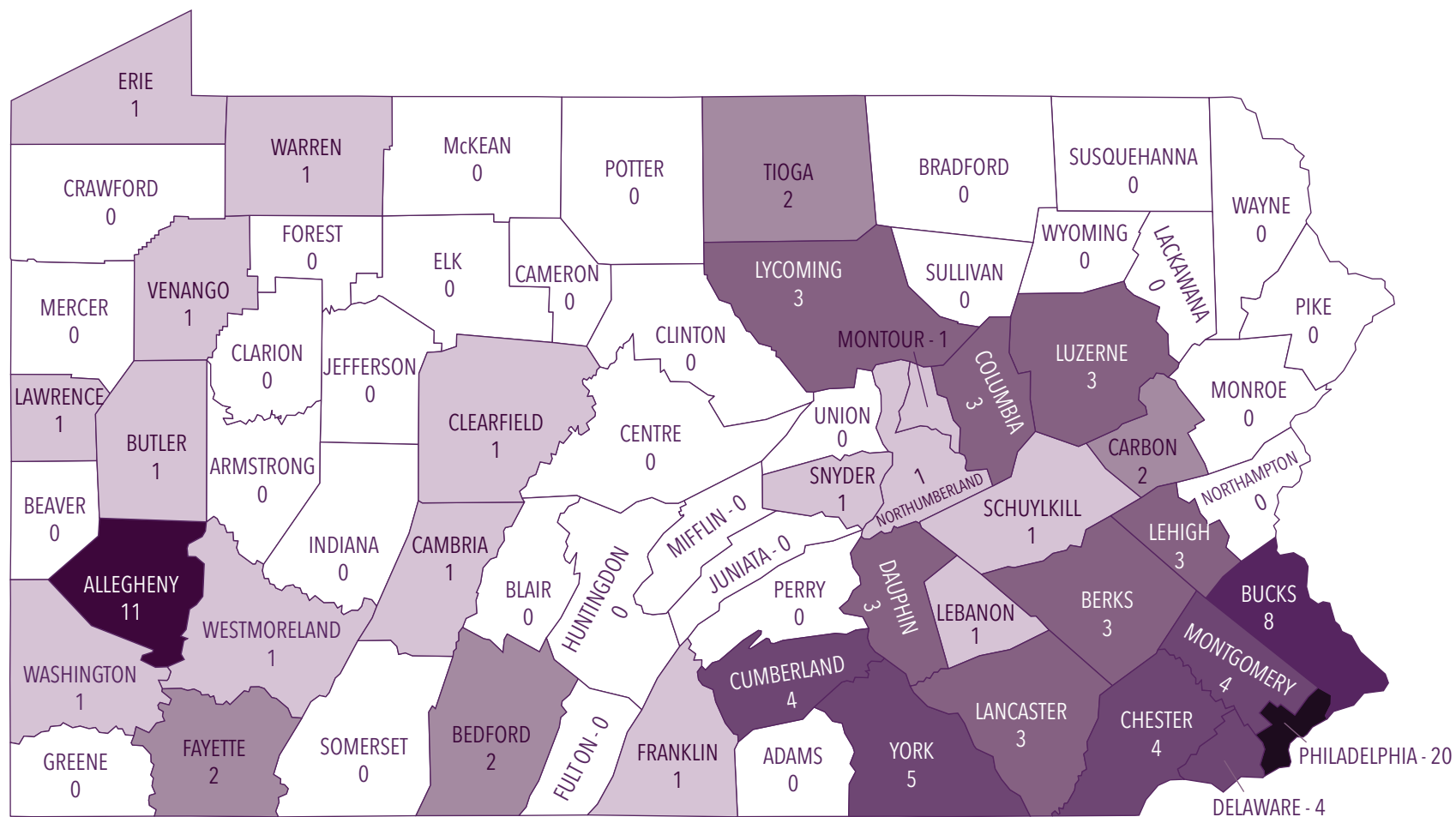
A Victim's Story

A woman caring for her mother was granted a Protection from Abuse Order (PFA) against her brother, who had been violent with both women in the past. The PFA included a provision forcing the brother to move out of the home. Four days later he returned. He was arrested and spent nearly a month in jail for violating the PFA. One week after being released on probation, he returned to the home again. He shot and killed his sister and her fiance. The couple's two young children and another family member were also severely injured in the incident. Police officers nearby heard the incident and disrupted the attack. The perpetrator fled the scene and was later apprehended by the officers. Friends of the two victims said they were the most devoted parents, gems in their community, and that their deaths were a huge loss for so many people.



TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS BY COUNTY

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WHO ARE THE PERPETRATORS

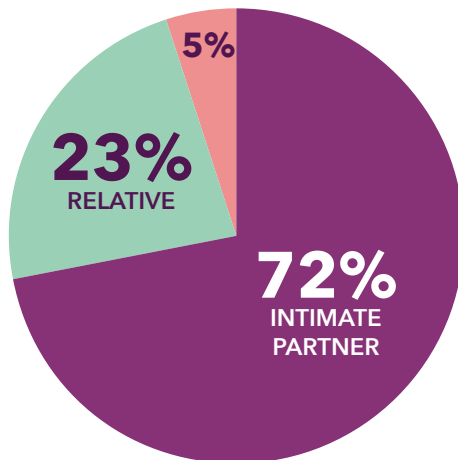
PERPETRATOR GENDER

10
FEMALE

103 MALE

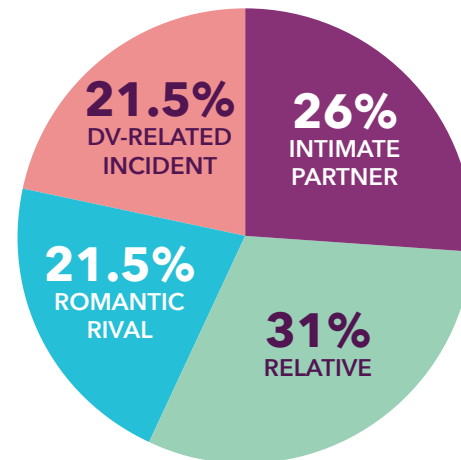
VICTIM RELATIONSHIP TO PERPETRATOR

62 FEMALE VICTIMS



- 45** Killed by a current or former **intimate partner**
- 14** Killed by a **relative**
- 0** Killed by a **romantic rival**
- 3** Killed in domestic violence related incidents

42 MALE VICTIMS



- 11** Killed by a current or former **intimate partner**
- 13** Killed by a **relative**
- 9** Killed by a **romantic rival**
- 9** Killed in domestic violence related incidents

PCADV'S LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

In October 2012, PCADV adopted the Maryland Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) to address the lethal nature of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). LAP is an evidence-based assessment tool used by law enforcement officers responding to intimate partner domestic violence calls. The tool uses a series of questions to determine if the victim is at an increased risk of lethality and helps connect the victim directly with services through the local domestic violence programs.

Since its implementation a decade ago, more than 41,000 LAP screens have been conducted in Pennsylvania by law enforcement. As a result, nearly 18,000 victims have sought services from LAP-participating domestic violence programs.



41,233
LAP
Screens



17,959
Victims
Accessed Services

HOMICIDE DASHBOARD

In partnership with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and made possible by STOP Grant funding, PCADV in collaboration with the Penn State Data Center, Institute for State and Regional Affairs at the Pennsylvania State University of Harrisburg, developed and maintains a publicly available

Homicide Dashboard. The interactive digital dashboard visually summarizes homicide data we tracked from news accounts, domestic violence programs, and police departments. Information on domestic violence fatalities in PA and the Homicide Dashboard can be accessed at:

[PCADV.org/resources/fatalities](https://pcadv.org/resources/fatalities)



A Victim's Story

A 37-year-old man shot and killed his 39-year-old girlfriend in her home. Police later located him driving in another county and attempted to stop him when he shot and killed himself. The couple left behind triplets, who were not in the home at the time of the murder.

A Victim's Story

A 24-year-old woman shot and killed her 36-year-old boyfriend then turned the gun on herself in the apartment where they lived together for only a few weeks.

HONORING VICTIMS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA (2022)

Allegheny County-11

Rochella Anderson
Rachel Dowden
Anthony Lofton
Vincent Roebuck
Travis Sanner
Robert DeVaughn Williams
Rasheed McKamey
Ibrahim Diallo
Sharay Newson
Darlene Harbison
Corey Washington

Bedford County-2

Tyler John Matthai
Laverne Lockard

Berks County-3

Jill Murray
Jackson J. Reyes-Negron
Alexi Omar Rodriguez Serra

Bucks County-8

Joseph Jakimowicz
Giovanni Gallina
Gregory A. Kurman
Jeffrey "JT" Tini
Nelson Tini
Samantha Rementer
Elizabeth "Beth" Capaldi
M.C.

Butler County-1

Frederick Orr

Cambria County-1

Jaydin Sanderson

Carbon County-2

Beth Ann Daubert
Josephine Lauchnor

Chester County-4

Jennifer M. Prince
Ryan J. Prince
Kimberly Ortiz-Zayas
Tiara Rodriguez-Diaz

Clearfield County-1

Jude Strock

Columbia County-3

Julio Cesar Perez
Tammy Edwards
Rosa D. Reyes

Cumberland County-4

Eddie Shaw
Frankie Thomas
Jessica McCulloch
Tamara Colbert

Dauphin County-3

Meredith Greene
Tyler Thomas
Carmen Q. Henderson

Delaware County-4

Deborah Sager
Chrisian Chambers
Sheila Gamble
Olivia Drasher

Erie County-1

Audrey Maria Kellogg

Fayette County-2

Brian Coll
Debra Sok

Franklin County-1

Kyline C. Keefer Avey

Lancaster County-3

Linette Ayala
Nemesis Florentino
Courtney D. Cooper

Lawrence County-1

Cecelia J. Liposky

Lebanon County-1

Lt. William Lebo

Lehigh County-3

Miles Brickhouse, Jr.
Victoria Nieves
Maria I. Guzman-Rodriguez

Luzerne County-3

Richard Novak
Grayson Evans Salazar
Kassadey Matulevich

Lycoming County-3

Linda Taylor
Andrea Meek
Jerry Zehring

Montgomery County-4

Keishla Arroyo-Rodriguez
Dyon Thompson
Harvey Harris
Tamara Cornelius

Montour County-1

Vikki Wetzel

Northumberland County-1

Cheyenne Swartz

Philadelphia County-20

Tasena Jennings
Lisa Shuine Jenning
Josephine Duggan
Naasire Johnson
Nancy Roman
Anthony Ham
Benjamin McMichael
Michael Thomas
Jane Doe
Bertha Johnston
Ashley Lockhart
Diniar Camp
Elaine King
John Doe
Sahmyra Garcia
Leila Al Raheel
Wendy Feldman
Maisah Larkin
Thi Dinh
John Doe

Schuylkill County-1

Megan Beury

Snyder County-1

Leslie M. Bailor

Tioga County-2

Trever McCoon
Jesus Iran Alicia-Santiago

Venango County-1

Brierlie Lorraine Walters

Warren County-1

Kelly Wadsworth

Washington County-1

Mecca Vaccaro

Westmoreland County-1

Kelly Steele

York County-5

Judith Ann Schultz-
Hamberger-Snyder
Tamarra Deloache
Christine Fousek
Rylee Reynolds
Xuan Trang Pham

PCADV LOCAL PROGRAMS

PCADV has a statewide network of local domestic violence programs that are ready to help.

A Safe Place
Forest and Warren Counties

A Way Out
Potter County

A Woman's Place
Bucks County

Abuse & Rape Crisis Center
Bradford County

Alice Paul House
Indiana County

Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center
Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties

ARISE
Lawrence County

AWARE
Mercer County

Blackburn Center
Westmoreland County

CAPSEA
Elk and Cameron Counties

Center for Victims
Allegheny County

Centre Safe
Centre County

Community Action/Crossroads Project
Jefferson and Clearfield Counties

Congreso De Latinos Unidos
Philadelphia County

Crisis Center North
Allegheny County

Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County
Delaware County

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
Chester County

Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County
Lebanon County

Domestic Violence Service Center
Luzerne and Carbon Counties

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties
Cumberland and Perry Counties

Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County
Lancaster County

Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA
Washington, Greene, and Fayette Counties

Family Services/ Domestic Abuse Project of Blair County
Blair County

HAVEN of Tioga County
Tioga County

HAVIN
Armstrong County

Huntingdon House
Huntingdon County

Laurel House
Montgomery County

Lutheran Settlement House
Philadelphia County

PPC Violence Free Network
Venango County

Roads to Peace
Clinton County

SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone)
Clarion County

Safe Berks
Berks County

Safe Journey
Erie County

SafeNet
Erie County

Schuylkill Hope Center
Schuylkill County

Sullivan County Victim Services
Sullivan County

The Abuse Network
Mifflin and Juniata Counties

The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia/Montour
Columbia and Montour Counties

Transitions of PA
Union, Snyder, and Northumberland Counties

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley
Lehigh and Northampton Counties

Victim Outreach Intervention Center
Butler County

Victim Services Inc.
Cambria and Somerset Counties

Victims Resource Center
Wyoming County

Victims' Intervention Program
Wayne and Pike Counties

Women Against Abuse
Philadelphia County

Women In Need
Franklin and Fulton Counties

Women In Transition
Philadelphia County

Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
Allegheny County

Women's Center of Beaver County
Beaver County

Women's Center of Montgomery County
Montgomery County

Women's Resource Center
Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties

Women's Resources of Monroe County
Monroe County

Women's Services
Crawford County

Your Safe Haven
Bedford County

YWCA Bradford/McKean Victims' Resource Center
McKean County

YWCA Hanover/Safe Home
Adams County

YWCA NorthCentral PA Wise Options
Lycoming County

YWCA of Greater Harrisburg Violence Intervention & Prevention Services
Dauphin County

YWCA York/ACCESS
York County



National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1.800.799.7233
National Teen Dating Violence Hotline: 1.866.331.9474

Visit [PCADV.org](https://www.pcadv.org) to find local programs by location and services offered.