

Domestic Violence Resources

L.A.A.W (Legal Advocates for Abused Women)

Victim Advocacy

Victim Advocates are professionals trained to support victims of crime and violence. Our advocates will learn about a victim's experience, then help match the appropriate resources and help to their needs. We help fill out paperwork, serve as a liaison to critical services, advocate for victims' rights, help communicate with landlords, employers and other individuals whom victims depend upon for their livelihood, and more.

Our job as advocates is to assess the needs of victims and find the most appropriate solutions to ensure victims have the emotional and physical support necessary to overcome the negative effects of crime. This may include providing information on victimization, help navigating the criminal justice system, assisting in filing orders of protection, help filing for Crime Victims Compensation, communicating with law enforcement, etc.

We have Victim Advocates trained to help with all crimes as well as Victim Advocates specializing in domestic violence, sexual assault and homicide. We are not the police, and we do not require victims to report crime in order to receive assistance. However, we strongly encourage victims to report any incidences of crime or violence as it is in their best interest and protection.

All information provided to us in our role as Victim Advocates is confidential. We will not, without permission, discuss a victim's case with law enforcement, other social service agencies or the media. CVC Victim Advocates help all victims, regardless of type of crime or status in the criminal justice system. All advocacy services are free of charge to victims and their families.

To receive help from an advocate, call (314) 652-3623

Legal programs to assist victims of domestic violence

Legal Helpline

LAAW's Legal Helpline provides safety planning and crisis support, legal options and information, county-specific step by step filing procedures, and critical legal and social services referrals to any caller regardless of geographic location. Callers that request free legal representation complete an intake form, which is reviewed with a LAAW attorney who determines eligibility.

The project, as with all LAAW services, combines expertise in domestic violence issues and legal remedies with immediate and on-going support that is easily accessible and free-of-charge.

The Crisis Line opened in 1986 as LAAW's first project.

Free Legal Representation

LAAW offers free legal representation at Adult and Child Order of Protection hearings for victims of abuse.

Eligibility guidelines address the needs of the poor and the “working poor” and clients receive on-going advocacy and support while the protective order is in effect or until an end to services is requested. Specialized services are provided for immigrants and refugees.

Volunteer attorneys are an important component and significantly increase the number of clients that can be served. LAAW’s Managing Attorney works closely with Thompson Coburn, other law firms, Washington University School of Law Civil Justice Clinic, St. Louis University Legal Clinics and other local partners who provide pro bono legal representation for LAAW clients.

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Jefferson County

Contact Information

Prosecuting Attorney
Victim Advocate
P.O. Box 100
Hillsboro, MO 63050
Phone: 636-797-5321
Fax: 636-797-5049

Sheriff's Department
510 S. 1st St
Hillsboro, MO 63050
Phone: 636-797-5000
Fax: 636-797-5049

ALIVE
P.O. Box 11201
St. Louis, MO 63105
Hotline: 314-993-2777
Office: 314-993-7080
Fax: 314-567-5629
Email: alivestl@alivestl.org
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Franklin County Hotlines:
800-941-9144
636-583-5700
Franklin County Offices:
636-583-9863
Franklin County Fax:
636-583-6648

AWARE (Barnes-Jewish Hospital)
Barnes Jewish Hospital (South)
Mail Stop 90-71-406
1 Barnes Jewish Hospital Plaza- BNO
St. Louis, MO 63110
Office: 314-362-9273
Fax: 314-747-4387

Counties Served

Counties Served:
City of St. Louis, Franklin,
Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Louis
counties

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Services

Services:

- Short term motel placement
- Domestic violence crisis intervention
- Case management
- Court advocacy
- Support groups for women and children
- Professional therapy for women, children, and men
- Outreach office
- Community Education

Services:

- Hospital-based support and advocacy services for battered women
- Case management
- Court advocacy
- Education and training for hospital staff and other health care professionals
- Multi-lingual services available in Bosnian/Serbian/
- Croatian

Contact Information

Center for Trauma Recovery
(University of Missouri-St. Louis)
One University Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63121
Office: 314-516-6738
ctr@umsl.edu
(mailto:ctr@umsl.edu)

COMTREA/ A Safe Place
227 Main St.
Festus, MO 63028
Hotline: 877-266-8732
Office: 636-931-2700
Fax: 636-931-2139
Website: **www.comtrea.org**
(http://www.comtrea.org)

Friends of Kathy J. Weinman Shelter
P.O. Box 31171
St. Louis, MO 63108
Hotline and office: 877-402-8797
Fax: 314-423-7537
Website:
www.friendsofweinman.org
(http://www.friendsofweinman.org)

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Jefferson; St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, and St. Louis counties

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Services

Services:

- Domestic violence and sexual assault crisis intervention
- Professional therapy for women, children, and men

Services:

- Shelter
- Domestic violence crisis intervention
- Case management
- Court advocacy
- Support groups for women and children
- Professional therapy for women, children, and men
- Structured program for children
- Individual and group therapy for batterers
- Non-residential services

Services:

- Shelter Domestic violence crisis intervention
- Case management
- Court advocacy
- Support groups for women and children
- Professional therapy for women, children
- Structured program for children

Contact Information

Lydia's House
P.O. Box 2722
St. Louis, MO 63116
Office: 314-771-4411
Fax: 314-450-4910
Website: www.lydiashouse.org
(<http://www.lydiashouse.org>)

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Services

Services:

- Domestic violence crisis intervention
- Case management
- Court advocacy
- Support groups for women and children
- Professional therapy for women, children
- Structured program for children
- Financial literacy and economic independence programs
- Adult basic education classes

St. Martha's Hall
P.O. Box 4950
St. Louis, MO 63108
Hotline and Office: 314-533-1313
Fax: 314-533-2035
Website: www.saintmarthas.org
(<http://www.saintmarthas.org>)

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Services:

- Shelter Domestic violence crisis intervention
- Case management
- Court advocacy
- Support groups for women and children
- Professional therapy for women, children
- Structured program for children

Women's Place (Franciscan Sisters of Mary)
8300 Morganford
St. Louis, MO 63123
Office: 314-645-4848
Fax: 314-645-4683
Email: www.womansplacestl.org
(<http://www.womansplacestl.org>)

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City of St. Louis, Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Louis counties

Services:

- Domestic violence crisis intervention
- Drop-in center
- Case management
- Support groups for women
- Professional counseling for women
- Holistic living and enrichment classes
- Community education
- Domestic violence education for professionals

Contact Information

Safe Connections
2165 Hampton Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63139
Hotline: 314-531-2003
Office: 314-646-7500
Fax: 314-646-8181

Children's Advocacy Center of East
Central MO
DeSoto, MO 63020
Phone: 636-586-1806
Fax: 636-586-9285
Website: www.cacecm.org
(<http://www.cacecm.org>)

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Counties Served:
Jefferson, Iron, Madison, St.
Francois, Ste. Genevieve and
Washington counties.

Services

Services:

- Domestic violence and sexual assault crisis intervention
- Case management
- Support groups for women and children
- Professional counseling for women
- Abuse prevention and education
- Community education

- Forensic interviews
- Medical Exams
- Family advocacy

You are not alone.

Many victims feel alone in their experience with crime or violence. But there are hundreds of organizations – and thousands of people – working every day to bring you support, help and resources to heal victims. Here are some in the St. Louis area:

For victims of any crime:

- Victim Services Division St. Louis County: 314-615-4872
- Victim Services St. Louis City: 314-622-4373
- Missouri Victims Assistance Network: 800-698-9199
- Missouri Department of Public Safety: 866-334-6682
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving: 314-426-1595
- St. Charles Victim Assistance Program: 636-949-7370
- Jefferson County Victim Assistance: 636-797-5501
- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri: 314-524-3400
- Missouri Victim Automated Notification System 866-566-8267
- Missouri Crime Victims Compensation Program : 573-751-4231

Counseling:

- ALIVE: 314-993-2777
- Crime Victim Advocacy Center: 314-652-3623
- Life Source Consultants: 314-524-0686
- Safe Connections: 314-531-2003
- Center for Trauma Recovery at UMSL: 314-516-6737
- YWCA-Sexual Assault Response Team: 314-531-7273
- Provident: 314-533-8200
- Behavioral Health Response: 800-811-4760

Emergency and Housing Resources:

- Urban League: 314-652-6954
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 314-531-2183
- Hosea House: 314-773-5438
- Housing Resource Center (For St. Louis City and County Residents): 314-802-5444 or 1-866-802-7155*

- Animal Protection Agency (APA): 314-645-4610 x.241 (works with area domestic violence shelters to provide temporary foster care for pets of domestic violence victims)
- Catholic Charities South Side: 314-773-6100

Domestic Violence Shelters & Programs:

- COMTREA – Jefferson County: 1-877-266-8732
- Fortress Outreach: 314-381-4422
- St. Martha’s Hall: 314-533-1313
- Weinman Shelter: 314-423-1117
- Woman’s Center: 877-946-6854
- Woman’s Safe House: 314-772-4535
- Turning Point (Franklin and Warren Counties): 1-888-873-7233
- A Friend’s Place (Washington County): 1-800-663-9929
- Robertson Center (Lincoln County): 1-636-462-3355
- ALIVE: 314-993-2777
- Life Source Consultants: 314-524-0686
- Safe Connections: 314-531-2003
- Women’s Place: 314-645-4848
- Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Oasis Women's Center: 618-465-1978
- Phoenix Crisis Center: 618-451-1008
- Violence Prevention Center: 618-235-0892
- ROW (Redevelopment Opportunities for Women): 314-588-8300
- RAVEN (Batterer intervention program): 314-289-8000

Children's Services:

- Children’s Advocacy Services: 314- 516-6798 (forensic interviews on sexual abuse, ages 3-17)
- Crisis Nursery (Forest Park Hospital): 314- 768-3201 Emergency child care
- Child Abuse Counseling: 314- 534-9350
- Child Care Resources & Referral Agency: 800- 811-1127
- Head Start (Franklin County)Gray Summit: 636-742-4660Sullivan: 573- 860-2925Union: 636-583-2676

- National Center for Victims of Crime (<http://www.ncvc.org>)
- National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Parents of Murdered Children: (513) 721-5683
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) (<http://www.ncadv.org>)
- American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence (<http://www.abanet.org/domviol/home.html>)
- Family Violence Prevention Fund (<http://endabuse.org>)
- Bureau of Justice Statistics: Crime and Victims Statistics (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs>)
- National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (<http://www.vawnet.org>)
- National Animal Assisted Crisis Response HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE

St. Louis Area domestic violence shelters: