



Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence 2026 Legislative Agenda

The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence advocates for legislation that supports domestic violence survivors and the programs who serve them. Additionally, the Coalition supports legislative efforts that help to prevent violence, and to help survivors to rebuild safe lives by investing in economic supports for families.

Leadership Issue

This level of involvement allows ICADV to draft legislation, find sponsors, and/ or fully participate in developing and implementing legislative and/or administrative strategy.

Gabby Petito Act—The Gabby Petito Act has been passed in other states and requires law enforcement to use a danger assessment tool when responding to a domestic violence call. ICADV will monitor the development of this bill in Indiana, and will advocate for the use of evidence-based danger assessment tools, and best practices for law enforcement engaging with survivors.

Collaborative Involvement

This level of involvement allows ICADV to testify and write testimony when requested. ICADV will collaborate with allied organizations to advocate for policies that help to ensure that all Hoosiers can meet their basic needs.

Stable and affordable housing—The real risk of homelessness is one of the largest barriers that survivors face when trying to separate from an abusive relationship. Accordingly, ICADV will champion efforts to increase the stock of affordable housing and to support tenants' rights to help ensure that housing is safe and inhabitable. Additionally, ICADV will oppose any legislation that seeks to criminalize those experiencing homelessness.

Childcare stabilization—Reliable and affordable childcare are essential for helping domestic violence survivors to rebuild economic stability. ICADV will advocate for efforts to increase the availability and affordability of quality childcare programs across Indiana.

Food security—ICADV will champion efforts to increase families' access to nutritious foods by ensuring that SNAP benefits are broadly available and easily accessed.

Social safety net supports—ICADV will advocate for Hoosiers experiencing the greatest financial need by advocating for legislation that expands eligibility, increases benefits and reduces the certification burden for the TANF program.

Paid Family Leave—ICADV will continue our work to ensure that all families have financial support and the time that they need to bond during critical life events by advocating for a universal, state-administered paid family leave policy.