

Resources

Domestic violence programs

Shelters offer a space in which to stay in an emergency. If there is not a need for shelter, there are other services available from non-residential programs whose advocates will:

- accompany you to court.
- develop a safety plan before you leave home.
- help you file a protective order.
- find counseling services for you and/or your children.
- assist with custody issues.
- access public benefits.
- and more.

Services vary among member programs. Call the individual program for information.

Other benefits

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food assistance to low and no income people. in.gov/fssa/dfr
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides cash assistance and supportive services to assist families with children under age 18. in.gov/fssa/dfr
- The Indiana Hope Card Program allows

anyone with a valid, long-term protective order to request a card that summarizes an order's most important details. It provides law enforcement with critical information in the case of a potential violation of the order. in.gov/attorneygeneral

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
toll free hotline 800.332.7385

Connect2Help
211 • connect2help211.org

Family and Social Services Administration
800.403.0864 • in.gov/fssa/dfr

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
317.232.1233 • in.gov/cji

Indiana Attorney General Victim Services
in.gov/attorneygeneral

Indiana Housing and Community Development
317.232.7777 • in.gov/ihcda

Indiana Workforce Development/WorkOne
317.233.3762 • in.gov/dwd

Governor's Council for People with Disabilities
317.232.7770 • in.gov/gpcpd

IPATH
317.782.5535 • purchased.org

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Since 1980, the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence has worked to ensure that people who help survivors have the information and resources they need. To prevent future violence, ICADV advocates for change through public policy, informational campaigns to increase awareness and educating young people on the cyclical nature of violence so we can all say "No More" in Indiana.

Beyond the safety plan

A survivor's guide to state services



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TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is the use of power and control within an intimate relationship that threatens a person's well-being. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional and financial. It can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. It can happen to couples who are married, living together or dating.

Domestic violence affects people of all socio-economic backgrounds and education levels.

It can happen to friends, family or co-workers.

It can happen to you.

Respectful relationships allow both partners to feel supported and connected but still feel independent. Ultimately, the two people in the relationship decide what is healthy for them and what is not. If something doesn't feel right, you should have the freedom to voice your concerns to your partner.

Preventing domestic violence begins when we all agree that fair treatment in a relationship is a basic right.

Domestic violence affects many aspects of one's life. But there are services that can help survivors step back onto the path of self-sufficiency.

Home and family

- You can break your lease or change your locks without penalty if you have a protective order. (Any monies you owe must still be paid.) *Indiana law IC 32-31-9*
- You cannot be evicted solely because of repeated domestic violence related police calls. *Indiana law IC 32-31-9*
- You can separate yourself from a family cell phone plan and establish a new phone number as part of getting a protective order. *Indiana law IC 34-26-5*
- You can maintain a confidential address through the Attorney General's Office Address Confidentiality program. *in.gov/attorneygeneral*
- Protective orders may include the protection of a pet or the ability to go back to get it with the help of law enforcement. *Indiana law IC 34-26-5*
- The Department of Child Services can file a protective order on behalf of a child and have the offending parent removed from the home. *Indiana law IC 31-34-2.3*

Employment

- An employer cannot terminate you solely because you seek a protective order for your personal safety. *Indiana law IC 22-5-7-1*
- You may be eligible for unemployment compensation if you voluntarily left employment or were discharged due to circumstances directly caused by domestic violence. *Indiana law IC 22-4-15-1(c)(8)*
- The Indiana Department of Workforce Development provides job search assistance. *in.gov/dwd/WorkOne*
- Indiana Manpower and Comprehensive Training (IMPACT) helps recipients of SNAP and TANF achieve economic self-sufficiency through education, training, job search and job placement activities. *in.gov/fssa/dfr*

Disabilities

Survivors with disabilities are often more vulnerable to abuse. If you are physically disabled, these organizations may provide assistance:

- Governor's Council for People with Disabilities *in.gov/gpcpd*
- Apply for Social Security benefits *ssa.gov/disability/disability*

Human trafficking

- Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans (IPATH) *purchased.org*

Paternity issues

- When a child is born out of wedlock in Indiana, the mother has sole physical custody of that child. *Indiana law IC 31-14-13-1*
- If the abuser is convicted of domestic violence and that crime occurs in the presence of a child, the abuser may only have supervised parenting time with the child. *Indiana law IC 31-17-2-8*

Emergency financial assistance

- Many domestic violence programs have access to community resources that can provide funds for emergencies such as first month's rent, transportation to shelter, minor car repairs, etc.
- The Indiana Victim Compensation Program can assist victims with certain costs incurred as a direct result of a violent crime. *in.gov/cji*

