



Domestic Violence Shelters & Services (DVSS)

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History

- ▶ The Department of Social Services administers the Domestic Violence Program on a contractual basis to support community-based domestic violence shelters and programs throughout the state. The Department currently has contracts with 65 contractors to provide services at 84 sites.
- ▶ The shelters and programs provide support services related to the emotional healing and recovery of victims of domestic violence and their children.
- ▶ The Department of Social Services administers the Sexual Assault Program on a contracted basis to dual community-based domestic violence and sexual assault programs that provide
- ▶ Supportive or preventative services to adult and youth victims of sexual assault or non-consensual conduct of a sexual nature including sexual harassment, rape, incest, and sexual abuse.

Funding Source

- ▶ General Revenue - Domestic Violence
- ▶ General Revenue - Assist Victims of Sexual Assault
- ▶ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)- Domestic Violence
- ▶ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)- Emergency Shelter
- ▶ Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)- Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive services

General Revenue Domestic Violence

- ▶ Domestic violence shelters exist throughout the state to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in Missouri. The Department of Social Services (DSS) administers the Domestic Violence Shelter grants. Domestic violence shelters may receive funding from statutory fees, various state, state tax credit programs and state income tax.

General Revenue Assist Victims of Sexual Assault

- ▶ The Department of Social Services administers the Sexual Assault Program on a contracted basis to dual community-based domestic violence and sexual assault programs that provide supportive or preventative services to adult and youth victims of sexual assault or non-consensual conduct of a sexual nature including sexual harassment, rape, incest, and sexual abuse. The funding is used to assist victims of sexual assault who are 14 years of age or older. This funding also is distributed to several sexual assault centers that see a larger number of sexual assault victims.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Domestic Violence and Emergency Shelter

- ▶ The purpose of the TANF fund is to provide direct services to eligible families in order to promote their safety and economic stability. These funds shall be used to provide domestic violence counseling, support, and other direct services to clients.
- ▶ Emergency shelter are shelter that take place in a time of crisis for physical, mental or emotional safety.

Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

- ▶ In 1984, Congress took action to address domestic violence as a public health issue by enacting the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), authorized under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act amendments that took place at that time. This action meant that survivors of domestic violence could access help through a 24-hour confidential hotline and put grant funding in place for community programs and services. FVPSA funding reaches over 1,500 domestic violence shelters and programs, supports over 240 tribes and tribal organizations national, to address and prevent domestic violence, and provides for a network of state coalitions and national technical assistance providers — all working to ensure vital crisis services are available to individuals experiencing domestic or dating violence and their dependents

Services Covered

- ▶ Batterer Intervention- Batterer intervention programs are considered by many to be an important part of a comprehensive approach to domestic violence, and many courts order offenders to attend these programs while on probation and parole for a domestic violence offense.
- ▶ Crisis intervention- refers to the methods used to offer immediate, short term help to individual who experience an event that produces emotional, mental, physical and behavioral distress or problems.
- ▶ Community education- promote learning and social development work with individuals and groups in their communities using a range of formal and informal methods.

Services cont.

- ▶ Interpreter/ Translation services for survivors
- ▶ Medical Advocacy –supporting and coordinating survivors through the healthcare system.
- ▶ Legal/ court advocacy - works within the legal system on behalf of another person to advocate for their rights or needs.
- ▶ Case Management – working with survivors to assess their needs and plan safety

Services cont.

- ▶ Support groups – Adults and children
- ▶ Transitional housing – non- emergency housing available for a length of stay that is more than six months.
- ▶ Hotlines – the DVSS grant also fund hotlines that run 24/7 to assist victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

State of Missouri Domestic Violence 2020 Statistics

- ▶ Total Number of individuals who received services: 30,116 individuals
- ▶ Total Number of hotline calls answered: 74,842 calls
- ▶ Hours of licensed professional therapy: 34,529 hours
- ▶ Support groups and skill-building classes: 7,462 groups
- ▶ Emergency shelter: 240,194 bed nights
- ▶ Transitional housing: 63,025 bed nights

State of Missouri Sexual Violence 2020 Statistics

- ▶ Sexual violence services received – 6,756 individuals
- ▶ Total number of hotline calls- 8,265 calls
- ▶ Emergency Shelter- 29,339 bed nights
- ▶ Transitional housing – 448 bed nights
- ▶ Hours of licensed professional therapy- 16,269 hours
- ▶ Support groups provided- 1,870 support groups

Federal Guidelines

Code of Federal Regulations

- ▶ 45 C.F.R., Part 75 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- ▶ 200 C.F.R., Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

Partners

- ▶ Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) Technical assistance and training provider.
- ▶ National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)
- ▶ Domestic and Sexual Violence Shelters
- ▶ Victim Support services

Sexual Violence Awareness Month

APRIL 2022

- ▶ April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)
- ▶ Throughout Missouri there will be activities that help spread awareness on sexual assault, how to prevent it and how to support those who are affected by sexual assault.
- ▶ 1 in 3 women suffer from sexual violence at some point in their life
- ▶ Nearly 35% of men in the US experienced some form of sexual violence in their lifetime
- ▶ Join the social media campaign #SVAM22 #BelieveSurvivors
- ▶ Wear teal on April 6th to show support

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Get Help

- ▶ National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-7233
- ▶ National Sexual Assault Hotline
800-656-4673
- ▶ DeafLEAD - provides a videophone crisis line for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals 24/7
321-800-3323 or text HAND to 839863
- ▶ Adult Abuse or Neglect
800-392-0210

Resources

- ▶ DSS- DVSS webpage

<https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/domestic-violence-shelters~services.htm>

- ▶ Help for Victims of Crime

<https://dss.mo.gov/victimservices/index.htm>

<https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/victimservices/>

- ▶ Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence:

<https://www.mocadsv.org/how-to-get-help/>

Program Contact Information

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