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# ADVOCATE



**ad'vo-kāt** (verb): to support, assist others on a cause or issue of concern; to act as an advocate for others.



## Friends,

Each October, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we honor the victims of domestic violence across communities and bring awareness to the signs of abuse. In Kentucky, 45% of women and 36% of men have experienced intimate partner violence, intimate partner rape and/or rape in their lifetimes. With those statistics in mind, it's likely that a close friend or family member has been a victim of domestic violence. In this month's newsletter, you'll learn more about the impact of domestic violence across the state, as well as what you can do to help. This month especially, we lift up the many organizations working each day to advocate on behalf of victims and bring them to a place of recovery.

This is the first DVAM in Kentucky where victims of domestic violence have constitutionally protected rights. Many Marsy's Law rights are particularly salient for survivors of intimate partner violence, such as the right to have their safety considered when setting bail and determining whether to release the defendant. We now have the constitutional right to due consideration of the victim's safety, dignity and privacy. For many domestic violence victims who feel silenced and gaslighted by their partners, the Marsy's Law right to be heard is a critical opportunity to regain their voice and their power. This October we are reminded of the important ways that Marsy's Law ensures the inclusion, participation, and respect of crime victims and their families as they navigate the criminal justice system.

In gratitude,  
Emily

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN KENTUCKY

- Kentucky has the 11th highest femicide rate in the United States.
- In one day in 2019, Kentucky domestic violence programs served 1,420 adult and child survivors; another 128 requests for services went unmet due to lack of resources.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.
- On a typical day, Kentucky domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 19,159 calls, approximately 13 calls every minute.
- In 2018, domestic violence accounted for 20 percent of all violent crime.
- 65 percent of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 96 percent of the victims of these crimes were female.

Source: <https://ncadv.org/state-by-state>

# CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE STATE

## CONFERENCE FOR ENDING SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Join the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs and the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the 2021 Annual Conference for Ending Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

This year's virtual conference is a place for professionals in these fields, as well as survivors of sexual or domestic violence, to learn, network, heal, and share.

Registration is now open and the full schedule can be viewed [here](https://event.me/EgdANI).

## CHLOE RANDOLPH ORGANIZATION



Jay, from the Chloe Randolph Foundation, is GOING PURPLE this month!

The Chloe Randolph Organization is encouraging communities across the state to GO PURPLE and CHALK THE WALK in remembrance of the victims that have lost their lives, and in support of the survivors of domestic violence.

Join the Chloe Randolph Organization for the Second Annual Light Up The Night and Chalk the Walk campaigns to provide hope, courage, and strength for those who continue to live with abuse.

To learn more, visit <https://thechloerandolph.org/> or visit them on [Facebook](#). Check out [this](#) recent news story.



The Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition (DSVPC) and GreenHouse17 are partnering with local businesses and organizations to raise awareness. Learn more [here](#).

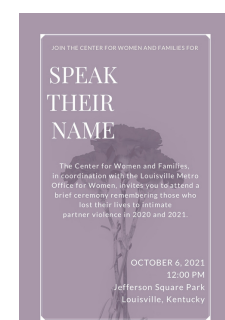


Raise awareness with Purple Thursday! Put on purple to show your support for survivors. You can purchase purple Thursday DVAM awareness gear [here](#).

Hope's Wings Domestic Violence Program is rallying the support of the Richmond community this month. Read more [here](#).



The Center for Women and Families and the Louisville Metro Office for Women invites you to attend an event to honor those who lost their lives to domestic violence.



## SIGNS OF ABUSE

Anyone can be an abuser. They come from all groups, all cultures, all religions, all economic levels, and all backgrounds. One study found 90 percent of abusers do not have criminal records and abusers are generally law-abiding outside the home.

## What Traits Do Abusers Have in Common?

- An abuser often denies the existence or minimizes the seriousness of the violence and its effect on the victim and other family members.
- An abuser objectifies the victim and often sees them as their property or sexual objects.
- An abuser has low self-esteem and feels powerless and ineffective in the world. He or she may appear successful, but internally, they feel inadequate.
- An abuser externalizes the causes of their behavior. They blame their violence on circumstances such as stress, their partner's behavior, a "bad day," on alcohol, drugs, or other factors.
- An abuser may be pleasant and charming between periods of violence and is often seen as a "nice person" to others outside the relationship.

## What Are the "Warning Signs" of an Abuser?

- Extreme jealousy
- Possessiveness
- Unpredictability
- A bad temper
- Cruelty to animals
- Verbal abuse
- Extremely controlling behavior
- Antiquated beliefs about roles of women and men in relationships
- Forced sex or disregard of their partner's unwillingness to have sex
- Sabotage of birth control methods or refusal to honor agreed upon methods
- Blaming the victim for anything bad that happens
- Sabotage or obstruction of the victim's ability to work or attend school
- Controls all the finances
- Abuse of other family members, children or pets
- Accusations of the victim flirting with others or having an affair
- Control of what the victim wears and how they act
- Demeaning the victim either privately or publicly
- Embarrassment or humiliation of the victim in front of others
- Harassment of the victim at work

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## WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

**Kentucky Coalition Against  
Domestic Violence**  
502-209-5382  
info@kcadv.org  
[https://kcadv.org/get-help-  
now](https://kcadv.org/get-help-now)

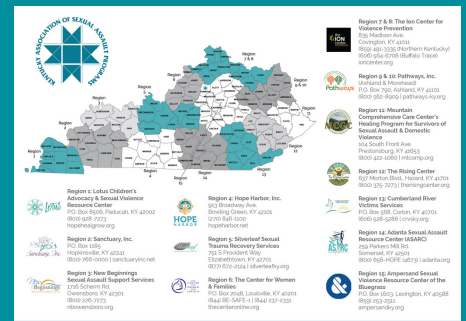
**National Domestic  
Violence Hotline**

For anonymous, confidential help available 24/7, call  
1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or  
1-800-787-3224 (TTY) now

## The Chloe Randolph Organization

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Sexual Assault Programs**  
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