

The Domestic Violence Intervention Center

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

DVIC helps domestic violence survivors in Lee, Macon, Chambers, Randolph, and Tallapoosa counties. They offer a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, case management, child advocacy, legal support, counseling, and more, all at no cost.



HOW TO HELP

DVIC maintains a shelter Wishlist to inform the community of current survivor needs. Items like paper towels, bath tissue, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, and gas cards are currently sought. You can find an updated Wishlist on our social media or request one by calling our office.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2023, DVIC provided shelter for 263 individuals and assisted 518 through outreach. Many survivors have made successful transitions, leading prosperous, violence-free lives. Some have returned to DVIC events to share their testimonies, using their experiences for a greater purpose.

WHY DONT YOU JUST LEAVE???

- The victims lack of knowledge or access to safety and support.
- Belief that two parent households are better for children, despite abuse.
- Unsupportive friends and family
- The victim feels that the relationship is a mix of good times, love and hope along with manipulation, intimidation and fear.

A victim's chances of being killed or seriously injured increase by 75% when leaving a violent Family or religious systems can actually pressure a victim into staying in the violent relationship.

Victims believe that they have the power to change the relationship for the better.

Many batterers threaten suicide or use any means necessary to place guilt and worry on the victim.

It costs approximately \$1500 to set up household in the first month without housing assistance. Public housing lists are long, sometimes over six months, and many do not qualify.

Lack of real alternatives for employment and financial assistance:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS THE NUMBER ONE REASON FOR LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE U.S.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION CENTER

- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINES RECEIVE 19,159 CALLS PER DAY
- 85 PERCENT OF FEMALES WILL EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIVES
- 20% OF ALL VIOLENT CRIME IN ALABAMA IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- EVERY 2 SECONDS SOMEONE FALLS VICTIM TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

CRISIS LINE 1-800-650-6522

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