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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and the Law

A Practical Guide for Survivors

People often think of domestic violence only in terms of black eyes and bruises. In reality, domestic violence may be physical or emotional—it is a pattern of behaviors that abusers use to control their intimate partners. Slapping, punching, beating, kicking, threats of harm, verbal and financial abuse are all forms of domestic violence. Domestic violence is more common than most people realize. Abusive behavior toward others is wrong no matter who does it. Family members or intimate partners are not excused. If you are in an abusive relationship, there are resources and people who can help you and your family. At the end of this Guide is a list of service providers around the state that provide survivors of domestic and sexual violence with court advocacy and other resources such as shelter, counseling and referrals to other agencies.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM

The legal system provides two ways to be protected from domestic violence. One is based on civil law and the other on criminal law. Sometimes these two overlap. Both civil and criminal remedies may be useful to you.

CIVIL COURT AND ORDERS OF PROTECTION

In Missouri, the Adult Abuse Act is the main law that provides for Orders of Protection – the civil legal process for help in addressing domestic violence. This law can be found in Chapter 455 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. In this Act, abuse is defined as assault, battery, coercion, harassment, sexual assault or unlawful imprisonment. Assaults may include threats or other offensive behavior. Stalking is also covered by this law.

WHAT IS ABUSE UNDER THE ADULT ABUSE ACT?

For Orders of Protection the Adult Abuse Act uses the following definitions:

1. **Assault** - "Purposely or knowingly placing or attempting to place another in fear or physical harm"
2. **Battery** - "Purposely or knowingly causing physical harm to another with or without a deadly weapon" *(The abuser physically harms you, for example, he punches, chokes, hits, kicks, slaps, throws things, etc.)*
3. **Coercion** - "Compelling another by force or threat of force to engage in conduct from which the latter has a right to abstain or to abstain from conduct in which the person has a right to engage" *(The abuser uses force or threat of force to make you do something or stops you from doing something you have a right to do.)*
4. **Harassment** – "Engaging in a purposeful or knowing course of conduct involving more than one incident that alarms or causes distress to another adult or child and serves no legitimate purpose. The course of conduct must be such as would cause a reasonable adult or child to suffer substantial emotional distress and must actually cause substantial emotional distress to the petitioner or child. Such conduct might include, but is not limited to: **(a)** Following another about in a public place or places; **(b)** Peering in the window or lingering outside the residence of another; but does not include constitutionally protected activity" *(The abuser does something more than once that frightens, alarms or causes distress to you. This includes threats of violence. The abuser uses conduct that would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, such as saying, "I will hit you," or "If you leave, I will hurt you," or "If you tell anyone, I will kill you." Threats can be more subtle as well and can be*

threatening to you because you know what the abuser has done in the past. The abuser might threaten to do things such as take the children away, make threats against other family members or pets, or threaten to destroy your home or property.)

5. **Sexual Assault** – "Causing or attempting to cause another to engage involuntarily in any sexual act by force, threat of force, or duress" *(The abuser forces you to engage in a sexual act without your consent.)*
6. **Unlawful Imprisonment** – "Holding, confining, detaining or abducting another person against that person's will"
7. **Stalking** – "When any person purposely and repeatedly engages in an unwanted course of conduct that causes alarm to another person when it is reasonable in that person's situation to have been alarmed by the conduct. As used in this subdivision: **(a)** 'Alarm' means to cause fear of danger of physical harm; **(b)** 'Course of conduct' means a pattern of conduct composed of repeated acts over a period of time, however short, that serves no legitimate purpose. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, following the other person or unwanted communication or unwanted contact; and **(c)** 'Repeated' means two or more incidents evidencing a continuity of purpose" *(The abuser repeatedly acts in a pattern of behavior that causes you to feel frightened, intimidated or emotionally distressed. This course of conduct may include unwanted communication or unwanted contact such as following you, texting, phone calls, showing up at your workplace, etc.)*
8. **Child Abuse** – "Any physical injury, sexual abuse or emotional abuse inflicted on a child other than by accidental means by an adult household member, or stalking of a child. Discipline including spanking, administered in a reasonable manner, shall not be construed to be abuse" *(The law provides for protection against violence toward your children as well. If your child has been the victim of any physical injury, sexual abuse or emotional harm inflicted by an adult household member you may file for a Child Order of Protection. This includes sexual abuse of children, such as fondling or rape. The abused children do not have to be the children of the abuser for you to file an Order of Protection.)*

HOW DOES THE LAW PROTECT AGAINST ABUSE?

A judge may issue an Order of Protection to order the abuser (the Respondent) to stop abusing, harassing or stalking you (the Petitioner) and require the Respondent to stay away from your home. An Order of Protection can be filed on behalf of a child—any person younger than 17 unless otherwise emancipated—if that child is being abused or is in danger of being abused. An Order of Protection is valid in every state and should be upheld by law enforcement in every state. This falls under the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the Constitution. There are two types of Orders of Protection:

1. ***Ex Parte* Order of Protection**
   This is a temporary emergency order issued by the Court to protect you as the Petitioner. It is issued by a judge without a court hearing. Once issued, an *Ex Parte* Order of Protection remains in effect until a court hearing, which is held within 15 days after you file for a protection order. Sometimes there is a delay when either you or the Respondent has "good cause" to ask for the hearing to be rescheduled. This is called a continuance. A continuance may also be granted to give the Petitioner additional time to meet the requirement that the order is "served," or physically delivered to the Respondent, if it has not been served before the court hearing. The *Ex Parte* order will remain in effect even if the hearing is continued by one of the parties or their attorney.
2. **Full Order of Protection**
   This is the Order that is issued after the Judge holds a court hearing. You (the Petitioner) must attend that hearing. If you do not appear for the hearing, the case will be dismissed. If the Respondent has been properly served and does not appear for the hearing, a Full Order of Protection will be issued after you have presented your evidence. During the hearing, both you and the Respondent can speak to the judge. Both parties present their evidence or both parties consent for the issuance of the Order. A Full Order of Protection can be issued for up to one year. More details about *Ex Parte* Orders and Full Orders come later in this Guide.

FILING FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION

Who can file for an Order of Protection?

1. You can file for an Order of Protection if you are 17 years of age or older or otherwise emancipated (if you are younger than 17, your parent or guardian may file for you against a Respondent younger than 17) and you are a family or household member as defined by law as follows:
    - are the spouse or former spouse of the abuser;
    - have a child in common with the abuser;
    - are the current or former live-in girlfriend or boyfriend of the abuser;
    - are related by blood or marriage to the abuser;
    - have been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature; or
    - are being **stalked** by the Respondent. (If you are being stalked by the Respondent, the Respondent **does not** have to be a present or former family or household member for you to file for an Order of Protection).
2. You can file for a Child Order of Protection if you:
    - are the parent or guardian of the victim, a guardian *ad litem*, or court-appointed special advocate appointed for the victim, or the juvenile officer; and
    - suspect child abuse is occurring.

Where can I file for an Order of Protection?

You can file for an *Ex Parte* Order of Protection with the Circuit Clerk in the county:

- where you live;
- where the alleged abuse occurred; or
- anywhere the Respondent may be served (where he or she lives, works, etc.).

When can I file for an Order of Protection?

During business hours, you can go to the Circuit Clerk's office at the courthouse. If it is after business hours or a holiday, you can call your

local police, sheriff's department or domestic violence program to find out where you can fill out a Petition for an Order of Protection. Judges should be on call to issue orders after hours when needed.

What relief is available with Orders of Protection?

The purpose of an ***Ex Parte*** **Order of Protection** and a **Full Order of Protection** is to **prohibit** the Respondent from abusing, molesting, stalking, communicating with you or disturbing your peace and entering your home. In an ***Ex Parte*** **Order** the court may also enter a temporary order of child custody and visitation where appropriate.

In a **Full Order of Protection** the court may make an order that addresses child custody, visitation and child support. The Judge also can make orders about property division and financial matters, as well as other things such as ordering the Respondent to pay for your medical bills or go to a batterers' intervention program.

If you want any of these types of help, you need to request each of them by checking the boxes on the Petition so the Judge can consider your requests.

The chart below explains in detail all of the relief you may ask for in the Petition for an Order of Protection.

RELIEF AVAILABLE WITH PROTECTION ORDERS

The Missouri Adult Abuse Act allows a victim of abuse to ask the court for the following types of help through an Order of Protection. **New in 2011**: *This relief may include such terms as the court reasonably deems necessary to ensure the petitioner's safety.* However, these orders are not always granted by the court.

Ex Parte **Order of Protection (SECTION 455.045, RSMo)**

- Temporarily restrains the Respondent from abusing, threatening to abuse, molesting, stalking or disturbing the peace of the Petitioner.
- Temporarily restrains the respondent from entering the premises of the dwelling unit of the petitioner when the dwelling unit is: a) jointly owned, leased or rented or jointly occupied by both parties; or b) owned, leased, rented or occupied by the Petitioner individually; or c) jointly owned, leased or rented by the Petitioner and a person other than the Respondent; provided, however, no spouse shall be denied relief under

RELIEF AVAILABLE WITH PROTECTION ORDERS, *continued*

this section by reason of the absence of a property interest in the dwelling unit; or d) jointly occupied by the Petitioner and a person other than the Respondent; provided that the Respondent has no property interest in the dwelling unit.

- Temporarily restrains the Respondent from communicating with the Petitioner in any manner or through any medium.
- Awards temporary custody of minor children where appropriate.

Full Order of Protection (SECTIONS 455.050 and 455.075, RSMo)

- Prohibits the Respondent from abusing, threatening to abuse, molesting, stalking or disturbing the peace of the Petitioner.
- Prohibits the Respondent from entering the premises of the dwelling unit of the Petitioner when the dwelling unit is: a) jointly owned, leased or rented or jointly occupied by both parties; or b) owned, leased, rented or occupied by the Petitioner individually; or c) jointly owned, leased, rented or occupied by the Petitioner and a person other than the Respondent; provided, however, no spouse shall be denied relief under this section by reason of the absence of a property interest in the dwelling unit; or d) jointly occupied by the Petitioner and a person other than the Respondent; provided that the Respondent has no property interest in the dwelling unit.
- Prohibits the Respondent from communicating with the Petitioner in any manner or through any medium.
- Awards custody of minor children born to or adopted by the parties when the court has jurisdiction over such child and no prior order regarding custody is pending or has been made, and the best interest of the child requires such order be issued. There is a presumption that the best interest of the child is served by placing him or her in the custody of the non-abusive parent.
- Establishes a visitation schedule for the non-custodial parent that is in the best interest of the child. The court can deny visitation if it finds that visitation would endanger the child's physical health, impair his or her emotional development or would otherwise conflict with the best interests of the child, or that no visitation can be arranged that would sufficiently protect the custodial parent from future abuse.
- Awards child support, when no prior order of support exists.
- Awards income maintenance, for no more than 180 days, to the Petitioner when the Petitioner and the Respondent are lawfully married.
- Orders the Respondent to make or to continue to make rent or mortgage

RELIEF AVAILABLE WITH PROTECTION ORDERS, *continued*

payments on a residence occupied by the Petitioner if the Respondent is found to have a duty to support the Petitioner or other dependent household members.

- Orders the Respondent to pay the Petitioner's rent at a residence other than the one previously shared by the parties if the Respondent is found to have a duty to support the Petitioner and the Petitioner requests alternative housing.
- Orders the Petitioner be given temporary possession of specified personal property, such as automobiles, checkbooks, keys and other personal effects.
- Prohibits the Respondent from transferring, encumbering, or otherwise disposing of specified property mutually owned or leased by the parties.
- Orders the Respondent to participate in a court-approved counseling program designed to help batterers stop violent behavior or to participate in a substance abuse treatment program.
- Orders the Respondent to pay a reasonable fee for housing and other services that have been provided or that are being provided to the Petitioner by a domestic violence shelter.
- Orders the Respondent to pay court costs.
- Orders the Respondent to pay the cost of medical treatment and services that have been provided or that are being provided to the Petitioner as a result of injuries sustained to the Petitioner by an act of domestic violence committed by the Respondent.
- Orders one of the parties to pay the other's attorney's fees.

Will my contact information be released?

If you do not want your abuser to know where you are living, you have the right to request that your address not be disclosed in the court documents. You can also conceal your address by applying for the Safe at Home program through the Secretary of State's office. This program allows you to establish a post office box in Jefferson City if you have relocated or are about to relocate to an address unknown to the assailant and that is not part of any public record. The Secretary of State will receive all mail sent to you, then forward the mail to your actual address. You can get more information by calling the toll-free number for the Secretary of State's office 866-509-1409, or on the website, www.sos.mo.gov.

Safety Considerations

Danger usually increases for survivors and their children when they leave their abusive partners or seek assistance from law enforcement, the justice system or social service providers. As a result, it is ***very*** important to have a well thought out safety plan. You are the expert on your situation and have been using all of your skills to survive so far. The decision to leave an abusive relationship is complicated because the likelihood is great that your abuser will try to retaliate or that the violence will worsen as you try to get help from the justice system.

However, it is important to remember that women do escape the violence in their lives. Friends, family and a network of service providers within a supportive community can be a big help to you if you choose to make the difficult decision to leave your abuser. Before you make the decision to leave or to file for an Order of Protection, you should create your own personalized safety plan.

The following safety plan chart is a tool to help you identify and evaluate your options and create a personalized plan to reduce your risk of being harmed again by the person hurting you. Use what applies or change it to reflect what you need in your situation. There is no right or wrong way to develop a safety plan, and it does not have to be written down.

PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN

Safety plans may help you anticipate the dangers you may face. Just as abusers continually shift their tactics of power and control, your safety plan is an adaptable tool to help increase your safety in your ever-changing situation.

- **WHEN TO USE A SAFETY PLAN**
  Safety plans can be made for a variety of situations: for dealing with an emergency, such as when you are threatened with a physical assault or an assault has occurred; for continuing to live with or to date a partner who has been abusive; or for protecting yourself after you have ended a relationship with an abusive partner.
- **USE WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW**
  If you are a woman who has been abused, you probably know more about safety planning and risk assessment than you might realize. Being in a relationship with an abusive partner—and surviving—requires considerable skill and resourcefulness. Any time you do or say something as a way to

PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN, *continued*

protect yourself or your children, you are assessing risk and enacting a safety plan. You do it all the time; it's just not always a conscious process.

- **THINK IT THROUGH**
  It can be a helpful safety strategy to evaluate risks and make safety plans in a more intentional way. Whether you are currently with your partner or have ended the relationship, and whether you choose to use available services or to involve the police, there are certain things that are helpful to consider in planning for your future safety.
- **BE AWARE OF DANGERS**
  If you are planning to leave your partner or already have left, be aware that batterers often escalate their violence during times of separation, increasing your risk for harm, including serious and life-threatening injury. Making a separation safety plan can help reduce the risks to you and your children.
- **EVALUATE YOUR OPTIONS**
  Only you can judge who it's safe to tell about your situation and who to ask for help. Sometimes, people who don't have good information about domestic violence respond to women who have been abused in ways that aren't helpful, even when they mean well. On the other hand, you might feel comfortable asking for help from someone you know. It's your decision. The important thing is for you to identify all the people who might be willing and able to help you. Make a list of their phone numbers and attach it to your safety plan for easy reference.
- **PLAN AHEAD**
  You don't have to wait for an emergency to ask for help. In fact, it's a good idea to talk to people who can help before there's a crisis. Find out what they are willing and able to do for you. That way, you'll know in advance if you have a place to stay, a source of financial assistance or a safe person to keep copies of important papers.
- **REDUCE YOUR RISK**
  No woman has control over her partner's violence, but women can and do find ways to reduce their risk of harm. The following safety plan is a tool to help you identify and evaluate your options and assist you in creating a personalized plan to reduce your risk when confronted with the threat of harm or with actual harm. Use what applies or change it to reflect your particular situation. **Your safety plan does not need to be written down (especially if you fear your abuser will find it), though you may choose to.** There's no right or wrong way to develop a safety plan. Make it your own, and review it regularly to make changes as needed.

PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN, *continued*

◗ SAFETY DURING A VIOLENT INCIDENT

❑ I will use my judgment and intuition. If I think my partner is going to hurt me, I will try to move to a space that has lower risk, such as _____. (Often bathrooms, garages, kitchens, areas near weapons or rooms without an outside exit are most dangerous.)

❑ If the situation is serious, I can give my partner what he wants to try to calm him down. I have the right to protect myself until I/my children are out of danger.

◗ SAFETY IF STAYING

❑ I can tell _____ about the violence and request they call the police if they hear noises coming from my home.

❑ I can teach my children how to use the telephone or dial 911 to contact the police or fire department and/or how to contact a safe neighbor for help. I will make sure my children know our address.

❑ If I have a programmable phone, I can program emergency numbers.

❑ I will use _____ as the code word with my children or my friends so they will call for help if needed.

❑ If I have to leave my home, I will go to _____. If I cannot go there, I can go to _____.

❑ The domestic violence program hotline number is _____. I can call it or the national hotline at (800) 799-SAFE for help.

◗ SAFETY IF LEAVING

Preparing to leave

❑ I will call a domestic violence program to get help making my plans. The hotline number for the nearest program is _____.

❑ I will leave money and an extra set of keys with _____ so I can leave quickly.

❑ I will leave extra clothes with _____.

❑ I can open a post office box and have personal mail and bills (credit cards, cell phone, etc.) sent there.

❑ I will ask _____ and _____ to see who would be able to let me stay with them or lend me some money.

❑ I can increase my independence by opening a bank account and getting credit cards in my own name; by taking classes or getting job skills; and/or by getting copies of all the important papers and documents I might need and keeping them with _____.

PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN, *continued*

- ❑ I can rehearse my escape plan and, if appropriate, practice it with my children.
- ❑ If it's not safe to talk openly, I will use _____ as the code word or signal to my children that we are leaving, or to my family or friends that we are coming.
- ❑ I can keep my purse and car keys ready and put them _____so I can leave quickly.

Items to consider taking if leaving

The following items may be helpful to have if you decide to leave, but remember that almost all of these items are replaceable.

- ❑ Identification for myself
- ❑ My and my children's birth certificates
- ❑ My and my children's Social Security cards
- ❑ School and vaccination records
- ❑ Money, checkbook, bankbooks, ATM cards
- ❑ Credit cards
- ❑ Medication and medical supplies
- ❑ Keys—house, car, work
- ❑ Driver's license, car registration
- ❑ Insurance papers
- ❑ Public assistance ID/Medicaid cards
- ❑ Passports, Alien Registration Receipt Cards, work permits
- ❑ Divorce or separation papers
- ❑ Lease, rental agreement or house deed
- ❑ Car/mortgage payment book
- ❑ Children's toys, security blankets, stuffed animals
- ❑ Sentimental items, photos
- ❑ My personalized safety plan (if written down)

◗ **SAFETY AT HOME**
If my partner and I are no longer living together

- ❑ I can, or ask my landlord to, change the locks on my doors and windows.
- ❑ I can, or ask my landlord to, replace wooden doors with metal ones.
- ❑ I can, or ask my landlord to, install security systems, including additional locks, window bars, poles to wedge against doors, etc.

PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN, *continued*

❑ I can buy rope ladders to be used for escape from second-floor windows.

❑ I can install smoke detectors and put fire extinguishers on each floor in my home.

❑ I can provide my onsite property manager and/or trusted neighbors with a picture of my partner and ask them to notify the police if they see him near my home.

◗ SAFETY AT WORK

❑ I can inform my boss, the security supervisor and the employee assistance program (EAP), if available, about my situation. The number of the EAP office is _____.

❑ I can ask to screen my calls and visitors at work.

❑ When leaving work, I can _____.

❑ If there's trouble when traveling to and from work, I can_____.

◗ SAFETY IN PUBLIC OR IF BEING STALKED

❑ If I suspect I am in imminent danger, I will locate a safe place for myself (police stations, residences of family or friends, domestic violence shelters, local churches, public areas, etc.).

❑ I can document my partner's actions and keep it in a safe place. This may include taking photos of destroyed property/vandalism, saving answering machine messages, keeping letters/notes, etc.

❑ I can change my patterns—avoid stores, restaurants, banks, doctor's appointments, self-service laundries and other places where my partner might find me based on my regular schedule.

❑ I can tell _____ and _____ about the situation and provide them with a photo or description of my partner and any possible vehicles he may drive. I can ask them to call the police if they believe I or my children are in danger.

❑ When I am out of the house, I will try not to travel alone and will try to stay in public areas.

◗ WITH AN ORDER OF PROTECTION

❑ I will keep my protection order _____.
(Always keep it on or near you.)

❑ I will give copies of my protection order to the local police or sheriff and to departments in towns where I visit friends and family.

❑ I will give copies to my employer, my religious advisor, my closest friend, my children's school and child-care center and _____.

PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN, *continued*

- ❑ If my partner destroys my order or if I lose it, I can get another copy from the court that issued it.
- ❑ If my partner violates the order, I can call the police and report a violation, contact my attorney, call my domestic violence program advocate, and/or advise the court of the violation.
- ❑ I can call a domestic violence program if I have questions about how to enforce an order or if I have problems getting it enforced.

◗ PROTECTING MY CHILDREN

- ❑ I can teach developmentally appropriate safety strategies to my children.
- ❑ I can teach my children how to make a collect call to me if they are concerned about their safety.
- ❑ I can teach my children how to use the telephone or dial 911 to contact the police and fire departments and how to contact a safe neighbor for help. I will make sure they know our address.
- ❑ I can tell my children's caretakers who has permission to pick them up and make sure caretakers know how to recognize those people.
- ❑ I will give the people who take care of my children copies of custody and protection orders, as well as emergency numbers.

◗ SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY

- ❑ Each day there are advances in technology. I can ask someone familiar with technology or domestic violence about the ways that my partner may monitor me.
- ❑ I will use a computer that my partner doesn't have access to when I look for help, a new place to live, etc. It may be safest to use a computer at a public library, Internet café, community center or _____.
- ❑ I can ask my friends and family to be careful about who they give my email address to, and to use the Bcc: option when copying me in on email.
- ❑ When making or receiving private calls, I will not use a cell phone that I share with my partner because my partner may have access to cell phone billing records and phone logs and may have put settings on my phone that allow him to track my whereabouts. My local domestic violence shelter may have a donated cell phone I can use.
- ❑ I will ask the court systems, post office and other government agencies how they protect or publish my records and request that they seal or restrict access to my files to help protect my safety.

PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN, *continued*

MY EMOTIONAL HEALTH

- ❑ If I am feeling down, lonely or confused, I can call _____ or the domestic violence hotline.
- ❑ If I have left my partner and am considering returning, I will call _____ or spend time with _____ before I make a decision.
- ❑ I can attend support groups, workshops or classes at the local domestic violence program or _____ so I can build a support system, learn skills or get information.
- ❑ I will look at how and when I drink alcohol or use other drugs. If I am going to drink or use other drugs, I will do it in a place where people are committed to my safety.

KEEP YOUR PLAN IN A SAFE PLACE

Only you can decide if it is safe to have a written safety plan. If you decide to keep a written safety plan, make sure to find a place to keep it where your partner won't find it; maybe you can ask a friend to keep a copy for you. Whether it's safe to write down your plan or not, it's still important to make one.

WHAT CAN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM DO FOR ME?

Local domestic violence programs are a vital resource, providing free and confidential assistance to women victimized by domestic violence and their children. They provide emergency safety services, such as shelter and 24-hour crisis hotlines. **But you don't have to stay in a shelter to get help from a program.** Most also provide a full range of non-residential services to women who have been battered. Domestic violence program advocates have accurate information about domestic violence and are experienced in providing assistance to women who have been battered and their children. They understand the criminal justice, family court and social service systems, and they are familiar with other community resources that might be useful to you.

In addition to giving you good information, advocates often can accompany you to court, to the police station or to social services offices. They can provide you with practical and emotional support. Getting help from someone who has experience working with survivors of domestic violence and who knows how to work with the different systems can make things a lot easier for you.

How do I get an Order of Protection?

The process for getting an Order of Protection begins with going to the Circuit Court and filling out an application, called a Petition for Order of Protection. This application is made on a form available at the Circuit Clerk's office. The Missouri Adult Abuse Act requires that court clerks explain how to file all of these necessary forms and documents. In addition, most counties have victim advocates to assist you in the process for filing for an Order of Protection and they may even go with you to court. **There is no filing fee, court cost or bond required to file for an Order of Protection; it is free.**

When you go to fill out the Petition, you should bring any documentation or proof that the abuse occurred. This includes pictures of injuries, law enforcement reports and/or medical records.

You do not need a lawyer to obtain an Order of Protection. However, if you decide you want an attorney (for instance, if you are concerned about going to court alone or the Respondent has hired an attorney) you may contact the **Missouri Bar Referral Service at 573-636-3635.** The referral service charges $25.00 for the first 30 minutes of consultation with an attorney. The attorney will then quote you a fee that you will have to pay if you decide to hire him or her. If you cannot afford an attorney, contact the Legal Services or Legal Aid office in your area. If they cannot represent you, many legal service offices have a Volunteer Attorney Project Coordinator who may be able to help you get a private attorney to represent you for free or at a reduced cost. Legal Services and Legal Aid offices around the state are included in the resource section of this Guide, which starts on page 44.

How do I fill out the proper forms?

When you go to the Circuit Clerk's office at the courthouse, ask for a "Petition for Order of Protection." When describing the domestic violence against you in the Petition, start with the most recent episode of violence first; then go back in time with each violent episode. Many judges only consider the most recent acts of abuse so you need to describe each act of abuse in detail. If the episodes of abuse are too frequent to list them all, you should list the last episode, the first episode, the frequency of the episodes and a few of the worst episodes, also describing when you were most in fear. Think of this as describing "the last, first and worst" abuse.

It is extremely important that you are **very specific** about the abuse, describing in detail what the abuser did to you physically and/or emotionally. If you know the exact dates of the abuse, you should write them. For example, do not just write, "He abused me." Instead write, "On _____ (insert date only if you know for sure) he hit me, punched me in the face and pushed me very hard against our bedroom wall." If he called you names, write down the exact names he called you so the judge can see specific examples of the emotional abuse. If there is not enough space to write down all of the abuse, you may add additional sheets of paper. If the violence has caused any injuries, you should describe the injuries in detail and tell the Judge if you sought medical help and if you have any documentation such as pictures, medical or law enforcement records. If you have documentation of the abuse, you should attach that to the Petition. If the abuser is violent while using alcohol and illegal drugs, write that in the Petition and remind the Judge about those details in your court hearing. Please make sure to list any threats or other factors which cause you to believe the abuser may be becoming more dangerous.

It is very important to show the Judge on paper why you are afraid now. If you are afraid of the abuser, write that you are afraid of the abuser and explain in detail why you are afraid. After reading your Petition, the Judge will either grant or deny you an *Ex Parte* Order of Protection. This initial decision is made solely on the basis of what you have written in the Petition. The Judge will not usually meet with you or listen to your evidence. If the Judge does want to meet with you, it will be informal and he or she may ask you more questions in the courtroom, although some judges conduct these types of informal interviews in their offices.

What happens after the Judge reads my Petition?

If a judge finds that there is present danger of abuse against you, an *Ex Parte* Order will be granted. If the *Ex Parte* Order is granted, a copy of the Order is given to law enforcement and entered into a statewide computerized record that law enforcement (police and sheriffs) use. This is called MULES (Missouri Uniformed Law Enforcement System).

1. Service of the *Ex Parte* Order on the Respondent

A law enforcement officer will then serve a copy of the Order on the

abuser/Respondent or the Respondent's custodial parent or guardian if the Respondent is younger than 17. **However, the Order is still valid and enforceable before it is served**. The *Ex Parte* Order will also include a court date when you will have the hearing on the Full Order of Protection. An *Ex Parte* Order takes effect when entered and remains in effect until properly served and there is a full hearing on the Petition.

2. **Notification that the Respondent has been Served**
   When you file your Petition, the Court Clerk should tell you about the option to receive notification of when the Order has been served and provide you information on how to receive the notification service.
3. **Calling Law Enforcement for Violations of Protection Orders**
   Remember, if you have an *Ex Parte* Order, you can call law enforcement if your abuser attempts to contact you. Law enforcement must arrest an abuser who violates an *Ex Parte* Order and has notice of the Order. Prosecutors may not be able to file charges if your abuser has no prior knowledge of the *Ex Parte* Order. If you have information that your abuser knew or was aware of the *Ex Parte* Order before the violation, it is important to tell law enforcement about the reasons for your abuser's prior knowledge (for instance, if a family member or friend has told your abuser about the *Ex Parte* Order).

What if the Judge refuses to grant an Ex Parte Order of Protection?

If the Judge does not grant you an *Ex Parte* Order of Protection, you should still be given a court date within 15 days for a hearing on the Full Order of Protection. You will have an opportunity at that hearing to prove your case to the Judge.

How will I know when my abuser has been notified of my Petition for an Order of Protection? and What do I do at the hearing?

Full Orders of Protection

The hearing for a Full Order of Protection will be held within 15 days after you get your *Ex Parte* Order and the Respondent has been served with a copy of that Order. The abuser must be served at least three days prior to the hearing date. If the papers are not served to the

abuser by that time, ask the Judge or the Judge's clerk to extend the *Ex Parte* Order and assign another court date. This is called a continuance. You may always ask the Judge to grant you a continuance for other reasons, like to get an attorney, find a witness, etc. It will be up to the Judge to decide whether to grant your request. If it is granted, the *Ex Parte* Order of Protection remains in effect until the new court date.

Be sure to bring to the courtroom any witnesses who have seen or heard the abusive behavior against you and as much other evidence of the violence as you can safely get, such as pictures, medical reports, damaged property and torn clothing. Be prepared to describe to the Judge in detail what you wrote in your Petition and **why you are still afraid of the abuser now.** If new abuse occurred since you filled out the Petition, tell the Judge that there are new incidents you want to talk about. After you and your abuser have presented all of your evidence, the Judge will decide what type of relief he or she should order for the Full Order of Protection. It might be the same as the relief you got in the temporary *Ex Parte* Order.

Know what you want to say to the Judge. Most domestic violence dockets are large, and you should be prepared to tell the Judge about the most recent, the most violent and the most frightening episodes of domestic violence first. Be aware that your abuser or his or her lawyer can ask you questions in court. Try to keep calm when you ask or answer any questions. Remember that a record is being made of all the testimony. Your sworn testimony might be all the evidence you need to get an Order of Protection.

You do not have to have proof of injuries or witnesses to the violence against you, but they are helpful. If you have been threatened with violence, tell the Judge why you believe the threat and why you are afraid. Do not get upset if the abuser contradicts what you say. The Judge will allow both parties an opportunity to be heard, and the abuser will probably use this time to contradict your testimony. Some of the things that the abuser says may hurt you or make you mad. It is important to refrain from arguing with the abuser in court. Most judges have seen many cases of domestic violence and expect contradictions in the testimony.

Make sure you tell the Judge exactly what relief and protection you want. Make a list of all the kinds of relief you want and read it to the Judge. If your circumstances have changed or if you have changed

your mind since you filed the petition, you can change the type of relief requested. It is possible to request specific court orders that allow only limited types of contact with the abuser, for instance for someone other than you to exchange your child for visitation.

If you have successfully proved your case of abuse or stalking, the Judge will order that the abuser not assault or attempt to assault you, not harass or intimidate you, not go to your work or residence and not follow you around. The Judge **may** (although he or she might not) order that you be provided with any other relief, such as custody and visitation, child support, temporary maintenance payments, assistance with rent or mortgage payments or possession of certain property.

Consent Full Orders of Protection

Be aware that before you have an opportunity to have a full hearing on your case, the Judge will usually ask you and the Respondent if you both want to agree to the entry of a Full Order of Protection without conducting a hearing. If the Order of Protection is granted this way, it is called a Consent Full Order of Protection. If you and the Respondent agree to a Consent Order, the Respondent does not admit he has done anything wrong but consents to an Order being issued against him stating that he will stay away from you while the Order is in place. If there are any issues you and the Respondent disagree about, such as child custody or support, there must be a full hearing. Please understand that if you agree to this type of Order, there will be no evidence presented to the Judge that the Respondent abused you and there will be no record made of the abuse.

What happens after the Order of Protection is issued?

1. Keep your Order with you.

Once you obtain the Order, make copies of it if possible and keep one copy with you. Local law enforcement must keep copies of these orders on file, but you should keep a copy in your purse or other safe place near you. This is so that you can show law enforcement or the Court that you have an Order of Protection should the abuser violate it. Part of your safety plan includes giving copies to someone in authority in places that you or your children go on a regular basis such as your workplace or their childcare or school.

2. Can I renew the Order?

An Order of Protection may be renewed two ways.

1. You can get the Order renewed twice if the abuser continues to be a threat to your physical safety after one year is up. You will have to file a motion to renew your Order and the Court will set a hearing on the Motion to Renew the Order of Protection. An advocate at a domestic or sexual violence program can help you with the process of getting the Order renewed. If the hearing cannot be held before the expiration of the original order, the Court can issue an *Ex Parte* Order of Protection, which would be in effect until the hearing date. Be sure to apply for the renewal before your order expires (usually at least two weeks before it expires). You do not have to prove a new incident of abuse if you apply to have the Order renewed before the old order expires. You just need to show the Judge that you are still afraid of the abuser. However, if your original order expires before you apply for the renewal you will have to apply for a new Order of Protection. The original Order of Protection can be renewed for a period of time set by the Judge but cannot exceed one year. The renewal is filed at the circuit clerk's office where you filed for your original Order of Protection. The Clerk can help you apply for a renewal, or you might wish to contact an attorney to help you. Consult the resources section at the end of this Guide, starting on page 44, the Missouri Bar Association or the Circuit Clerk to determine what attorneys, including low-cost or volunteer attorneys, are available in your area to help get further help.

2. **New in 2011:** *The Judge may put in a provision that an Order may automatically renew for one year unless the Respondent objects by 30 days prior to the expiration of the order.*

3. Can I violate my own Order?

Legally you cannot violate an Order of Protection that you have against someone else. The Judge has ordered the abuser not to contact you. However, if you have any voluntary telephone or personal contact with the abuser, the Court or law enforcement might interpret that contact as proof that you are not afraid of the abuser. This might make it very difficult to renew or enforce the Order. If you feel you must have contact with the abuser, be ready to explain to the Court the circumstances and reasons for the contact. Also, if you feel you **must** have contact with the abuser, you may be better off if

you make contact through another person or in public settings. You must **always keep safety in mind**.

4. What if a new custody order is issued in another case?

Any custody, visitation, child support and maintenance orders will stay in effect during the duration of the Order of Protection unless another custody order is entered in another court. Later, if you get a divorce or paternity judgment against the Respondent, and custody, visitation or child support is ordered, the portion of your Order of Protection that deals with custody, visitation, support or maintenance will no longer be valid. Remember, the rest of your Order of Protection remains in effect. So, even if you get a divorce or paternity order, if you are still afraid of your abuser you should not dismiss your Order of Protection just because a dissolution or paternity case has been initiated.

5. How do I get the Order enforced?

If the abuser violates the Order in any way, you have criminal and civil options to have the Order enforced. Different options might be available to you in different jurisdictions, so you should contact your local court or victim advocate to find out all options that are available to you. Regardless of what remedies are available to you, it is important that you keep in a safe place your own log of the violations committed by your abuser. This log will be helpful to prosecutors, civil lawyers and judges in determining how to respond to the violations.

Criminal Enforcement

A violation of an Order of Protection is a criminal offense, and you should contact law enforcement immediately if the Order has been violated. Law enforcement should arrest the abuser if you show them you have an Order and they reasonably believe that the abuser has abusively violated it. If an Order has been abusively violated, your abuser can be arrested and prosecuted for certain crimes. The abuser can be arrested if he continues to contact you, frighten or stalk you, disregards any provision of the child custody order or enters your dwelling or place of employment or school, or goes within a certain distance of you or your child. If the violation involves the abuser's failure to surrender custody of the children

to you as ordered, he can be arrested and the children turned over to you.

Civil Enforcement

You can file a Motion for Civil Contempt when your abuser has not violated the Order of Protection by abusing you but has not complied with one of the other provisions that are not enforced by law enforcement (for example, your Order of Protection says he must pay child support and maintenance, but he didn't pay when he was supposed to). On the court date, if the Respondent doesn't have a good reason for disobeying the Order of Protection, the Judge can find him in contempt of court that day. That means the Judge can jail the Respondent until he does what he was supposed to do (for example, pay all past due child support) or can fine him an additional amount as punishment. Not all courts hold regular contempt hearings, but filing for contempt should always be available upon the request of the Petitioner. St. Louis County has a rather unique way of handling contempt cases. This court holds both civil and indirect criminal contempt hearings for Respondents who violate Orders of Protection. Indirect criminal contempt hearings are for Respondents who violate the Order by actually causing direct harm to you in some way. In St. Louis County, filings for contempt are heard on a regular basis, and forms are available on the St. Louis County Circuit Court's website (http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/circuitcourt/MotionsForContempt.html).

MISSOURI ADULT ABUSE ACT AT A GLANCE

- **WHO CAN OBTAIN RELIEF?**

  Adult Order of Protection:
  (§455.010) Any **adult**, defined as a person 17 years of age or older or otherwise emancipated. This person is called the Petitioner.

  Child Order of Protection: (§455.010 & §455.503) Any **parent, guardian, guardian *ad litem*, court-appointed special advocate, or juvenile officer** on behalf of a child (any person under 17 years of age). This person is called the Petitioner.

- **WHOM CAN THEY OBTAIN RELIEF AGAINST?**

  Adult and Child Orders of Protection: (§455.010) A **family** or **household member** (a spouse, a former spouse, any person related by blood or marriage, any person residing together or who resided together in the past, any person who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, or anyone who has a child in common, regardless of whether they have been married or have resided together) or **any person stalking** the victim. This person is called the Respondent.

  New in 2011: *An Adult Order of Protection and a Child Order of Protection can be filed against a child, a person under 17.*

- **WHAT ACTS BY THE ABUSER FORM THE BASIS FOR RELIEF?**

  Adult and Child Orders of Protection: (§455.010) **Abuse**, which includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any of the following acts, attempts, or threats against a person who may be protected under the Adult Abuse Act: **assault, battery, coercion, harassment, sexual assault or unlawful imprisonment, except abuse shall not include abuse inflicted on a child by accidental means by an adult or household member or discipline of a child, including spanking, in a reasonable manner. Stalking** also is covered by the Adult Abuse Act.

- **WHAT RELIEF IS AVAILABLE?**

  Adult Order of Protection:
  (§455.045) ***Ex Parte* Order of Protection.**
  (§455.050) **Full Order of Protection.**

  Child Order of Protection:
  (§455.520) ***Ex Parte* Child Order of Protection.**

  (§455.523) **Full Child Order of Protection.**

MISSOURI ADULT ABUSE ACT AT A GLANCE, *continued*

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING RELIEF?

Adult Order of Protection: (§§455.015–455.032) **Petitioning** court for Order of Protection. (§455.035) **Obtaining** *Ex Parte* Order of Protection if there is an immediate and present danger. An *Ex Parte* Order of Protection is not always granted, but the Court always should set a hearing date. (§455.040) **Hearing** on Full Order of Protection held within 15 days after petition is filed, unless there is good cause for a continuance.

Child Order of Protection: (§§455.503–455.510) **Petitioning** court for Child Order of Protection. (§455.513) **Obtaining** *Ex Parte* Child Order of Protection if there is an immediate and present danger. An *Ex Parte* Order of Protection is not always granted, but the Court always should set a hearing date. (§455.516) **Hearing** on Full Child Order of Protection within 15 days after petition is filed, unless there is good cause for a continuance.

New in 2011: *If an Order of Protection is filed against a child, the case will be moved to juvenile court.*

HOW LONG CAN AN ORDER LAST, AND IS IT RENEWABLE?

Adult Order of Protection: (§455.040) An Order of Protection lasts for a **minimum of 180 days** and **a maximum of one year**. It can be renewed twice; each renewal can last up to one year. No new incident of abuse is required if the Order is renewed before the old one expires.

Child Order of Protection: (§455.516) A Child Order of Protection can last for **a minimum of 180 days** and **a maximum of one year**. The Order can be renewed twice; each renewal can last up to one year. No new incident of abuse is required if the Order is renewed before the old one expires.

New in 2011: *(§455.040 & 455.516) Automatic One-Year Renewal. The Court may, upon a finding that it is in the best interest of the parties, include a provision that any Full Order of Protection for one year shall automatically renew unless the Respondent requests a hearing by 30 days prior to its expiration.*

WHAT HAPPENS IF ANOTHER COURT MAKES A CUSTODY ORDER?

Adult Order of Protection: (§455.060) The portion of the Order of Protection relating to **custody, visitation, support** and maintenance is no longer valid, but the prohibitions regarding abuse remain in effect.

Child Order of Protection: (§455.528) The portion of the Order of Protection relating to **custody, visitation, support** and **maintenance** is no longer valid, but the prohibitions regarding abuse remain in effect.

MISSOURI ADULT ABUSE ACT AT A GLANCE, *continued*

- **CAN AN ORDER BE MODIFIED?**

  Adult Order of Protection: (§455.060 & §455.065) **Yes**. Upon the filing of a motion and a showing of changed circumstances.

  Child Order of Protection: (§455.528 & §455.530) **Yes**. Upon the filing of a motion and a showing of changed circumstances.

- **ARE PROTECTION ORDERS FROM OTHER STATES ENFORCEABLE IN MISSOURI?**

  Adult Order of Protection: (§455.067) **Yes**. The Adult Abuse Act provides that orders from other states must be given "full faith and credit" in Missouri. A procedure for registering these "foreign orders" is contained in the statute. However, registration does not have to occur for such orders to be enforced.

  Child Order of Protection: **Uncertain**. No statutory or legal precedent at this time. Child orders might be covered by the federal Violence Against Women Act. Consult an attorney.

- **WHAT HAPPENS IF AN ORDER IS VIOLATED?**

  Adult and Child Orders of Protection:
  (§455.085 & §455.090) The violator can be **arrested** and **prosecuted** for a crime. Arrestable violations of the terms and conditions of a protection order include abuse, stalking, disregard of child custody provisions, communication initiated by the Respondent, or entrance upon the premises of the Petitioner's dwelling unit, place of employment or school, or being within a certain distance of the Petitioner or child of the Petitioner. If the violation involves the failure to surrender custody of a minor child to the person to whom custody is awarded, the violator must be arrested and the **child turned over to the custodial parent**. A **contempt of court** action can be brought in the issuing court and the violator can be held in contempt of court. (This sometimes results in a fine and can include jail time.) The Court may schedule compliance review hearings to monitor the Respondent's compliance with the order, whether or not there has been a violation.

What should happen when I call law enforcement for help?

- If you are a victim of domestic violence, you can call local law enforcement for help, whether or not you have an Order of Protection. Missouri law requires law enforcement officers to apply the same standard for response to an alleged incident of abuse or violation of an Order of Protection as they would for any crime involving strangers.
- When responding in an emergency situation, law enforcement might take a few minutes to get there. If you are afraid, it is important to tell the 911 dispatcher of your fear and the reasons for it. If you can, you should tell the dispatcher any other safety concerns you have and whether the abuser has any weapons now or in the past.
- When law enforcement arrives, if both parties claim to be assaulted, the officers are not required to arrest both parties. Law enforcement is supposed to look for the most significant, rather than the first, aggressor. This is called the primary or dominant physical aggressor. To make this determination, law enforcement should look at the intent of the law to protect victims of domestic violence from continuing abuse, the comparative extent of the injuries or serious threats creating fear of physical injury and the history of domestic violence between the people involved.
- If law enforcement responds to a domestic violence call, and the officer believes that there has been an assault (which includes a threat to commit physical harm), and **does not** make an arrest, they are required to make a written report of the incident completely describing the offender, giving the victim's name, time, address, reason why no arrest was made and any other pertinent information. If law enforcement is called to the same address within 12 hours and believes that the same offender has again committed an assault or abuse against the same or any other family member, the officer is required to arrest the offending party. The report from the first response may be considered as evidence of the abuser's intent to commit the abuse.
- The officers should conduct a thorough investigation and look for evidence or other proof of the abuse. You should show them any bruises or other injuries you have and any torn or bloody clothing, broken items or any other sign or indication of the abuse (if there are any). They should take pictures of any physical signs of abuse.

You should tell the officer if anyone saw or heard part of the present or past abuse against you or another member of your household. If possible, you should give the officer names and phone numbers of these witnesses. If there is an Order that the abuser has violated, tell the officers and give them a copy of the Order so they can arrest the abuser for violating the Order. Try to give them a copy of the Order and keep the original in case you need to show it to law enforcement again later. You should also show the officers a **copy** of separation or divorce papers, if there are any.

- If the responding officers do not conduct a thorough investigation, you have the right to ask them to take pictures of your injuries and to contact witnesses, etc. You should ask for the responding officer's name and badge number so that he or she can be a witness for you in any civil or criminal proceeding you may bring against your abuser. Write this information down. You may wish to use this information to thank law enforcement for their work later. Alternatively, if law enforcement does not conduct a proper investigation, you can use their badge numbers if you decide to file a complaint.

What other assistance can I get from law enforcment?

1. **Information and referrals**
   Law enforcement officers are trained to know about local services and should be able to tell you the locations for the closest temporary shelters for domestic violence victims. If you are hurt or need food, clothing or counseling, law enforcement can direct you to an appropriate community resource. Law enforcement agencies may have established domestic violence response teams or individual officers trained to deal with domestic violence situations. These teams or individuals may be aided by shelter advocates, social workers, ministers or other persons trained in counseling or crisis intervention and may arrive with law enforcement to provide you with help and support.
2. **Transportation**
   Law enforcement officers at the scene of a domestice violence incident are *required by law* to provide or arrange transportation for the abused party to a medical facility for treatment of injuries or to a place of shelter or safety. (Section 455.080 RSMo)
3. **Getting your personal belongings**
   If you need to get belongings from your home, the law enforcement

officers can and should escort you back to your home. (Remember, if you do not want to return to the home and you are not asking that your abuser be removed from the home, you can ask the Judge for an Order allowing you to safely get your household goods and other personal things you need.)

4. **Emergency assistance**
   Calls to law enforcement are interpreted as indicating a need for immediate response if the caller indicates that the violence is about to happen or in progress or if an Order of Protection is in effect, or the caller states that incidents of domestic violence have occurred previously between the parties. Law enforcement has an obligation to write a written report if they have a reasonable belief that you have been attacked or abused in some manner or if they reasonably believe the abuser has violated a court order by hurting you or threatening you. If they return to the same home within 12 hours, they must arrest when they have a reasonable belief that an assault occurred.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL REMEDIES?

The purpose of an Order of Protection is to keep your abuser away from you and to get other types of relief because of the domestic violence which has and might again be inflicted on you. Orders of Protection are **not** a part of an abuser's criminal record. However, they do have criminal penalties for violations. The purpose of a criminal action is to hold abusers accountable for their criminal conduct. You do not need to decide between civil and criminal remedies. You may pursue both remedies for the same incident of domestic violence.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THE CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDING?

1. **Safety plan**
   You have the right to pursue criminal remedies and report criminal charges against your abuser. Before taking these steps, however, it is important to have a safety plan in place to protect you and your

children during this process. If your abuser was arrested, and a criminal case is filed, he will most likely be released before there is a hearing on the case. There may also be a period of time before your abuser is served with an Order of Protection. You want to make sure that you are protected during this time. If you are not sure of the best way to keep your family safe during this time, advocates at your local domestic violence program can help you make a safety plan. Refer to the Personalized Safety Plan on page 11 to help create your own safety plan. You should also be aware that although you can tell the Prosecutor that you do not want to pursue charges against your abuser at any time, the Prosecutor may decide to go forward with the case and prosecute the abuser even if you request that the charges be dropped.

2. **Pursue your criminal remedies**
   As a victim of domestic violence, you can make a criminal report to law enforcement, which the Prosecutor will review. The Prosecutor will decide whether to bring criminal charges and prosecute the abuser. The Prosecutor may choose to file charges without your cooperation as the victim. (See page 41 "7. Know the Prosecuting Attorney's role" for more information.) The purpose is to hold your abuser accountable for violating the law.
3. **Report the crime as soon as possible**
   If you can get to a telephone, call 911. Law enforcement must respond to your call. Law enforcement has an obligation to write a written report if they have a reasonable belief that you have been attacked or abused in some manner and they must arrest if they reasonably believe the abuser has violated a court order by hurting you or threatening you. If they return to the same home within 12 hours, even if there is no court order in place, they must arrest when they have a reasonable belief that an assault occurred.
4. **Be prepared to tell what happened**
   If law enforcement did not witness the assault, you may need to go to the Prosecuting Attorney's office to make sure a complaint is filed. You will need to describe to the Prosecutor what happened to you, and you can bring any witnesses to the domestic violence and any evidence of injury or abuse, such as pictures, torn or blood-stained clothes, damaged property and medical reports. Upon hear-

ing your statement, the Prosecuting Attorney's office may press charges, which may result in the issuance of a criminal summons or a warrant. The Prosecuting Attorney may still issue a criminal summons or warrant if you do not have physical evidence of abuse.

5. **Know the crimes and charges**
   It is important for you to know and understand the charges against your abuser. The following are brief descriptions and detailed charts of some possible charges that can be filed and their punishments.

   ◗ **RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT**
   Sexual assault is a physical act of sexual violence. The legal definition of sexual assault is the attempt to cause another to engage involuntarily in any sexual act by force, threat of force, or duress. Sexual assault may be used to describe rape, incest, molestation, unwanted fondling or unwanted sodomy. Sexual assault may occur between spouses or intimate partners. The crime of forcible rape and forcible sodomy occur when a person has sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse, which includes penetration, however slight, of you by use of forcible compulsion, which includes a threat. (See the chart on the following page as well as Chapter 566 of the Missouri Revised Statutes)

MISSOURI SEXUAL OFFENSES

CHARGE	ACT	OTHER ELEMENTS	PRISON TERM	STATUTE
Forcible rape	Sexual intercourse	Use of forcible compulsion	5 years – life without parole for 30 years	566.030
Attempted forcible rape	Attempted sexual intercourse	Use of forcible compulsion	5 years - life without parole for 30 years	566.030
Forcible sodomy	Deviate sexual intercourse	Use of forcible compulsion	5 years - life without parole for 30 years	566.060
Attempted forcible sodomy	Attempted deviate sexual intercourse	Use of forcible compulsion	5 years - life without parole for 30 years	566.060
Sexual abuse*	Sexual contact	Use of forcible compulsion	Up to 15 years	566.100
Sexual assault*	Sexual intercourse	Without victim's consent	Up to 7 years	566.040
Deviate sexual assault*	Deviate sexual intercourse	Without victim's consent	Up to 7 years	566.070
Sexual misconduct, first degree*	Sexual contact	Without victim's consent	Up to 4 years	566.090
Sexual misconduct, second degree*	Genital exposure, sexual contact in the presence of others, sex in public	Usually must prove knowledge that this was likely to cause affront or alarm	Up to 1 year	566.093
Sexual misconduct, third degree*	Soliciting sexual contact	Knows this was likely to cause affront or alarm	Up to 15 days	566.095

**Probation is also a possibility for each of the charges listed above.*

DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Domestic assault occurs when the assault is directed against a family or household member or an adult who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the abuser – for example, when you date someone. Domestic assault in the first degree is committed when a person attempts to kill or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious injury. Domestic assault in the second degree occurs when a person attempts to cause or knowingly causes physical injury by any means, including use of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument or by choking or strangulation; or recklessly causes serious physical injury or recklessly causes physical injury with a deadly weapon. (See the chart on pages 36-37 as well as Chapter 565 of the Missouri Revised Statutes)

Third degree domestic assault occurs when:

- a person attempts to cause or recklessly causes physical injury; or
- a person with criminal negligence causes physical injury by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; or
- a person places the victim in apprehension of immediate physical injury by any means; or
- a person recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death or serious physical injury to the victim; or
- a person knowingly causes physical contact knowing the other person will regard the contact as offensive; or
- a person knowingly attempts to cause or causes the isolation of such family or household member by unreasonably and substantially restricting or limiting such family or household member's access to other persons, telecommunication devices or transportation for the purposes of isolation. (See the chart pages 36-37 as well as Chapter 565 of the Missouri Revised Statutes)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULT CRIMES

The Missouri General Assembly in 2000 established separate crimes for domestic assault. These new categories of assaults acknowledge elements of power and control, and they include enhanced penalties for prior or persistent offenders.

FIRST DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT (SECTIONS 565.063, 565.072 RSMo)

DEFINITION - A person commits the crime of domestic assault in the first degree if he or she attempts to kill or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious physical injury to a family or household member or an adult who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the actor, as defined in section 455.010, RSMo.

PUNISHMENT - Domestic assault in the first degree is a Class B Felony, unless the offender inflicts serious physical injury on the victim, in which case it is a Class A Felony.

Prior offender (1 prior offense within 5 years): Class A Felony; no probation or parole if serious injury inflicted.

Persistent offender (2+ previous offenses within 10 years): Class A Felony; no probation or parole.

SECOND DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT (SECTIONS 565.063, 565.073 RSMo)

DEFINITION - A person commits the crime of domestic assault in the second degree if the act involves a family or household member or or an adult who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the actor, as defined in section 455.010, RSMo, and he or she attempts to cause or knowingly causes physical injury by any means, including use of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument, or by choking or strangulation; or recklessly causes serious physical injury; or recklessly causes physical injury with a deadly weapon.

PUNISHMENT - Domestic assault in the second degree is a Class C Felony.

Prior offender (1 prior offense within 5 years): Class B Felony.

Persistent offender (2+ previous offenses within 10 years): Class A Felony.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULT CRIMES, *continued*

THIRD DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT (SECTION 565.074, RSMo)

DEFINITION - A person commits the crime of domestic assault in the third degree if the act involves a family or household member or an adult who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the actor, as defined in section 455.010, RSMo, and he or she attempts to cause or recklessly causes physical injury; or with criminal negligence causes physical injury by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; or places the victim in apprehension of immediate physical injury by any means; or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death or serious physical injury to the victim; or knowingly causes physical contact knowing the other person will regard the contact as offensive; or knowingly attempts to cause or causes the isolation of such family or household member by unreasonably and substantially restricting or limiting such family or household member's access to other persons, telecommunication devices or transportation for the purpose of isolation.

PUNISHMENT - Domestic assault in the third degree is a Class A Misdemeanor.

Persistent offender (2+ previous offenses): Class D Felony. The offenses may be against the same family or household member or against a different family or household member.

Probation is also a possibility for each of the charges listed above.

◗ HARASSMENT

A person is guilty of harassment if he or she knowingly makes repeated unwanted communication to you, communicates a threat to commit a felony for the purpose of frightening, intimidating or causing you emotional distress, uses offensive language where you feel afraid that he or she will hurt you, makes anonymous telephone calls or repeated unwanted communication. (See the chart below as well as Chapter 565 of the Missouri Revised Statutes)

CRIME OF HARASSMENT

HARASSMENT LAW (565.090 RSMo)

In 2008 Missouri law was refined to expand the definition of harassment. Under this law, a person can commit the crime of harassment by any means of communication instead of only by written or telephone communication.

DEFINITION - A person commits the crime of harassment if he or she:

- Knowingly communicates a threat to commit any felony to another person which, in doing so, frightens, intimidates or causes emotional distress to that person; or
- Knowingly uses coarse language offensive to a person of average sensibility which causes that person to be in apprehension of offensive physical contact or harm; or
- Knowingly frightens, intimidates or causes emotional distress to another person by anonymously making telephone calls or by using any electronic communication; or
- Knowingly makes repeated, unwanted communication to another person; or
- Knowingly communicates with another person who is, or who purports to be, 17 or younger and recklessly frightens, intimidates or causes that person emotional distress; or
- Without good cause, engages in any other act with the purpose to frighten, intimidate or cause emotional distress to another person that causes that person to be frightened, intimidated or emotionally distressed.

PUNISHMENT - Harassment is a class A misdemeanor, unless a person older than 21 commits harassment against a child 17 or younger or is a repeat offender, in which cases harassment would be a class D felony.

Probation is also a possibility for each of the charges listed above.

◗ STALKING

The offense of stalking occurs when a person harasses you more than once and causes you to be frightened, intimidated or emotionally distressed. Harassing behavior is defined as behavior that serves no legitimate purpose and that would cause a reasonable person under the circumstances to be frightened, intimidated or emotionally distressed. The person can do many things that would be considered stalking: following you, writing or sending you frightening emails, hiding and watching you, calling you offensive names, breaking into your computer, threatening your safety, the safety of your family, or household members or even your pets or livestock, etc. To be considered stalking, the harassment must occur more than once, showing a "course of conduct." (See the chart below as well as Chapter 565 of the Missouri Revised Statutes)

CRIME OF STALKING

STALKING LAW (565.225 RSMo)

In 2008 Missouri law expanded the definition of aggravated stalking, amended definitions related to stalking crimes and changed the requirements for penalties for both.

DEFINITIONS:

Stalking - A person commits the crime of stalking if he or she purposely, through his or her course of conduct, harasses or follows with the intent of harassing another person.

Aggravated Stalking - A person commits the crime of aggravated stalking if he or she purposely, through his or her course of conduct, harasses or follows with the intent of harassing another person, and:

- Makes a credible threat to that person; or
- Violates a valid Order of Protection; or
- Violates probation or parole, pretrial release, or release on bond pending appeal; or
- The victim is 17 or younger and the perpetrator is 21 or older; or
- The person has previously pled guilty to or been found guilty of domestic assault, violation of an Order of Protection or any other crime where the other person was the victim.

CRIME OF STALKING, *continued*

In the previous definitions, the following terms mean:

1. "Course of conduct" a pattern of conduct composed of two or more acts of communication by any means, over any period of time, evidencing a continuity of purpose.
2. "Credible threat" a threat communicated with the intent to cause the person who is the target of the threat to reasonably fear for his or her safety, or the safety of his or her family, or household members or domestic animals or livestock. The threat must be against the life of, or a threat to cause physical injury to, or the kidnapping of, the person, the person's family, or the person's household members or domestic animals or livestock.
3. "Harasses" to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that serves no legitimate purpose that would cause a reasonable person under the circumstances to be frightened, intimidated, or emotionally distressed.

PUNISHMENT -

Stalking is a class A misdemeanor, unless an offender has committed or pled guilty to a subsequent offense, which would make it a class D felony.

Aggravated stalking is a class D felony unless an offender has committed or pled guilty to a subsequent offense, which would make it a class C felony.

Probation is also a possibility for each of the charges listed above.

To see the complete version of any Missouri law, go to www.moga.mo.gov. Click on "Missouri Revised Statutes," and enter the statute number in the search field.

CRIME	PUNISHMENT
Class A Felony	10-30 years or life imprisonment
Class B Felony	5-15 years imprisonment
Class C Felony	7 years imprisonment or less
Class D Felony	4 years imprisonment or less
Class A Misdemeanor	A term of imprisonment not to exceed 1 year

6. Know your rights

Victims of crime are guaranteed certain notification rights and participation in the criminal justice system. For instance, you have the right as a victim of violence to be kept informed of any court dates. To find out more about crime victims' rights, you may contact your local Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Missouri Attorney General's Office (573-751-1338 or http://ago.mo.gov/crimevictims), the Missouri Victim Assistance Network (800-698-9199 or http://mova.missouri.org) or the Missouri Office for Victims of Crime (866-334-6682 or www.dps.mo.gov/MOVC/Main/main.htm). You may also read the Victims' Rights Statute at: http://www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/c500-599/5950000209.htm

7. Know the Prosecuting Attorney's role

It is ultimately up to the Prosecuting Attorney if he or she pursues criminal charges against the abuser (the Defendant). The Prosecuting Attorney's Office should keep in contact with you before the trial date to discuss the case and the evidence available for presentation. If there are any witnesses to the domestic violence against you that the Prosecutor does not know about, you can assist the Prosecuting Attorney by informing him or her about these witnesses as soon as possible. Remember, if you decide you do not want the Prosecutor to pursue the criminal charges against the abuser, and you do not want to testify, the Prosecutor may still move forward with the case. Once a criminal case has begun, it is up to the Prosecutor to decide whether he or she will drop the charges.

Criminal cases are routinely continued for several weeks or even months to allow the Defendant to hire an attorney or to subpoena witnesses. Keep track of the scheduled date for the case. Make sure to contact the Prosecuting Attorneys' Office before the scheduled date to determine whether or not you need to be present in Court.

This is a long and difficult process. Safety planning will be important. Part of that safety plan may include taking care of your emotional well-being with the help of a victim advocate, counselor or support group.

8. Know the possible punishments

If the Defendant is found guilty, the punishment will depend on the circumstances of the case. The decision is ultimately up to the Judge, but the Judge will consider the Prosecuting Attorney's recommenda-

tion and other factors such as whether the Defendant has done this before. If there is a jury trial, the Judge may be limited by the jury's recommendation. If the crime is serious enough, the Defendant could be sentenced to a prison term. The Defendant may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will receive a suspended sentence, a fine and/or probation. Depending on the circumstances of the case, you may want to ask the court to order the Defendant to undergo batterer's intervention, substance abuse counseling and/or to stay away from you or your family.

Tips for Survivors Who Participate in Criminal Court Proceedings

- If you do not appear on the day scheduled for preliminary hearing or trial, your case may be dismissed.
- Be prepared to help make sure your witnesses are available on short notice. To assist in the prosecution of the Defendant, you can aid the Prosecuting Attorney by telling her or him everything you can remember about the history of domestic violence against you. It also important to let the Prosecuting Attorney know if the Defendant attempts to contact you during the time the case is pending.
- If the Defendant contacts you or abuses you again (after he or she has been found guilty), you should report the abuse to law enforcement as soon as is safely possible so that an investigation will be conducted. You should also make sure that someone reports the violation to the Defendant's Probation Officer (if the Defendant is on probation for this or another kind of charge) and the Prosecutor. You should not assume that the Probation Officer or Prosecutor will be automatically notified of the new activity just because it has been reported to law enforcement.

ADDRESSING IMMEDIATE NEEDS

1. Seek medical assistance

Seek medical treatment immediately if you are physically injured. Some injuries might be more serious than they appear to you or to another person. The hospital or doctor's office will make records of your injuries. You are entitled to a copy of any of your medical records. Medical records are important evidence at either a civil or criminal trial. Pictures of any visible injury, even minor marks, may be especially helpful to you. If your injuries get worse or become more pronounced, such as darkened bruising, it is important to document this with pictures and possibly seek follow-up medical care. You may wish to take pictures for your own documentation even if they have been taken as part of your medical treatment or law enforcement investigation.

2. Seek support

Call an advocate or a lawyer for help with the system. The Circuit Clerk, the Missouri Bar Association, or your local domestic or sexual violence program may help you locate attorneys in your area who can help you file a civil petition, and get an *Ex Parte* or Full Order of Protection. Your local domestic or sexual violence program will have advocates who can help you through the legal system as well. Services you receive at a domestic or sexual violence program are confidential. If you do not know where your local program is located, the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) can provide referrals and information about shelter and services. You can contact MCADSV at 573-634-4161 or online at www.mocadsv.org. You may also call the 24-hour National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-SAFE (7233) or TDD (800) 787-3224. Remember, you do not have to go through the legal system by yourself if you do not want to.

3. Find shelter

If you need to leave your home to get away from the abuser and need a place to stay, there are resources at the end of this Guide regarding safe shelter and other assistance. These agencies will be able to help you even if you do not want to go to or are unable to go to a shelter. Upon the issuance of an *Ex Parte* Order of Protection or Full Order of Protection the abuser can be removed from your home and can be prohibited from returning for as long as the Order is in effect.

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESOURCES

MCADSV's website has a directory of domestic and sexual violence service providers at www.mocadsv.org. You may also look in the blue pages of the phone book to find the Circuit Clerk for your county and the location of the courthouse. The Circuit Clerk is a useful resource for pursuing your rights. You may also find in the first few pages of the "white pages" phone book a phone number for a domestic or sexual violence program. More resources are listed on the following pages and are organized by regions of the state as indicated on the map below. They are listed in the following order: Central, Kansas City Metro, Northeast, Northwest, St. Louis Metro, Southeast and Southwest. Locate your region to see the various services available to you and your family.

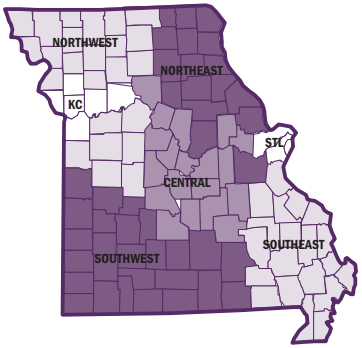
National Domestic Violence Hotline

(800) 799-SAFE (7233) or TDD (800) 787-3224

The Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

(573) 634-4161
www.mocadsv.org

217 Oscar Dr., Suite A
Jefferson City, MO 65101



CENTRAL REGION

Citizens Against Domestic Violence/ Victim Outreach Center

(888) 809-SAFE (7233) (Hotline /Toll-Free)
(573) 346-9630 (Shelter)
(573) 346-9630 (Office)
(573) 346-9630 (Fax)

P.O. Box 245
Camdenton, MO 65020

Counties Serving:
Camden, Miller, Morgan

Services Provided:
Shelter, Batterer Intervention Groups, Court/ Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/ Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Support Groups for Women

COPE, Inc.

www.copeoflebanon.com

(417) 532-2885 (Hotline)
(877) 275-0930 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 532-2885 (Shelter)
(417) 533-5201 (Office)
(417) 532-8178 (Fax)

201 Lawson Ave.
Lebanon, MO 65536

Counties Serving:
Dallas, Laclede, Texas, Wright

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Pet Protection, Primary Prevention, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Structured Program for Children, Support Groups for Women, Support Groups for Children, Teen violence prevention program, Transportation

Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings

www.goodsam-genesis.com

(877) 774-2628 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(573) 774-2852 (Shelter)
(573) 774-6012 (Office)
(573) 774-4040 (Fax)

P.O. Box 4177
Waynesville, MO 65583

Counties Serving:
Camden, Laclede, Miller, Phelps, Pulaski

Services Provided:
Shelter, Adult education/GED classes, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Economic Education and Advocacy, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Parenting Classes, Pet Protection, Primary Prevention, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Restart program (furnishing and clothing assistance), Safe at Home Application Assistance, Structured Program for Children, Support Groups for Women, Support Groups for Children, Transportation

Jefferson City Rape & Abuse Crisis Service, Inc.

www.racsjc.org

(573) 634-4911 (Hotline)
(800) 303-0013 (Hotline)
(573) 634-8346 (Shelter)
(573) 634-8346 (Office)
(573) 659-8508 (Fax)

P.O. Box 416
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Counties Serving:
Boone, Callaway, Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel Placement, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Pet Protection, Primary Prevention, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Structured Program for Children, Support Groups for Women, Support Groups for Children, Transportation

Legal Services of Southern Missouri

www.lsmo.org

(800) 999-0249 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(573) 341-3655 (Office)
(573) 881-2159 (Fax)

1412 Hwy. 72 East
P.O. Box 135
Rolla, MO 65401

Counties Serving:
Barry, Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Gasconade, Greene, Howell, Iron, Laclede, Lawrence, Madison, Maries, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Wayne, Webster, Wright

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Legal Representation, Safe at Home Application Assistance, American Sign Language Fluency, Foreign Language Services (Various)

Mid-Missouri Legal Services

www.lsmo.org

(573) 442-0116 (Main Office)
(800) 568-4931 (Columbia Office/Toll-Free)
(888) 476-4545 (Jefferson City Office/Toll-Free)
(573) 875-0173 (Fax)

Main Office
205 E. Forest Ave.
Columbia, MO 65203

Outreach Office
428 E. Capitol Ave
Ste. 200
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Counties Serving:
Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Miller, Moniteau, Osage, Randolph

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Housing Issues Assistance, Legal Representation, MO HealthNet Assistance, Safe at Home Application Assistance, American Sign Language Fluency, Foreign Language Services (Various)

Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

(573) 751-0619 (Office)
(573) 751-1171 (Fax)

PO Box 899
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc.

www.russellhouse.info

Hotline: (800) 570-3703 (DV Hotline/ Toll-Free)
Hotline: (800) 998-8340 (SV Hotline/ Toll-Free)
Hotline: (573) 364-0222 (DV Hotline)
Shelter: (573) 364-0579 (Shelter)
Office: (573) 364-0579 (Office)
Fax: (573) 364-1824 (Fax)
Outreach: (573) 751-5101 (Steelville)
Outreach: (573) 729-4774 (Salem)
Outreach: (573) 201-4102 (Vienna)

Main Office
P.O. Box 2259
Rolla, MO 65402

Outreach Office
112 E. Main
Steelville, MO 65565

Outreach Office
1118 S. Hwy 19
Salem, MO 65560

Outreach Office
107 N. Main
Vienna, MO 65582

Counties Serving:
Crawford, Dent, Maries, Phelps

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel Placement, Batterer Intervention Groups, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Primary Prevention, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Structured Program for Children, Support Groups for Women, Support Groups for Children, Transportation

The L.E.A.D. Institute

www.deaflead.org

(888) 761-4357 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(800) 380-3323 (Deafline/Toll-Free)
(573) 445-5005 (Office)
(573) 445-5088 (Fax)
(573) 445-5005 (TTY)

2502 W. Ash St.
Columbia, MO 65203

Counties Serving:
Statewide

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, American Sign Language Fluency

TREE - Teen Relationship Education and Empowerment

www.teenrelationshipeducation.org

(573) 489-2729 (Office)

2601 W. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65203

Counties Serving:
Boone

Services Provided:
Crisis Intervention, Primary Prevention, Support Groups for Children

True North

www.truenorthofcolumbia.org

(800) 248-5483 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(573) 875-1370 (Shelter)
(573) 875-0503 (Office)
(573) 875-0518 (Fax)

Main Office
P.O. Box 1367
Columbia, MO 65205

Outreach Office
1316 Parkade
Columbia, MO 65203

Counties Serving:
Audrain, Boone, Buchanan, Callaway, Camden, Chariton, Cole, Cooper, Dunklin, Greene, Howard, Jackson, Laclede, Lincoln, Macon, Miller, Moniteau, Pettis, Randolph, Saline, St. Louis

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel Placement, Transitional Housing, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Life skills classes, Parenting Classes,

Primary Prevention, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Rent/Utilities Assistance, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Structured Program for Children, Support Groups for Women, Support Groups for Children, Transportation, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese

University of Missouri Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center

rsvp.missouri.edu

(573) 882-6638 (Main Office)
(573) 882-6621 (Women's Center)
(573) 884-5780 (Fax)

214 North Memorial Union
Columbia, MO 65211

Services Provided:
Crisis Intervention, Primary Prevention

WINGS: Women In Need Getting Shelter

www.bethel-purim.net

(660) 888-1563 (Hotline)
(660) 882-2790 (Shelter)
(660) 882-5202 (Office)
(660) 882-7697 (Fax)

1640 Radio Hill Rd.
Boonville, MO 65233

Counties Serving:
Cooper, Howard

Services Provided:
Shelter, Safehomes, Motel Placement, Transitional Housing, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Licensed Childcare, Pet Protection, Primary Prevention, Support Groups for Women, Transportation

KANSAS CITY METRO REGION

Hope House, Inc

www.hopehouse.net

(816) 461-HOPE (4673) (Hotline)
(816) 461-HOPE (4673) (Shelter)
(816) 461-4188 (Main Office)
(816) 257-9350 (Fax)

P.O. Box 577
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Counties Serving:
Jackson, Kansas City Metro

Services Provided:
Shelter, Transitional Housing, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Legal Representation, Licensed Childcare, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Supervised visitation program, Support Groups for Women, Support Groups for Children, American Sign Language Fluency, Foreign Language Services (Various)

Intervene NOW! a program of SOCIAL CHANGE Services

www.socialchangeservices.com

(816) 718-2208 (Main Office)

Outreach Office
105 Wilbur Parrish Circle
Belton, MO 64012

Main Office
11004 E. Hwy 40, Ste. D
Independence, MO 64055

Counties Serving:
Cass, Jackson

Services Provided:
Batterer Intervention Groups, Individual Batterer Intervention

Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (KCAVP)

www.kcavp.org

(816) 561-0550 (Office)
(816) 561-0350 (Fax)

P.O. Box 411211
Kansas City, MO 64141

Counties Serving:
Kansas City Metro, Miami (KS), Wyandotte (KS)

Services Provided:
Motel Placement, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) individuals and families

KCMO Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Victims Assistance Program

(816) 513-3927 (Main Office)
(816) 513-3928 (Fax)

1101 Locust St., First Floor
Kansas City, MO 64106

Counties Serving:
Clay, Jackson, Platte

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Licensed Childcare, Spanish

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

www.lawmo.org

(816) 474-6750 (Central KC Office)
(816) 474-9868 (West KC Office)
(660) 747-7101 (Warrensburg Office)
(816) 364-2325 (St. Joseph Office)
(417) 758-1650 (Joplin Office)
(417) 782-1653 (Joplin Fax)
(816) 364-2647 (St. Joseph Fax)
(660) 747-7104 (Warrensburg Fax)
(816) 474-7575 (West KC Fax)
(816) 474-9751 (Central KC Fax)

Central KC Office
1125 Grand Blvd.
Ste. 1900
Kansas City, MO 64106

West KC Office
920 Southwest Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64108

Warrensburg Office
305 N. Holden
Warrensburg, MO 64093

St. Joseph Office
106 S. 7th St.
St. Joseph, MO 64502

Joplin Office
302 S. Joplin
Joplin, MO 64801

Counties Serving:
Andrew, Atchison, Barton, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Livingston, McDonald, Mercer, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Putnam, Ray, Saline, St. Clair, Sullivan, Vernon, Worth

Services Provided:
Legal Representation, Legal services for immigrant victims, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Foreign Language Services (Various)

MOCSA - Metropalitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

www.mocsa.org

(816) 531-0233 (Hotline)
(816) 931-4527 (Main Office)
(816) 931-4532 (Fax)

3100 Broadway St., Ste. 400
Kansas City, MO 64111

Counties Serving:
Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson (KS), Kansas City Metro, Miami (KS), Platte, Wyandotte (KS)

Services Provided:
Sex Offender Treatment, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Primary Prevention, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Support Groups for Women, Support Groups for Children, Spanish

Mattie Rhodes Center, Nuevo Dia "New Day"

www.mattierhodes.org

(816) 471-2536 (Main Office)
(816) 471-2521 (Fax)

1740 Jefferson St.
Kansas City, MO 64108

Counties Serving:
Clay, Jackson, Kansas City Metro, Platte

Services Provided:
Case management, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Parenting group for survivors, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Spanish

Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

(573) 751-0619 (Office)
(573) 751-1171 (Fax)

P.O. Box 899
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Newhouse

www.newhouseshelter.org

(816) 471-5800 (Hotline)
(816) 471-5800 (Shelter)
(816) 474-6446 (Main Office)
(816) 474-4157 (Fax)

P.O. Box 240019
Kansas City, MO 64124

Counties Serving:
Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Johnson (KS), Platte, Wyandotte (KS)

Services Provided:
Shelter, Transitional Housing, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Economic Education and Advocacy, Nutrition, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Structured Program for Children, Support Groups for Women, Teen violence prevention program, American Sign Language Fluency, Foreign Language Services (Various), French, Spanish

Rose Brooks Center

www.rosebrooks.org

(816) 861-6100 (Hotline)
(816) 861-3460 (Shelter)
(816) 523-5550 (Office)
(816) 523-8177 (Fax)

P.O. Box 320599
Kansas City, MO 64132

Counties Serving:
Kansas City Metro

Services Provided:
Shelter, Transitional Housing, Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Pet Protection, Primary Prevention, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Structured Program for Children, Support Groups for Women, Support Groups for Children, Spanish

Synergy Services, Inc.

www.synergyservices.org

(800) 491-1114 (Hotline)
(816) 452-8535 (Program Hotline)
(816) 452-8910 (Shelter)
(816) 587-4100 (Main Office)
(816) 587-6691 (Main Office Fax)

Main Office
400 E 6th St.
Parkville, MO 64152

Outreach Office
201 E Lexington
Richmond, MO 64085

Outreach Office
2001 NE Panin Road
Kansas City, MO 64116

Counties Serving:
Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray

Services Provided:
Shelter, Batterer Intervention Groups, Individual Batterer Intervention, Sex Offender Treatment, Children's residential facility (State-approved), Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Licensed Childcare, Primary Prevention, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Structured Program for Children, Support Groups for Women, Support Groups for Children, Thrift shop, American Sign Language Fluency, Spanish

The L.E.A.D. Institute

www.deaflead.org

(888) 761-4357 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(800) 380-3323 (Deafline/Toll-Free)
(573) 445-5005 (Office)
(573) 445-5088 (Fax)
(573) 445-5005 (TTY)

2502 W. Ash St.
Columbia, MO 65203

Counties Serving:
Statewide

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, American Sign Language Fluency

Victim Services: Grain Valley and Oak Grove Police

www.cityofgrainvalley.org/crimeprevention.aspx

(816) 847-6250 (Office)
(816) 690-3773 Ext. 1104
(816) 847-6259 (Fax)

Grain Valley
711 Main St.
Grain Valley, MO 64029

Oak Grove
1300 S. Broadway
Oak Grove, MO 64075

Counties Serving:
Grain Valley and Oak Grove

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Transportation

NORTHEAST REGION

ACCIS, Inc.

(800) 246-2280 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(573) 582-7498 (Shelter)
(573) 581-3835 (Office)
(573) 581-2447 (Fax)
(573) 721-1606 (Outreach)

Main Office
P.O. Box 181
Mexico, MO 65265

Outreach Office
Montgomery City Office
211 E. 3rd St.
Montgomery City, MO 63361

Counties Serving:
Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Professional therapy for individual women, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Transportation, Spanish

ALIVE

www.alivestl.org

(314) 993-2777 (Hotline)
(800) 941-9144 (Hotline/Toll-Free - Franklin County)
(314) 993-2777 (Shelter)
(314) 993-7080 (Office)
(314) 567-5629 (Fax)

Main Office
P.O. Box 11201
St. Louis, MO 63105

Outreach Office - Franklin County
P.O. Box 223
Union, MO 63084

Counties Serving:
Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Pet protection, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) individuals and families, Transportation, Dutch, French, Spanish

Avenues, Inc.

www.avenueshelp.org

(800) 678-7713 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(573) 221-4280 (Shelter)
(573) 406-1400 (Office)
(573) 406-1401 (Fax)
(573) 324-6336 (Outreach - Bowling Green)
(573) 655-0001 (Outreach - La Grange)
(573) 588-0105 (Outreach - Shelbina)

P.O. Box 284
Hannibal, MO 63401

Counties Serving:
Clark, Lewis, Marion, Pike, Ralls, Shelby

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Pet protection, Primary prevention, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women

Bridgeway Robertson Center

www.bridgewaybh.com

(877) 462-1758 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(636) 462-3355 (Hotline)
(636) 462-2724 (Shelter)
(636) 462-3176 (Fax)

P.O. Box 17
Troy, MO 63379

Counties Serving:
Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St. Charles, Warren

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Professional therapy for individual women, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children

CARDV - Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence

www.cardv54a.com

(866) 642-4422 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(573) 642-1418 (Office)
(573) 642-1418 (Fax)

P.O. Box 786
Fulton, MO 65251

Counties Serving:
Callaway

Services Provided:
Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Support groups for women, Teen violence prevention program, Transportation, Foreign Language Services (Various)

Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

(573) 751-0619 (Office)
(573) 751-1171 (Fax)

P.O. Box 899
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Safe Passage

(800) 616-3754 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 269-8111 (Shelter)
(660) 269-8999 (Office)
(660) 263-8492 (Fax)

P.O. Box 456
Moberly, MO 65270

Counties Serving:
Audrain, Boone, Chariton, Howard, Linn, Macon, Monroe, Randolph, Shelby

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Pet protection, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Crime Victims' Compensation assistance, Transportation

St. John's Mercy Hospital SART Program

www.stjohnsmercy.org

(636) 239-8000 (Office)
(636) 390-7388 (Fax)

Main Office
901 E. Fifth St.
Washington, MO 63090

Outreach Office
155 T Box Dr.
St. Clair, MO 63077

Counties Serving:
Franklin, Gasconade, St. Louis, St. Louis (city), Warren, Washington

Services Provided:
Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy

The L.E.A.D. Institute

www.deaflead.org

(888) 761-4357 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(800) 380-3323 (Deafline/Toll-Free)
(573) 445-5005 (Office)
(573) 445-5088 (Fax)
(573) 445-5005 (TTY)

2502 W. Ash St.
Columbia, MO 65203

Counties Serving:
Statewide

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy

for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, American Sign Language Fluency

Turning Point

www.TurningPointdvs.com

(888) 873-7233 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(636) 456-1186 (Office)
(636) 456-8269 (Fax)

P.O. Box 426
Warrenton, MO 63383

Counties Serving:
Franklin, Gasconade, Montgomery, Warren

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Law enforcement advocacy, Pet protection, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Case management, Thrift shop, Transportation, Drug and alcohol treatment, Economic education and advocacy

Victim Support Services, Inc.

(660) 665-1617 (Hotline)
(660) 665-0021 (Office)
(660) 665-1001 (Fax)

1800 E. La Harpe St.
Kirksville, MO 63501

Counties Serving:
Adair, Knox, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women

NORTHWEST REGION

Addiction Awareness, LLC

www.aaesllc.webs.com

(816) 749-4060 (Main Office)
(816) 205-0082 (Other)
(816) 749-4061 (Fax)

Main Office
1109 S. Belt, Suite C
St. Joseph, MO 64507

Outreach Office for Classes
3305 Faraon
St. Joseph, MO 64507

Counties Serving:
Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Nodaway, Platte, Worth

Services Provided:
Batterer intervention groups, Individual batterer intervention, American Sign Language fluency, Spanish

Anne Molini Fitch Domestic Violence Shelter (F.A.I.T.H., Inc.)

(800) 801-7883 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 885-6067 (Office)
(660) 885-6084 (Fax)

1007 S. Second St.
Clinton, MO 64735

Counties Serving:
Henry, St. Clair

Services Provided:
Shelter, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women

Belton Police Department
Victim Services Unit

www.beltonpd.org

(816) 348-4430 (Office)
(816) 331-1500 (Dispatcher)
(816) 348-4455 (Fax)

7001 E. 163rd St.
Belton, MO 64012

Counties Serving:
Cass

Services Provided:
Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Safe at Home application assistance

Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney

www.yourbcpa.org

(816) 271-1480 (Office)
(800) 809-6031 (Office/Toll-Free)
(816) 271-1521 (Fax)

411 Jules St., Room 132
St. Joseph, MO 64501

Counties Serving:
Buchanan

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Safe at Home application assistance

C.A.R.E. of Atchison County, Inc.

(660) 744-7233 (Hotline)
(877) 835-7233 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 744-9966 (Shelter)
(877) 835-7233 (Shelter/Toll-Free)
(660) 744-9966 (Shelter)
(660) 744-9966 (Office)
(660) 744-9967 (Fax)

P.O. Box 62
Tarkio, MO 64491

Counties Serving:
Atchison

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women, Life skills classes, Transportation, Spanish

Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc. (CASA)

(660) 827-5555 (Hotline)
(800) 894-1151 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 827-5559 (Shelter)
(660) 827-5559 (Office)
(660) 827-5558 (Fax)
(660) 827-7821 (Outreach)

Main Office
P.O. Box 1371
Sedalia, MO 65302

Outreach Office
500 Welch Ct.
Sedalia, MO 65301

Counties Serving:
Benton, Moniteau, Morgan, Pettis

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Transportation, Spanish

The Center for Counseling and Training

www.center4ct.us

(660) 259-3900 (Main Office)
(660) 259-9127 (Fax)

113 S. 13 Hwy.
Lexington, MO 64067

Counties Serving:
Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Ray

Services Provided:
Batterer intervention groups, Individual batterer intervention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Support groups for battered men, Training for those working with domestic violence offenders

Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri

(866) 382-7867 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 562-2320 (Shelter)
(660) 562-2320 (Office)
(660) 562-3544 (Fax)

1220 E. 2nd St.
Maryville, MO 64468

Counties Serving:
Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, Worth

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Pet protection, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Support groups for battered men

Green Hills Women's Shelter

www.ghcaa.org

(800) 942-0649 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 359-3297 (Shelter - Trenton)
(660) 359-3907 (Office)
(660) 359-3297 (Fax - Trenton)

1506 Oklahoma Ave.
Trenton, MO 64683

Counties Serving:
Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Grundy, Harrison, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam, Sullivan

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Support groups for women, Transportation, German, Spanish

Hope Haven of Cass County

(816) 380-4663 (Hotline)
(816) 380-2833 (Shelter)
(816) 380-2833 (Office)
(816) 884-4712 (Fax)

P.O. Box 754
Harrisonville, MO 64701

Counties Serving:
Cass

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Pet protection, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Transportation, Cantonese

House of Hope, Inc.

www.houseofhopelafayetteco.org

(888) 259-6795 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 259-4967 (Shelter)
(660) 259-4766 (Main Office)
(660) 259-6768 (Fax)

P.O. Box 176
Lexington, MO 64067

Counties Serving:
Carroll, Johnson, Lafayette, Ray, Saline

Services Provided:
Shelter, Safehomes, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Supervised visitation program, Spanish

Intervene NOW! a program of SOCIAL CHANGE Services

www.socialchangeservices.com

(816) 718-2208 (Main Office)

Outreach Office
105 Wilbur Parrish Circle
Belton, MO 64012

Main Office
11004 E. Hwy 40, Ste. D
Independence, MO 64055

Counties Serving:
Cass, Jackson

Services Provided:
Batterer intervention groups, Individual batterer intervention

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

www.lawmo.org

(816) 474-6750 (Central KC Office)
(816) 474-9868 (West KC Office)
(660) 747-7101 (Warrensburg Office)
(816) 364-2325 (St. Joseph Office)
(417) 758-1650 (Joplin Office)
(417) 782-1653 (Joplin Fax)
(816) 364-2647 (St. Joseph Fax)
(660) 747-7104 (Warrensburg Fax)
(816) 474-7575 (West KC Fax)
(816) 474-9751 (Central KC Fax)

Central KC Office
1125 Grand Blvd., Ste. 1900
Kansas City, MO 64106

West KC Office
920 Southwest Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64108

Warrensburg Office
305 N. Holden
Warrensburg, MO 64093

St. Joseph Office
106 S. 7th St.
St. Joseph, MO 64502

Joplin Office
302 S. Joplin
Joplin, MO 64801

Counties Serving:
Andrew, Atchison, Barton, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Livingston, McDonald, Mercer, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Putnam, Ray, Saline, St. Clair, Sullivan, Vernon, Worth

Services Provided:
Legal Representation, Legal services for immigrant victims, Safe at Home Application Assistance, Foreign Language Services (Various)

Lighthouse Shelter, Inc.

www.thelighthouseshelter.org

(888) 831-0988 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 831-0988 (Hotline)
(660) 831-0988 (Shelter)
(660) 886-9880 (Office)
(886) 517-4898 (Fax)

P.O. Box 884
Marshall, MO 65340

Counties Serving:
Saline

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Pet protection, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Thrift shop, Transportation, Spanish

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Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

(573) 751-0619 (Office)
(573) 751-1171 (Fax)

PO Box 899
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc.

www.survivalcenter.org

(800) 846-7597 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 429-2847 (Shelter)
(660) 429-1088 (Office)
(660) 429-3643 (Fax)

P.O. Box 394
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Counties Serving:
Benton, Cass, Henry, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Saline

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Support groups for battered men, Adult education/GED classes, Transportation, Spanish

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The L.E.A.D. Institute

www.deaflead.org

(888) 761-4357 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(800) 380-3323 (Deafline/Toll-Free)
(573) 445-5005 (Office)
(573) 445-5088 (Fax)
(573) 445-5005 (TTY)

2502 W. Ash St.
Columbia, MO 65203

Counties Serving:
Statewide

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, American Sign Language Fluency

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The Place At The Lake

www.placeatthelake.org

(866) 374-9044 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(660) 547-2611 (Office)
(660) 547-2611 (Fax)

Main Office
P.O. Box 171
Lincoln, MO 65338

Outreach Office
201 E. Main St.
Lincoln, MO 65338

Counties Serving:
Benton

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Pet protection, Support groups for women, Thrift shop, Food bank/food assistance program

YWCA Shelter

www.ywcasj.org

(800) 653-1477 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(816) 232-4481 (Shelter)
(816) 232-4481 (Office)
(816) 232-4494 (Fax)

304 North 8th St.
St. Joseph, MO 64501

Counties Serving:
Buchanan

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children

ST. LOUIS METRO REGION

ACCESS: Assist with Career Couseling and Employment Services for Survivors

www.mersgoodwill.org

314-646-5845 (Office)
314-647-9364 (Fax)

Main Office
2545 S. Hanley
St. Louis, MO 63144

Outreach Office
1760 New Florrisant
St. Louis, MO 63033

Outreach Office
1727 Locust
St. Louis, MO 63103

Outreach Office
7321 S. Lindbergh
St. Louis, MO 63125

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city), St. Louis Metro

Services Provided:
Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women, Adult education/GED classes, Economic education and advocacy

Alice's House

(314) 839-4357 (Office)
(314) 839-1518 (Fax)

4083 Browning Dr.
Florissant, MO 63033

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Crisis intervention, Support groups for women, Support groups for children

ALIVE

www.alivestl.org

(314) 993-2777 (Hotline)
(800) 941-9144 (Hotline/Toll-Free - Franklin County)
(314) 993-2777 (Shelter)
(314) 993-7080 (Office)
(314) 567-5629 (Fax)

Main Office
P.O. Box 11201
St. Louis, MO 63105

Outreach Office - Franklin County
P.O. Box 223
Union, MO 63084

Counties Serving:
Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Pet protection, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Transportation, Services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) individuals and families, Dutch, French, Spanish

AWARE/Barnes-Jewish Hospital

www.barnesjewish.org

(314) 362-9273 (Office)
(314) 747-4387 (Fax)

90-71-406 Barnes-Jewish Hospital
#1 Barnes Jewish Hospital Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63110

Counties Serving:
St. Louis (city), St. Louis Metro

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Spanish

Bridgeway Sexual Assault Center

www.bridgewaybh.com

(877) 946-6854 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(636) 757-2300 (Office)
(636) 949-5168 (Fax)

1601 Old South River Rd.
St. Charles, MO 63303

Counties Serving:
Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis (city), Warren

Services Provided:
Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Support groups for women, Professional therapy for individual adolescents (14 years old and older), Professional therapy for individual sexually abused men

Bridgeway Women's Center

www.bridgewaybh.com

(877) 946-6854 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(636) 946-4780 (Shelter)
(636) 757-2200 (Office)
(636) 946-6897 (Fax)

P.O. Box 51
St. Charles, MO 63302

Counties Serving:
St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Professional therapy for individual women, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children

Every Step Counts/
Forest Park Center for Family Resources

www.walkinhershoes.org

(314) 644-9067 (Office - Forest Park Center)
(314) 371-4527 (Fax)
(314) 531-7463 (Outreach - Every Step)

Main Office
5600 Oakland Ave, Ste. F326
St. Louis, MO 63108

Outreach Office
4144 Lindell Blvd., Ste. 504
St. Louis, MO 63108

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Crisis intervention, Primary prevention

Kathy J. Weinman Shelter for Battered Women and Their Children

(314) 423-1117 (Hotline)
(314) 423-1117 (Shelter)
(314) 423-1117 (Office)
(314) 423-7537 (Fax)

P.O. Box 5852
St. Louis, MO 63134

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis Metro

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Legal representation, Pet protection, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, On-site medical services, Transportation

Lasting Solutions/
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

www.lsem.org

(314) 534-4200 (Office - St. Louis)
(314) 534-7515 (Fax - St. Louis)
(314) 615-0642 (Fax - Family Court Project)
(636) 583-7790 (Fax - Union)
(636) 583-7790 (Union)
(314) 615-4502 (Family Court Project)

Main Office
4232 Forest Park Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63108

Family Court Project
501 S. Brentwood Blvd.
Clayton, MO 63105

Union, MO
20 S. Church St., Ste. C
Union, MO 63084

Counties Serving:
Adair, Clark, Franklin, Jefferson, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis (city), Warren, Washington

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Legal representation, Safe at Home application assistance, Emergency phone services

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Legal Advocates for Abused Women (LAAW)

www.laawstl.org

(314) 664-6699 (Legal Helpline)
(800) 527-1460 (Legal Helpline/Toll-Free)

P.O. Box 63249
St. Louis, MO 63163

Counties Serving:
St. Louis (city), Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Legal Representation, Referrals

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Life Source Consultants

www.lifesourceconsultants.org

(314) 524-0686 (Hotline)
(314) 524-4130 (Office)
(314) 524-9844 (Fax)
(314) 371-0334 (Outreach)

Main Office
119 Church St., Ste. 219
St. Louis, MO 63135

Outreach Office
929 N. Spring Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63108

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women, Transportation

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Lydia's House

www.lydiashouse.org

(314) 771-4411 (Office)
(314) 450-4910 (Fax)

P.O. Box 2722
St. Louis, MO 63116

Services Provided:
Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Law enforcement advocacy, Professional therapy for individual women, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Early childhood program, Transportation

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Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

(573) 751-0619 (Office)
(573) 751-1171 (Fax)

P.O. Box 899
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Places For People: Community Alternatives For Hope, Health and Recovery

www.placesforpeople.org

(314) 772-8801 (Office)
(314) 772-3977 (Fax)

3738 Chouteau
St. Louis, MO 63110

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city), St. Louis Metro

Services Provided:
Individual batterer intervention, Crisis intervention, Legal representation, Bosnian, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Foreign language services (various)

Provident, Inc.

www.providentstl.org

(314) 371-6500 (Office)
(314) 371-6508 (Fax)

2650 Olive St.
St. Louis, MO 63103

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Batterer intervention groups, Individual batterer intervention, Sex offender treatment, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men

RAVEN

www.ravenstl.org

(314) 289-8000 (Office)
(314) 289-8001 (Fax)

3960 Lindell Blvd., Ste. 110
St. Louis, MO 63108

Counties Serving:
Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis (city), St. Louis Metro

Services Provided:
Batterer intervention groups, Support groups for battered men

Redevelopment Opportunities for Women (ROW)

www.row-stl.org

(314) 588-8300 (Office)
(314) 588-0676 (Fax)

Main Office
306 North Tucker
St. Louis, MO 63101

Outreach Office
2709 Woodson Rd.
Overland, MO 63114

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Transitional housing, Crisis intervention, Primary prevention, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Adult education/GED classes, Early childhood program, Life skills classes, Transportation, Economic education and advocacy, Bosnian, Spanish, Vietnamese

Safe Connections

www.safeconnections.org

(314) 531-2003 (Hotline)
(314) 646-7500 (Office)
(314) 646-8181 (Fax)

2165 Hampton Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63139

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Crisis intervention, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Professional therapy for individual adolescents (14 years old and older)

Saint Martha's Hall

www.saintmarthas.org

(314) 533-1313 (Voice/TTY)

P.O. Box 49503
St. Louis MO 63108

Counties Serving:
St. Louis (city), St. Louis county and surrounding counties

Services Provided:
Shelter, Advocacy Program, Community Education, Crisis Intervention, Follow-Up, Individual Support, Information and Referral, Support Groups

SAWERAA

www.saweraa.org

(314) 435-3722 (Hotline)
(314) 435-3722 (Office)
(888) 633-2320 (Fax (Toll-Free))

4534 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Ste. 300
St. Louis, MO 63044

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Professional therapy for individual women, Support groups for women, Transportation, Bengali, Hindi, Kannada, Konkini, Marathi, Spanish, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu

St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Victim Services

www.circuitattorney.org

(314) 622-4373 (Office)
(314) 622-4900 (Fax)

1114 Market St., Room 401
St. Louis, MO 63101

Counties Serving:
St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Professional therapy for individual women

St. Louis Co. Prosecuting Attorney - Victim Service Divison

(314) 615-4872 (Office)
(314) 615-7590 (Fax)

Main Office
7900 Carondelet St.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Counties Serving:
St. Louis

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention

The L.E.A.D. Institute

www.deaflead.org

(888) 761-4357 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(800) 380-3323 (Deafline/Toll-Free)
(573) 445-5005 (Office)
(573) 445-5088 (Fax)
(573) 445-5005 (TTY)

2502 W. Ash St.
Columbia, MO 65203

Counties Serving:
Statewide

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, American Sign Language Fluency

The Women's Safe House

www.TWSH.org

(314) 772-4535 (Hotline)
(314) 772-4535 (Shelter)
(314) 772-4535 (Office)
(314) 772-8952 (Fax)

P.O. Box 63010
St. Louis, MO 63163

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, On-site medical services

Woman's Place

www.womansplacestl.org

(314) 645-4848 (Office)
(314) 645-4683 (Fax)

7372 Marietta Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63143

Counties Serving:
Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Professional therapy for individual women, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women

Women of Grace

gia@sbcglobal.net

(314) 652-2572 (Hotline)
(314) 652-9196 (Office)
(314) 652-0809 (Fax)

4020 St. Louis Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63107

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Crisis intervention, Professional therapy for individual women, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Teen violence prevention program, Food bank/food assistance program

YWCA St. Louis Regional Sexual Assault Center

www.ywcastlouis.org

(314) 531-RAPE (7273) (Hotline)
(314) 726-6665 (Office)
(314) 727-1372 (Fax)

140 N. Brentwood Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Counties Serving:
St. Louis, St. Louis (city)

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Support groups for women

SOUTHEAST REGION

Casa Guadalupe Shelter- A Service of Whole Health Outreach

www.wholehealthoutreach.org

(888) 228-8122 (Hotline /Toll-Free)
(573) 663-2720 (Shelter)
(573) 663-2766 (Main Office)
(573) 663-2766 (Fax)
(573) 663-7757 (Outreach)

Main Office
P.O. Box 417
Ellington, MO 63638

Outreach Office
180 County Rd. 700
Ellington, MO 63638

Counties Serving:
Carter, Iron, Reynolds, Shannon, Wayne

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children

A Safe Place/COMTREA

www.comtrea.org

(877) 266-8732 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(636) 232-2301 (Shelter)
(636) 232-2301 (Office)
(636) 479-9360 (Fax)

227 Main St.
Festus, MO 63028

Counties Serving:
Jefferson, Perry, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Washington

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Pet protection, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Life skills classes, Sexual assault support group for women and teens, Transportation, Economic education and advocacy, Parenting classes

Haven House

(800) 491-1138 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(573) 686-4873 (Shelter)
(573) 686-4873 (Main Office)
(573) 686-6416 (Fax)

P.O. Box 4875
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Counties Serving:
Butler, Carter, Ripley, Stoddard, Wayne

Services Provided:
Shelter, Batterer intervention groups, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Pet protection, Primary prevention, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women

House of Refuge

(877) 633-3843 ((Hotline/Toll-Free)
(573) 472-3843 (Shelter)
(573) 472-4499 (Office)
(573) 472-9966 (Fax)

P.O. Box 244
Sikeston, MO 63801

Counties Serving:
New Madrid, Scott, Stoddard

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Law enforcement

advocacy, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women, Transportation

Legal Services of Southern Missouri - SE

www.lsmo.org

(800) 444-4863 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 881-1397 (Main Office)
(417) 881-2159 (Fax)

1225 North Kingshighway
P.O. Box 1837
Cape Girardeau, MO 63640

Counties Serving:
Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Gasconade, Greene, Howell, Iron, Laclede, Lawrence, Madison, Maries, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Wayne, Webster, Wright

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Legal representation, Safe at Home application assistance, American Sign Language fluency, Foreign language services (various)

Legal Services of Southern Missouri - SW

www.lsmo.org

(800) 444-4863 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 881-1397 (Office)
(417) 881-2159 (Fax)

Main Office
809 North Campbell
Springfield, MO 65802

Outreach Office
313 Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 887
West Plains, MO 65775

Outreach Office
116 N. Main
P.O. Box 349
Charleston, MO 63834

Outreach Office
1217 N. Kingshighway, Ste. 112
Cape Girardeau, MO 63640

Counties Serving:
Barry, Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Gasconade, Greene, Howell, Iron, Laclede, Lawrence, Madison, Maries, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Wayne, Webster, Wright

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Legal representation, Safe at Home application assistance, American Sign Language fluency, Foreign language services (various)

Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

(573) 751-0619 (Office)
(573) 751-1171 (Fax)

P.O. Box 899
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Regional Family Crisis Center

(877) 527-4747 (Hotline)
(573) 547-2480 (Shelter)
(573) 547-2480 (Office)
(573) 547-6593 (Fax)

P.O. Box 231
Perryville, MO 63775

Counties Serving:
Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Perry, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Transportation, Foreign language services (various)

Ripley County Crisis Shelter

www.ofra.org

(800) 681-1419 (Hotline /Toll-Free)
(573) 351-1185 (Shelter)
(573) 996-2649 (Fax)

P.O. Box 856
Doniphan, MO 63935

Counties Serving:
Butler, Carter, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, Wayne

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Law enforcement advocacy, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women

Safe House for Women, Inc.

www.semosafehouse.org

(800) 341-1830 (Hotline /Toll-Free)
(573) 651-1614 (Shelter)
(573) 335-7745 (Office)
(573) 335-0402 (Fax)
(573) 335-6435 (Shelter Fax)
(573) 335-7746 (Thift Store)

Main Office
P.O. Box 1167
Cape Girardeau, MO 63702

Thrift Store
P.O. Box 1167
Cape Girardeau, MO 63702

Counties Serving:
Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Scott

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Pet protection, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Case management, Clothing assistance, Thrift shop, Food bank/food assistance program, Spanish

Southeast Missouri Family Violence Council/ A Friend's Place

www.semofvc.com

(800) 663-9929 (Hotline /Toll-Free)
(573) 358-4461 (Hotline)
(573) 358-4461 (Shelter)
(573) 358-3913 (Office)
(573) 358-7786 (Fax)

P.O. Box 465
Bonne Terre, MO 63628

Counties Serving:
Madison, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Washington

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women, Support groups for children

Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence

www.semonasv.org

877-820-6278 (Hotline)
(573) 332-1900 (Office)
(573) 332-0444 (Fax)

69 Doctors' Park, Ste. C.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Counties Serving:
Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Scott, Stoddard

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women

Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center

(800) 382-7294 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(573) 649-3731 (Office)
(573) 649-5759 (Fax)
(573) 649-9546 (Legal Office)

Main Office
P.O. Box 249
East Prairie, MO 63845

Outreach Office - Legal Office
200 S. Washinton
East Prairie, MO 63845

Counties Serving:
Mississippi, New Madrid, Scott

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Batterer intervention groups, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Law enforce-

ment advocacy, Legal representation, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Adult education/GED classes

The L.E.A.D. Institute

www.deaflead.org

(888) 761-4357 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(800) 380-3323 (Deafline/Toll-Free)
(573) 445-5005 (Office)
(573) 445-5088 (Fax)
(573) 445-5005 (TTY)

2502 W. Ash St.
Columbia, MO 65203

Counties Serving:
Statewide

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, American Sign Language Fluency

SOUTHWEST REGION

Agape House Inc. of Mountain View

(800) 667-1811 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 934-1811 (Local Hotline)
(417) 934-5721 (Office)
(417) 934-5315 (Fax)

P.O. Box 550
Mountain View, MO 65548

Counties Serving:
Carter, Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Reynolds, Shannon, Texas, Webster, Wright

Services Provided:
Shelter, Safehomes, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Support groups for battered men, Life skills classes, Teen violence prevention program, Transportation, Parenting classes, American Sign Language fluency, Spanish

Barceda Families

www.barceda.org

(417) 214-9500 (Hotline)
(417) 681-0065 (Office)
(417) 681-0071 (Fax)

Main Office
100 E. 11th St.
Lamar, MO 64759

Outreach Office
P.O. Box 790
112 RB Road
Stockton, MO 65785

Outreach Office
408 W. Water, Suite #104
Greenfield, MO 65661

Outreach Office
P.O. Box 451
1317 W Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613

Counties Serving:
Barton

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance

Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake/ Harbor House

www.christian-associates.com

(877) 507-7233 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 739-3200 (Shelter)
(417) 739-3200 (Office)
(417) 739-3212 (Fax)

13192 State Highway 13
Kimberling City, MO 65686

Counties Serving:
Barry, Stone, Taney

Services Provided:
Shelter, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Licensed childcare, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Spanish

Christian County Family Crisis Center

(417) 299-2494 (Hotline)
(417) 582-0344 (Shelter)
(417) 582-0344 (Office)
(417) 582-0344 (Fax)

P.O. Box 1276
Ozark, MO 65721

Counties Serving:
Barry, Christian, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children

Christos House, Inc.

www.christoshouse.org

(800) 611-5853 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 469-1190 (Shelter)
(417) 256-3408 (Office)
(417) 256-3428 (Fax)
(417) 778-1773 (Alton Outreach Center)

Main Office
P.O. Box 771
West Plains, MO 65775

Outreach Office
115 Walnut St.
West Plains, MO 65775

Outreach Office
17 Court Square
Alton, MO 65606

Counties Serving:
Carter, Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon, Texas, Wright

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Life skills classes, Teen violence prevention program, Thrift shop, Transportation, Parenting classes, American Sign Language fluency, Spanish

Family Violence Center dba Harmony House

www.familyviolencecenter.org

(417) 864-SAFE (7233) (Hotline)
(800) 831-6863 (Hotline (Toll-Free))
(417) 837-7700 (Shelter)
(417) 837-7700 (Office)
(417) 837-7707 (Fax)

Main Office
P.O. Box 5972
Springfield, MO 65801

Counties Serving:
Barry, Barton, Bates, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Cole, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Greene, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Newton, Oregon, Ozark, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Shannon, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster, Wright

Services Provided:
Shelter, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Life skills classes, Transportation, Economic education and advocacy

H.I.T. No More

www.hitnomore.com

(417) 869-8332 (Office)
(417) 869-8339 (Fax)

1325 W. Sunshine St.
Box 175
Springfield, MO 65807

Counties Serving:
Christian, Greene, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster, Wright

Services Provided:
Batterer intervention groups, Individual batterer intervention, Support groups for women, Support groups for battered men

Family Self Help Center, Inc., Lafayette House

www.lafayettehouse.org

(800) 416-1772 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 782-1772 (Shelter)
(417) 782-1772 (Office)

(417) 782-3832 (Fax)
(417) 451-6106 (Neosho)
(417) 233-3241 (Pineville)

P.O. Box 1765
Joplin, MO 64802

Counties Serving:
Barry, Barton, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Licensed childcare, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Thrift shop, Transportation

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Legal Aid of Western Missouri

www.lawmo.org

(816) 474-6750 (Central KC Office)
(816) 474-9868 (West KC Office)
(660) 747-7101 (Warrensburg Office)
(816) 364-2325 (St. Joseph Office)
(417) 758-1650 (Joplin Office)
(417) 782-1653 (Joplin Fax)
(816) 364-2647 (St. Joseph Fax)
(660) 747-7104 (Warrensburg Fax)
(816) 474-7575 (West KC Fax)
(816) 474-9751 (Central KC Fax)

Central KC Office
1125 Grand Blvd.
Ste. 1900
Kansas City, MO 64106

West KC Office
920 Southwest Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64108

Warrensburg Office
305 N. Holden
Warrensburg, MO 64093

St. Joseph Office
106 S. 7th St.
St. Joseph, MO 64502

Joplin Office
302 S. Joplin
Joplin, MO 64801

Counties Serving:
Andrew, Atchison, Barton, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Livingston, McDonald, Mercer, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Putnam, Ray, Saline, St. Clair, Sullivan, Vernon, Worth

Services Provided:
Legal representation, Safe at Home application assistance, Legal services for immigrant victims, Foreign language services (various)

Legal Services of Southern Missouri - SE

www.lsmo.org

(800) 444-4863 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 881-1397 (Main Office)
(417) 881-2159 (Fax)

1225 North Kingshighway
P.O. Box 1837
Cape Girardeau, MO 63640

Counties Serving:
Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Gasconade, Greene, Howell, Iron, Laclede, Lawrence, Madison, Maries, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Wayne, Webster, Wright

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Legal representation, Safe at Home application assistance, American Sign Language fluency, Foreign language services (various)

Legal Services of Southern Missouri - SW

www.lsmo.org

(800) 444-4863 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 881-1397 (Office)
(417) 881-2159 (Fax)

Main Office
809 North Campbell
Springfield, MO 65802

Outreach Office
313 Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 887
West Plains, MO 65775

Outreach Office
116 N. Main
P.O. Box 349
Charleston, MO 63834

Outreach Office
1217 N. Kingshighway, Ste. 112
Cape Girardeau, MO 63640

Counties Serving:
Barry, Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Gasconade, Greene, Howell, Iron, Laclede, Lawrence, Madison, Maries, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Wayne, Webster, Wright

Services Provided:
Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Legal representation, Safe at Home application assistance, American Sign Language fluency, Foreign language services (various)

Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

(573) 751-0619 (Office)
(573) 751-1171 (Fax)

P.O. Box 899
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Moss House / Council on Families in Crisis

(800) 398-4271 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 667-3733 (Local Hotline)
(417) 667-4272 (Shelter)
(417) 667-7171 (Office)
(417) 667-4488 (Fax)

415 N Main St.
Nevada, MO 64772

Counties Serving:
Barton, Bates, Cedar, Dade, St. Clair, Vernon

Services Provided:
Shelter, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Pet protection, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Financial assistance for GED tests, Life skills classes, Thrift shop

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Polk County House of Hope, Inc.

www.pchouseofhope.org

(417) 399-6744 (Hotline)
(417) 777-8137 (Shelter)
(417) 777-3229 (Office)
(417) 777-3229 (Fax)

P.O. Box 223
Bolivar, MO 65613

Counties Serving:
Cedar, Dade, Dallas, Hickory, Polk

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Primary prevention, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Safe at Home application assistance, Structured program for children, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Life skills classes, Parenting group for survivors, Transportation, Parenting classes

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Selah Place of Oregon County, Inc.

selahplace@gmail.com

(417) 270-2727 (Hotline)
(417) 270-6416 (Office)

Rt. 1 Box 12854
Thayer, MO 65791

Counties Serving:
Carter, Howell, Oregon, Ripley, Shannon

Services Provided:
Safehomes, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Professional therapy for individual women, Professional therapy for individual children, Professional therapy for individual battered men, Transportation, Parenting classes

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Silverleaf of the Ozarks, Inc.

(417) 679-0200 (Shelter)
(417) 679-0200 (Office)

P.O. Box 655
Gainesville, MO 65655

Counties Serving:
Douglas, Howard, Ozark

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Law

enforcement advocacy, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women

The L.E.A.D. Institute

www.deaflead.org

(888) 761-4357 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(800) 380-3323 (Deafline/Toll-Free)
(573) 445-5005 (Office)
(573) 445-5088 (Fax)
(573) 445-5005 (TTY)

2502 W. Ash St.
Columbia, MO 65203

Counties Serving:
Statewide

Services Provided:
Court/Legal Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Hospital/Medical Advocacy, Professional Therapy for Individual Women, Professional Therapy for Individual Children, Professional Therapy for Individual Battered Men, American Sign Language Fluency

Violence Free Families

www.commpartnership.org

(417) 888-2020 (Office)
(417) 888-2322 (Fax)

330 N. Jefferson Blvd
Springfield, MO 65806

Counties Serving:
Greene

Services Provided:
Primary prevention, Safe at Home application assistance

Webster County Victim Assistance Program

(800) 453-5554 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 859-7129 (Office)
(417) 859-0612 (Fax)

P.O. Box 401
Marshfield, MO 65706

Counties Serving:
Webster

Services Provided:
Shelter, Motel placement, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Law enforcement advocacy, Professional therapy for individual women, Safe at Home application assistance

W.I.N.G.S. (When in Need, God Saves)Refuge

www.wingsrefuge.com

(888) 426-8443 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 876-2641 (Shelter)
(417) 646-8444 (Office)
(417) 646-1237 (Fax)

Main Office
460 Market St., Box 155
Osceola, MO 64776

Outreach Office
PO Box 184
El Dorado Springs, MO 64744

Counties Serving:
Cedar, Henry, Hickory, St. Clair, Vernon

Services Provided:
Shelter, Safehomes, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Pet protection, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Thrift shop, Transportation, Spanish

Women's Crisis Center

www.thewomenscrisiscenter.net

(866) 379-0074 (Hotline/Toll-Free)
(417) 561-5084 (Hotline)
(417) 561-5105 (Shelter)
(417) 561-5105 (Office)
(417) 561-8405 (Fax)

P.O. Box 282
Branson, MO 65615

Counties Serving:
Christian, Douglas, Greene, Ozark, Stone, Taney

Services Provided:
Shelter, Transitional housing, Court/legal advocacy, Crisis intervention, Hospital/medical advocacy, Law enforcement advocacy, Pet protection, Safe at Home application assistance, Support groups for women, Support groups for children, Life skills classes, Spanish

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