

# **V**iolence hurts everybody.

A reintroduction to Kentucky's statewide intimate partner  
violence coalition.



# What we Do

**We ADVOCATE** for laws and policies that protect the safety and well-being of survivors.

**We EDUCATE** advocates in the field, community partners, and the public on understanding and preventing domestic violence.

**We EMPOWER** survivors by providing rent and utility subsidies, emergency financial assistance, and through the development of 84 units of tax credit housing.

**We SUPPORT** the 15 state-designated domestic violence programs that serve all 120 counties in Kentucky.



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# Why Did We Change our Name?

- ▶ **To EVOLVE**      Our work is intersectional. Survivors experience multiple forms of violence, including poverty, homelessness, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and xenophobia, in addition to gender-based violence.
- ▶ **To REIMAGINE**      a Commonwealth where all individuals, families, and communities have what they need to live in safety and thrive.
- ▶ **To UNIFY**      It takes all of us to make a stand that intimate partner violence hurts everyone in our families and communities. And it takes everyone working together collectively to change the culture to one that rejects violence as a normal way of life.



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# The Strength of our 15 Regional Domestic Violence Shelter Programs

Outcome performance of our programs over last year:

- ▶ **93% of survivors** reported knowing more ways to **plan for their safety**.
- ▶ **95%** reported being **more aware of community resources** available to them.

Over the past **5** years we have sheltered:

- ▶ **10,000 women**
- ▶ **300 men**
- ▶ **6,000 children**

We have provided non-residential services to:

- ▶ **64,000 women**
- ▶ **5,300 men**
- ▶ **3,000 children**



**7,800 unmet requests for shelter – 1,258 in FY23 alone**

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# Reporting Intimate Partner Violence

- ▶ Crimes of domestic violence are underreported
- ▶ Cannot seek protective orders for some types of domestic violence including emotional abuse, financial abuse, and isolation.
- ▶ Intimate Partner Homicides – **uncertain counts.**
  - ▶ KSP
  - ▶ Kentucky Violent Death Reporting System
  - ▶ Speak My Name
- ▶ Domestic Violence Data Report – SB271 (2022 Session)

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# 2023 CJSAC Domestic Violence Report

Creating a baseline of information that helps inform our policies, practices, and solutions in the future.

*Presented by Meg Savage, CLO of ZeroV*



# Kentucky State Police Data

- ▶ Total number of JC3s filed: **38,708**
- ▶ Total number of arrests: **8,867**
- ▶ Total number of offenses charged: **14,199**
- ▶ Homicide (murder, manslaughter): **27 (or 21)**
- ▶ Felony assault: **276**
- ▶ Assault IV: **5,613**
- ▶ \*Strangulation: **880**
- ▶ \*Stalking: **18**
- ▶ DV Sexual offenses (rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, sexual misconduct): **6**
  - ▶ \*no specific UOR code for DV
- ▶ Violation Protective Order: **1,045**
- ▶ EPO/tIPOs entered into LINK: **19,986**
- ▶ EPO/tIPOs served: **16,402 (82%)**
  - ▶ Average time for service: **Ranges 0 to 42 days, with an average 3.8 days to serve.**
    - ▶ Unsure whether these timeframes take into account orders that were never served



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# Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Data

- ▶ Petitions filed (EPO and IPO): **27,524**
- ▶ Petitions denied: **5,514 (~20%)**
- ▶ ex parte orders issued: **19,244 (~70%)**
- ▶ Summons only issued: **2,802 (~10%)**
- ▶ IPO petitions only: **6,104**
- ▶ IPO petitions denied: **1,798 (~30%)**
- ▶ Long-term order granted:
  - ▶ **DVO: 5,014**
  - ▶ **IPO: 1,182**
- ▶ Total: **6,196** = 23% of all petitions filed and 31% of the 22,010 cases that “went to court”
- ▶ ~20,000 respondents were male; that’s ~70%
- ▶ \*29 DV homicides
- ▶ \*27 Attempted homicide
- ▶ 47 DV rape/attempted rape and DV sodomy charges filed in Circuit Court;



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# ZeroV Data (FY23)



Individuals served in shelter

- **3,035 (1,189 children; 1,846 adults)**



Hotline/crisis calls

- **22,417 calls**



Individuals served with non-shelter supportive services

- **13,097 (734 children; 12,363 adults)**



Shelter nights

- **154,601 total bed nights**



Children receiving crisis intervention services

- **1,850 children**



Unmet Requests for Shelter

- **1,258 unmet shelter requests**

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# Survivor Needs

- **Housing**
- **Childcare**
- **Employment**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Treatment Options**
- **Transportation**

# Three Levels of Prevention



## **Primary:**

Preventing anything from happening in the first place

## **Secondary:**

Preventing things from getting worse

## **Tertiary:**

Preventing the long-term effects



Schools with Green Dot reported a decrease in the perpetration of sexual violence by

17-21%

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# What do we Need Going Forward?

- ▶ **Living Wages and Competitive Benefits**

Direct service advocates earn approximately \$16,000 less per year than the living wage, which is determined to be what a family needs to attain a modest yet adequate standard of living and includes consideration for housing, food, childcare, transportation, healthcare, taxes, and other necessities.

- ▶ **Children Services and Support**

- ▶ **Services to Support Survivors experiencing Mental Health & Substance Use Issues**

People who struggle with mental health conditions and substance use disorder are at a higher risk of victimization by an abusive partner; often, these circumstances lead to homelessness.

- ▶ **Increase Access to Shelter & Supportive Services**

Transportation services and funding to expand and renovate facilities.

**ADDITIONAL NEEDS IN EACH FISCAL YEAR**

**\$9.5 MILLION**

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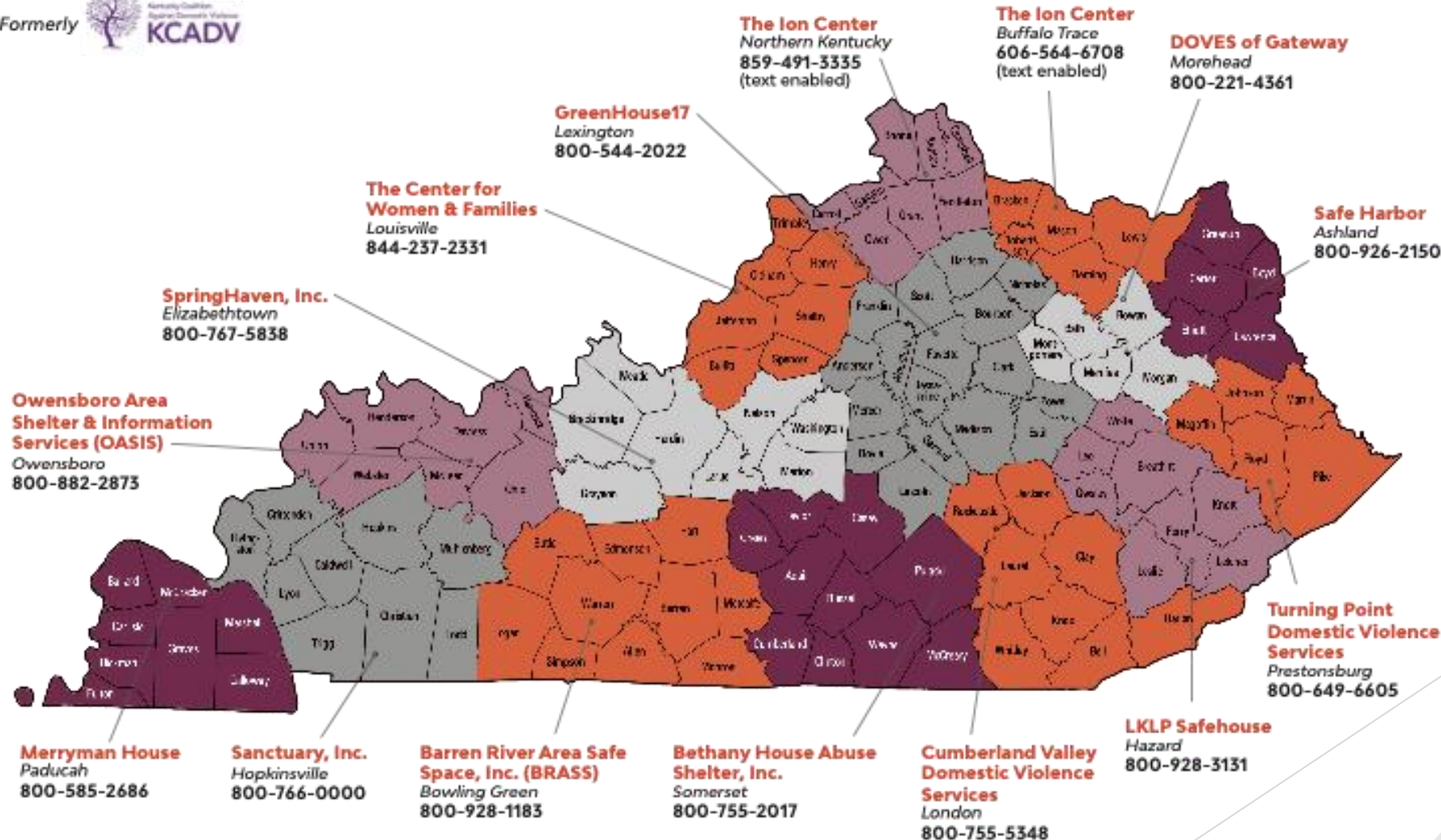
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### Kentucky's Domestic Violence Shelter Programs



# Questions, Comments, & Resources

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**2022 Needs Assessment**