DV/SA Victim Advocacy Centers

Belcourt - Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Hearts of Hope

Crisis Line: 701.477.0002 Office: 701.477.0002 E-mail: gourneau@utma.com

Women's Action & Resource Center

Crisis Line: 701.873.2274 Office: 701.873.2274 mercerwarc.com

Bismarck

Abused Adult Resource Center Crisis Line: 866.341.7009 Office: 701.222.8370 abusedadultresourcecenter.com

Bottineau

Family Crisis Center

Crisis Line: 800.398.1098 Office: 701.228.2028 famcrisiscenter.org

Devils Lake

Safe Alternatives for Abused Families

Crisis Line: 701.409.0665 Office: 701.662.7378 saafnd.org

Dickinson

Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center

Crisis Line: 888.225.4506 Office: 701.225.4506 dvrccnd.com

Ellendale

Kedish House

Crisis Line: 877.349.4729 Office: 701.349.4729 kedish-house.com

Fargo

Rape & Abuse Crisis Center Crisis Line: 800.344.7273

Office: 701.293.7273 raccfm.com

Fort Totten - Spirit Lake Nation Spirit Lake Victim Assistance

Crisis Line: 701.766.1816 Office: 701.766.1816 spiritlakenation.com/programs/ spirit-lake-victim-assistance/

Grafton

Domestic Violence & Abuse Center Inc.

Crisis Line: 866.435.7490 Office: 701.331.0466 dvacnd.org

Grand Forks

Community Violence Intervention Center

Crisis Line: 866.746.8900 Office: 701.746.0405 cviconline.org

Jamestown Safe Shelter

Crisis Line: 888.353.7233 Office: 701.251.2300 safeshelterjamestown.org

Lisbon

Abuse Resource Network

Crisis Line: 701.683.5061 Office: 701.683.5061 abuseresourcenetwork.org

Minot

Domestic Violence Crisis Center

Crisis Line: 701.852.2258 Office: 701.852.2258 courage4change.org

Stanley

Domestic Violence Program NW ND

Crisis Line: 800.273.8232 Office: 701.628.3233 dvpnwnd.weebly.com

Valley City

Abused Persons Outreach Center Crisis Line: 701.845.0072

Office: 701.845.0078 apocnd.org

Wahpeton

Three Rivers Crisis Center

Crisis Line: 701.642.2115 Office: 701.642.2115 threeriverscrisiscenter.com

Washburn

McLean Family Resource Center Crisis Line: 701.462.8643

Office: 701.462.8643 mcleanfrc.weebly.com

Williston

Family Crisis Shelter

Crisis Line: 701.770.5180 Office: 701.572.0757 familycrisisshelter.com

Our Projects

ALL ND Victims

A Legal Line for North Dakota Victims (ALL ND Victims) provides support and improves access to legal information for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other related crimes.

North Dakota Alliance to End Partner Abuse (NDAEPA)

The NDAEPA promotes the use of battering intervention standards and coordinates training and mentoring to uphold best practices in domestic violence intervention programming.

Prevention Is Possible

Prevention is Possible is a statewide initiative established by the North Dakota Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition, First Nations Women's Alliance, and the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Division, Prevention is Possible aims to unite prevention efforts across the state and encourages everyday actions we can all take to prevent violence.

Women's Opportunity Scholarship

NDDSVC's Women's Opportunity Scholarship provides higher education opportunities to low-income women who wish to enter, or are currently attending, a North Dakota college, university, or trade school.



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NDDSVC does not provide direct services to victims and survivors. Contact a DV/SA advocacy center near you if you are looking for support. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

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Building a violence-free North Dakota





The North Dakota Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition (NDDSVC) supports and serves as a unified voice for 19 domestic violence/sexual assault (DV/SA) victim advocacy centers across North Dakota. From training and educational materials to public awareness and legislative policy change, we work to provide North Dakota communities with the best tools and information to better support victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.







How We Make a Difference

Education

We encourage communities to start talking about domestic and sexual violence—how to prevent it, how to identify it, and how to get help. We provide training, resources, and technical assistance to domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy centers and community partners. We also inform public policy changes and support laws that help victims and hold offenders accountable.

Connection

NDDSVC works to strengthen connections. We focus our energy and resources on connecting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking to supportive services in their communities. We also connect diverse partners from across the state—such as social and legal service providers, law enforcement, and legislators—to training and information on domestic and sexual violence to better serve victims.

Prevention

We work to prevent violence by creating a culture of respect, consent, and nonviolence. We promote healthy relationships through educational resources, social media, publications, news media, and statewide awareness campaigns.



Before 1970, incidents of domestic and sexual violence were mostly ignored. For many women, being beaten by their partner or being forced to have sex was accepted by society, and the legal system provided little protection for victims of abuse. Women who wanted to escape the violence often had nowhere to turn. But they did have each other.

Across the country, survivors of violence and feminist activists banded together to raise awareness about violence against women. They advocated to change the society and systems that had failed them for so many years, forming the movement that would come to be known as the Battered Women's Movement of the 1970s.

In 1978. The North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services (NDCAWS) began as an informal gathering of advocates from five crisis intervention centers across the state. Each crisis center provided shelter and support to victims of domestic violence, and much like the voices of the Battered Women's Movement, the advocates realized their collective voice was stronger than any individual effort. Through NDCAWS, they problem solved, shared resources, and discussed ways to improve support systems for victims and survivors. What was once an informal group of feminists and activists was now an organized network of advocates and change-makers fighting to end violence against women in North Dakota.

While abuse continued to occur, the systems and institutions designed to help victims and bring them justice improved. Through proactive training and education, survivors received trauma-informed support from service providers who truly understood the complex dynamics of abusive relationships. Through improved laws and policies, there was a better support system for victims who sought justice and liberation from abuse. And through networking and simply talking about abuse in their communities, survivors and advocates were able to change societal beliefs about violence and what is accepted in relationships.

Today, as the North Dakota Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition, we continue the work of these pioneering women and grassroots organizations that formed our coalition, holding on to the same beliefs that we had in 1978: that abuse cannot be tolerated, and that everyone deserves to live a life free from violence.



We work alongside our member organizations—19 DV/SA advocacy centers located across the state—to create a unified support network for survivors.

When survivors of domestic and sexual violence need help navigating abuse and moving forward with their lives: NDDSVC provides our member organizations with training and technical assistance on providing quality, trauma-informed services and improving the well-being and safety of survivors. Our member organizations provide crisis hotlines, free and confidential advocacy, safety planning, emergency shelter, counseling, and other vital services for survivors, their children, and their families.

When survivors need legal protections, information, and referrals: NDDSVC advocates for improvements to laws, policies, and procedures that help victims and hold offenders accountable. Our member organizations help survivors request protection and restraining orders, go with them to court hearings, and connect them with legal representation.

When survivors need the intervention of police, prosecutors, and judges: NDDSVC collects information on what is working well and what improvements could be made within the legal system to improve North Dakota's response to domestic and sexual violence across the system. Our member organizations collaborate with local offices and departments to develop a trauma-informed, community-based approach to addressing domestic and sexual violence.

Because we all want to live in a state free from domestic and sexual **violence**: NDDSVC advocates for system and policy changes, coordinates statewide awareness campaigns, and works toward our vision of a North Dakota free from domestic and sexual violence. Our member organizations deliver community and school-based presentations on the prevention of domestic, sexual, and dating violence, build communitybased prevention teams, provide healing services for survivors, and host events to increase understanding of what people can do to prevent violence and create safer communities for everyone.