



## DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.<sup>1</sup> **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.<sup>2</sup>
- ◇ An estimated **1.3 million women** are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.<sup>3</sup>
- ◇ The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend.<sup>4</sup>
- ◇ The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.<sup>5</sup>
- ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.<sup>6</sup>

## CHALLENGES

- Dating violence has become a problem among young Texans. According to the Texas Council on Family Violence, more than 27% of young people have been victims of physical dating violence. However, if these figures included emotional and verbal abuse the percentage of those effected would rise to almost 50%.<sup>7</sup>
- Due to the cultural and linguistic diversity in Texas, domestic violence centers must be prepared to provide services to many diverse populations.<sup>8</sup>

## STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

*"In 2005, 17% of Texans lived below the poverty level. Over 40% of working Texans are defined as "working poor" making less than 200% of the poverty level. These rates heighten the challenges to ensure victims' economic security in order to prevent poverty."*

- Advocate, TCFV

*"Too many victims of domestic violence suffer silently each day. My office is working tirelessly alongside advocates to educate Texans about breaking cycles of abuse and to ensure that victims get the help they need through support resources in our communities. Together, we are building a Texas where domestic violence is not tolerated."*

-Advocate, Texas Attorney General Office

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN TEXAS

- There were 187,811 incidents of family violence in 2005.<sup>9</sup>
- In Texas, there were 12,356 adults living in domestic violence shelters in 2006.<sup>9</sup>
- 8,511 forcible rapes were reported in 2005.<sup>10</sup>
- There were 120 homicides as a result of domestic violence in 2006.<sup>11</sup>
- Of those 120 domestic violence homicides in Texas, 43% were committed by a spouse and 24% were committed by a dating partner.<sup>11</sup>
- Six children were killed in Texas as a result of domestic violence in 2006.<sup>11</sup>

## STATE RESOURCES

**Texas Council on Family Violence**  
[www.TCFV.org](http://www.TCFV.org)

- ◇ The Texas Council on Family Violence is a non-profit organization consisting of 650 members working to promote safe and healthy relationships. TCFV works to eliminate domestic violence in Texas by assisting and supporting shelters, operating the National Domestic Violence Hotline, providing resources and educating the public on the issues, training professionals who work with victims, advocating for laws and policies and by leading public awareness efforts.<sup>12</sup>

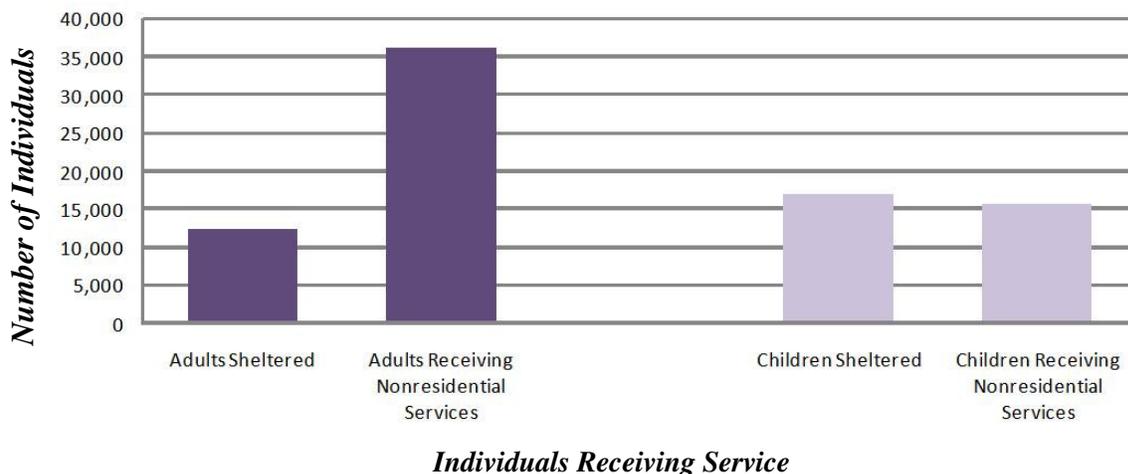
**Texas Association Against Sexual Assault**  
[www.TAASA.org](http://www.TAASA.org)

- ◇ The Association is committed to ending sexual violence through advocacy, education and prevention. TAASA is a non-profit network of over 80 crisis centers all working together to eliminate sexual violence.<sup>13</sup>

For more information or to get help, please contact the

The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE  
 The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE

## Family Violence Shelter Service in Texas (2006)<sup>8</sup>



## Domestic Violence Homicides Perpetrator Relation to Victim<sup>10</sup>



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NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.