

GORDON COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH OFFICE 706-625-5586

Am I a Victim of Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is not only physical abuse. Abuse can also be emotional, verbal, sexual or psychological. The abuser will often use control and intimidation tactics. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner or family member within their lifetime.

What is the Gordon County Domestic Violence Outreach Office?

The Gordon County Domestic Violence Outreach Office serves victims of domestic violence. Our office is located in Calhoun, not far from the downtown area. We provide many services and all of our services are free and confidential. Our services include assistance with temporary protective orders, individual support, safety planning, support groups and appropriate shelter referrals.

What is a Temporary Protective Order (TPO)?

A temporary protective order is a court order which is designed to help provide safety for you and your family. The order most always limits the amount of contact your abuser can have with you. Most orders state that an abuser cannot be within so many yards of you and your family. Other issues are also addressed in the order and are usually designed to meet your specific needs. A TPO is signed by a Superior Court Judge and is usually in effect for up to one year. It is important to remember that the primary goal of a temporary protective order is to help foster safety for the victim. We would be glad to answer any questions you have about this type of order. Please remember that assistance with a TPO, like all of our other services, is free to victims.

How can I speak with someone about obtaining a TPO and/or about other services available in Gordon County?

There are several numbers you can call to learn about services and/or schedule an appointment for TPO assistance. All services are free and confidential and you are never under any obligation.

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706-625-5586

24- Hour Hotline

706-278-5586 OR 1-800-33-Haven

Our Gordon County office is open Monday through Friday during regular business hours and by appointment. If you are calling outside of these hours and are not in need of emergency shelter, please leave a message at our office and we will call you back as quickly as possible.