



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.¹ **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.²
- ◇ An estimated **1.3 million women** are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.³
- ◇ 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.⁴
- ◇ 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.⁵
- ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.⁶

CHALLENGES

- Domestic violence service providers must continue to focus on reaching previously underserved populations, such as communities of color and immigrant groups.⁷
- Abuse occurs at an alarming rate in Florida's elderly population. From 2005-2006, 101 people 60 years and older received victim services from emergency shelters and 1,200 were served in outreach programs.⁷

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

"Last year over 14,000 individuals were sheltered at one of Florida's domestic violence shelters and 56,296 individuals sought face-to-face outreach services through one of Florida's 42 certified domestic violence centers."

-Charlie Crist, Governor of Florida⁸

"99 percent of all the women who died as a result of domestic violence from 2005 to mid-2006 never stayed in shelter, and 95 percent had no contact with a certified domestic violence center within five years of their murder."

-Staff, Florida Department of Children and Families Domestic Violence Program Office⁸

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN FLORIDA

- There were 115,170 reported cases of domestic violence in 2006.⁹
- Of the reported cases, 55% of the offenses were committed by a spouse or co-habitant.¹⁰
- 54% of the domestic violence-related cases in 2006 ended in an arrest.¹⁰
- There were 1,089 forcible rapes, 369 cases of forcible sodomy and 947 cases of forcible fondling reported in Florida in 2006.⁹
- 35% of forcible sex offense cases ended in an arrest.¹¹
- There were 164 domestic violence-related homicides in Florida in 2006.⁹

STATE RESOURCES

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence¹²
www.fcadv.org

- ◇ The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) supports 42 domestic violence centers, which provide shelter and support to survivors of domestic violence in Florida. Established in 1977, FCADV works to end domestic violence through education, training and policy advocacy.

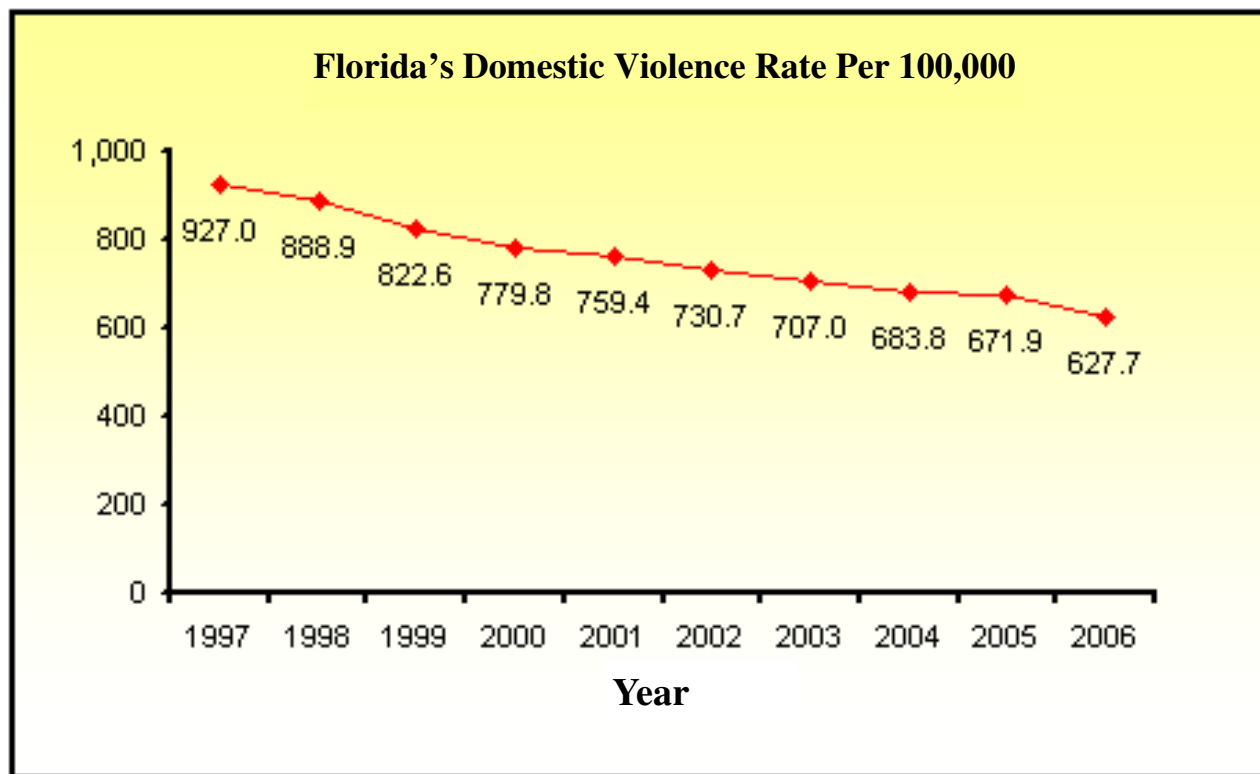
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence¹³
<http://fcasv.org/>

- ◇ The Florida Council Against Sexual Violence (FCASV) provides local agencies with training, technical assistance and education to improve services to victims of sexual violence, including rape, child abuse stalking and sexual harassment.

For more information or to get help, please contact the
Florida Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119

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

Domestic Violence Rates for Florida, 1997-2006



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NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Every Home A Safe Home

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.