ABOUT PADV

PARTNERSHIP AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (PADV) has provided professional, compassionate and empowering support to victims of intimate partner violence and their children since 1977. We are the largest domestic violence organization in Georgia, with the mission to end the crime of intimate partner violence and empower its survivors. Over the last year, PADV provided services to over 13,000 individuals and reached an additional 27,000 people through community outreach. During the year, PADV was highlighted in the media over 70 times, reaching 41,000,000 individuals. Here is how we impacted our community:

**CRISIS LINES**

7,346 calls were answered by PADV’s crisis line staff and volunteers. Callers received safety planning, information, support, and access to shelter and community resources. Callers include those in immediate dangers and friends, colleagues, and families seeking answers on how to assist loved ones facing abuse. 76% of these callers were 1st time callers and 99% of the callers received direct assistance and/or a referral to another agency.

**SAFE HOUSES**

608 women, children and men were residents at PADV’s 2 safe houses, located in Fulton and Gwinnett counties with a total of 90 beds. During their stay, residents received assistance with legal advocacy, support groups, clothing, food, housing referrals, childcare, personal care items, physical and mental health services, transportation and job opportunities. Children sheltered set 183 goals to work on while in the shelter, and achieved made progress on 93% of these goals.

**LEGAL ADVOCACY**

5,888 individuals were assisted with legal advocacy services including help with filing for a temporary protective order, assistance with completing legal paperwork and accompaniment and advocacy through the often intimidating and complex judicial system. Through this advocacy, 2,926 temporary protective orders were granted.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

969 women attended community based support groups. Support groups provide assistance to women who have left violent relationships or continue to live with their abuser. These women share experiences, offer encouragement and generate ideas on ways to live violence free.

**PREVENTION & OUTREACH**

168 community presentations were made to a total of 19,540 participants. PADV believes that education is the key to ending domestic violence. We strive to enhance the public’s awareness and ability to speak out against domestic violence through our education and prevention efforts. We reach diverse groups including law enforcement, business, Latino groups, faith-based organizations, men and civic groups.

To have a strong impact on ending the crime of intimate partner violence, we have to start with youth. PADV provided 160 teen dating violence prevention program events, reaching 7,315 youth, parents and youth serving adults.

**SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

65 people were served through PADV’s community based apartments. This program offers rental, utility, childcare, employment, legal and educational assistance, as well as ongoing case management and support.