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About Our House Inc.

A non-profit culturally specific victim services-based organization, serving rural communities in the Mississippi Delta Area.

Founded in October 1995 through a special monetary award by Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Church (USA).

Received non-profit status in 1996.

Has been in operation for 25 years.

Prohibits discrimination based on actual or perceived race, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin with respect to providing educational activities, intervention services or employment.

VISION:

A World free of Interpersonal Violence

MISSION:

To lead, empower and inspire change by eliminating domestic violence and sexual violence through intervention, prevention, prosecution, victim protection and sustainable restoration in rural communities; and, to enhance the lives of survivors of interpersonal violence by providing services that meet the psychological, spiritual and cultural needs of those we serve.

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Types of Direct Services provided for survivors

- 24 Hour Helpline (*Active listening and emotional support*)
- Safety Planning
- Emergency Housing/Shelter referrals
- Transportation (Limited)
- Medical accompaniment (*emergency room, doctor's office, etc.*)
- Legal advocacy accompaniment (*court, police departments, etc.*)
- Advocacy assistance with housing, employment, schools etc.
- Legal Referrals for protection orders, divorce, etc.
- Counseling Referrals
- Resources/Other Referrals (social services, mental health, etc.)

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The
"domestic"
part doesn't
matter.
Violence is
violence.

Domestic & Dating Violence services

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1 in 4 women & 1 in 7 men experience severe physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime. Nearly half of men & women experience emotional abuse. Abuse is a lot closer to home than you may realize. Learn the signs: #Every1KnowsSome1 #DVAM

The behaviors that constitute domestic violence. Domestic violence isn't just physical, it's about power and control.

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- Provides 24-hour safe shelter
- Support groups
- Offers Legal Aid
- Makes referrals for victims / survivors of domestic violence & their children
- Individual Counseling
- Supports victims / survivors in making healthy plans for their lives without abuse.
- **Shelter is currently temporarily closed due to renovations.**
- We assist with locating another shelter or emergency housing****

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Letting Each Affliction Heal

Start Date 1996

L.E.A.H.

This program offers outreach services primarily to adult victims/survivors of domestic violence.


Services include but are not limited to:

- ❖ **Counseling at NO COST**
- ❖ **Referral to safe shelters**
- ❖ **Advocacy services for legal representation**
- ❖ **Referral to local Social Services program**

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Men Against Spousal Harm

Start Date 1996

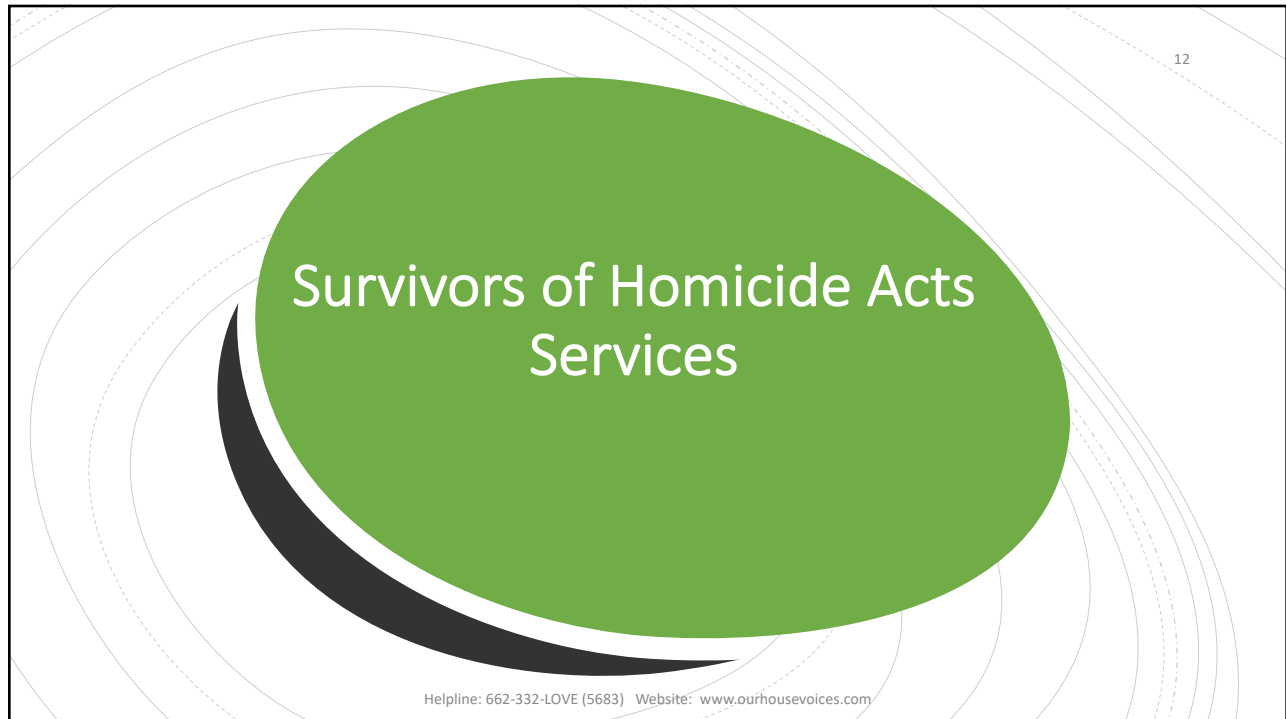
M.A.S.H.

- This program is for primarily court ordered domestic violence offenders (*male or female.*)
- It is a 26- or 52-week behavioral modification program that is based on the nationally known Duluth, MN Domestic Violence Prevention Project model. This model has been adapted to reflex our agency's service area.
- All instructors has received 40 hours of Power/Control trainings.
- The goal of MASH is to hold abusers accountable for their abusive behaviors and to empower them to change.
- This is our only program where a fee is associated.

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Abel's Program

Start Date 1996

- For survivors of homicide loss who need advocacy support, financial assistant and/or help understanding the criminal justice procedures.
- Trained staff will assist families with completing a Victim Compensation Application to apply for possible reimbursement for lost wages, mental health, medical treatment, funeral expenses and other expenses incurred.
- We provide court support / accompaniment.

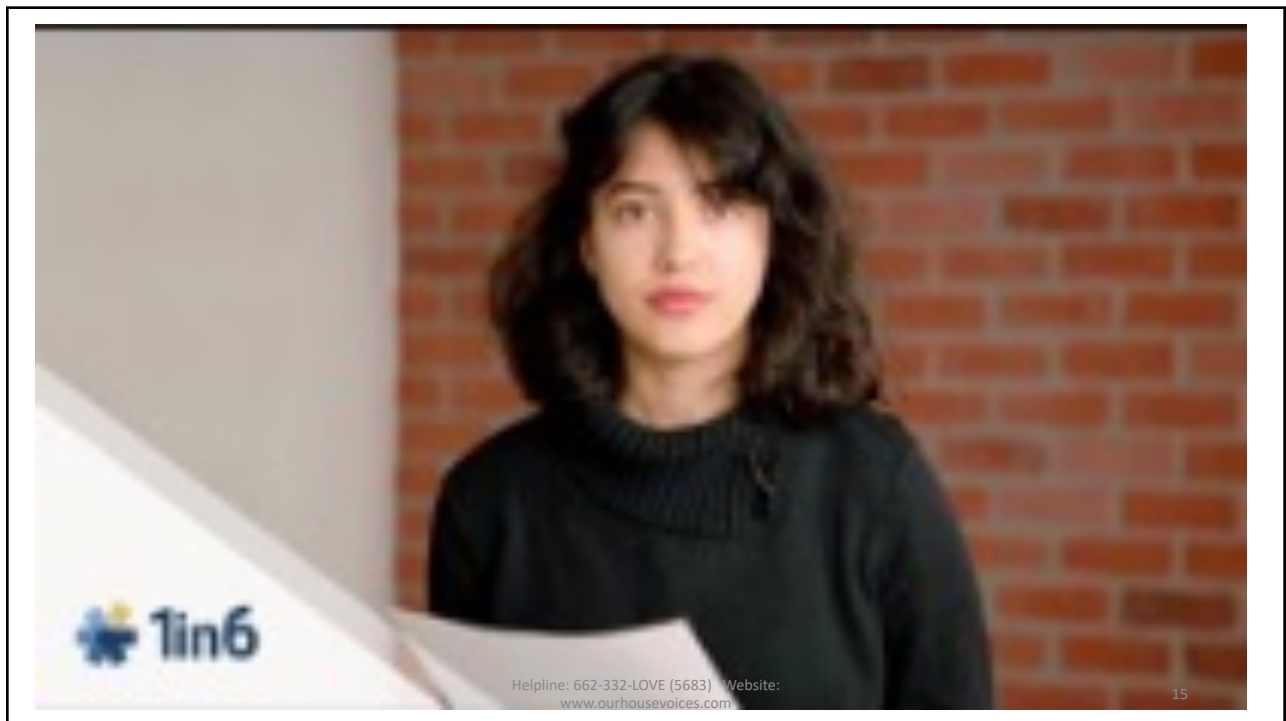
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Renewing Each Survivor Through Options,
Respect and Empowerment R.E.S.T.O.R.E.

- Formerly S.A.R.A.H. (*Sexual Assault Responders Advocating Healing, 2003*) and D.A.V.I.D. (*Devoting Advocacy to Victims in Distress, 2014*) adult sexual assault peer support groups.
- Combined and renamed in 2019 to be more inclusive, as men and women survivors experience similar challenges.
- **Sessions are held once a month.**

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Safe Online Space for Healing Conversations (S.O.S.)

Start Date 2019

- This is an anonymous and secure online chatroom for local sexual assault victims/survivors to connect with one another and get help.
- Sessions are held on the third Monday of each month.

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Supported/sponsored by RAINN

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization.

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Let's Talk About It

Start Date 2003

Sessions offer opportunities for young victims/survivors of sexual violence to deal with their trauma through peer discussion and using a holistic approach.

They are resilient, innovative and courageous

Let's get in their corner now!

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Youth Enrichment Services

Start Date 1997

- A recovery program for youths who have been directly impacted by the death of a loved one due to a violent crime;
- Children who have experienced or witness domestic violence in the home;
- Friends, extended family of victims of sexual violence.

The program is designed to provide:

- **Encouragement**
- **Support**
- **Guidance as participants develop in the area of self-esteem**
- **Educational Goals**
- **Leadership skills**
- **Dating violence prevention**



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Soar
In Life,
 You Must First Learn To
F.L.Y
 (First Love Yourself)™

Strength Opportunities
Awareness Result
 Start Date 2019
S.O.A.R.

This is a special branch of the Y.E.S. program... for youth and young adults exposed to poverty, violence and poor education *based at one of our partner's apartment complex.*

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Culturally Specific Services for African American/Black Communities

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Working Against Violence Everywhere

Start Date 2010

ELITE Ambassadors Youth Council

Name change: 2021

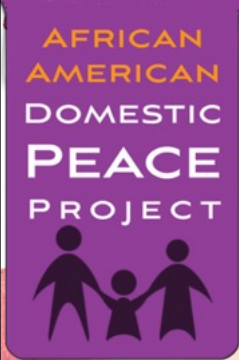
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W.A.V.E.


- The goal of this project is to train, motivate and support African American youth and young adults to speak out about dating and sexual violence in their schools, churches and communities.
- Members are trained to become community educators and advocates who will promote healthy relationships and prevent future patterns of abuse.
- We engage, educate and empower youth and young adults between the ages of **11-24**

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**AFRICAN
AMERICAN
DOMESTIC
PEACE
PROJECT**

Faith



The Mission of the African American Domestic Peace Project (AADPP) is to share ways to reduce violence and increase peace within the African American Community.

www.aadpp.org

AADPP was created in 2009 from a project of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC). This project gathered members from different African American communities across the United States and abroad that worked to reduce domestic violence and increase peace within their community. The consultants provide training, radio blogs, webinars, consultations, research and victim testimonies to address domestic, dating and sexual violence.

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Sisters Of Faith Conference Call Support Group

(Start Date 2019)

This group is for adult children of sexual and domestic violence.

Offers non-judgmental peer to peer support.
1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

All participants must register to sign confidentially forms prior to joining on the conference call.

<https://www.ourhousevoices.com/sisters-of-faith>

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Culturally Specific Sexual Assault Program

Start Date 2017

- ❖ Supports African American/Black Survivors.
- ❖ Promotes healing and provides increased direct support, intervention and related services to victims / survivors of sexual violence, in a culturally appropriate manner.

Approximately 40% of Black women report coercive contact of sexual nature by age 18.

**Source: <https://endsexualviolencect.org/resources/get-the-facts/woc-stats/>

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Trainings & Awareness Services

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Behavioral Modification Training Institute Start Date 1996

This program was established to provide domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault specialized training for:

- Laypersons
- Social workers
- School personnel
- Law enforcement personnel
- Faith based leaders
- Volunteers



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Healthy Relationship Initiative (Start Date 2007)

A federally approved evidence based 14-week curriculum which teaches on

- *Defining Domestic Violence*
- *Defining Sexual Assault*
- *Defining Healthy Relationship*
- *Defining Boundaries*
- *And many other topics*

This program has been conducted in over 19 middle/high schools in the MS Delta.



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AWARENESS SERVICES

- Fairs
- Health Booths
- Exhibits
- Sport games
- Workshops
- Youth Rallies
- Church programs

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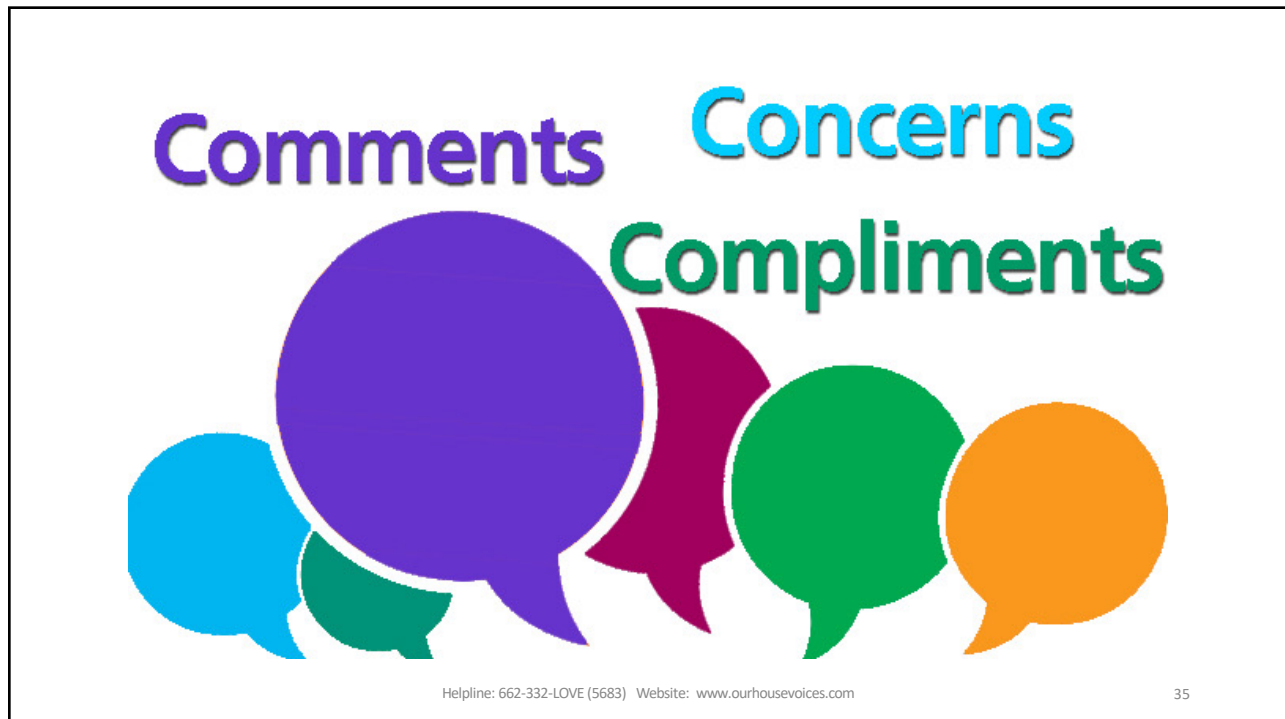
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Comments **Concerns**
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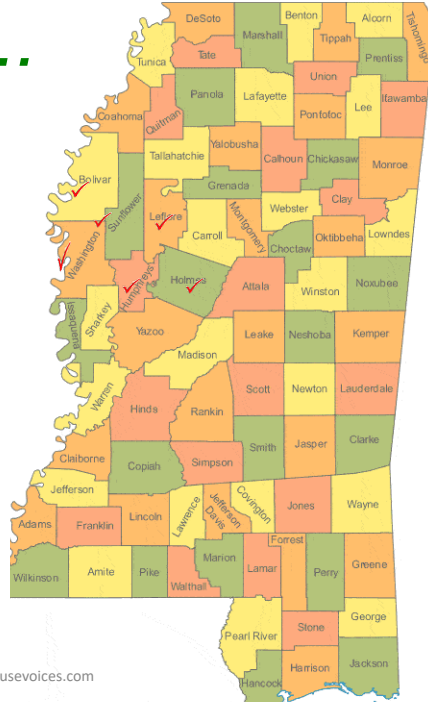
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Counties We Serve ...

- Bolivar
- Leflore
- Holmes
- Humphreys
- Sunflower
- Washington

For other counties in Mississippi, visit these websites.

- www.mcadv.org For Domestic Violence
- www.msCasa.org For Sexual Assault



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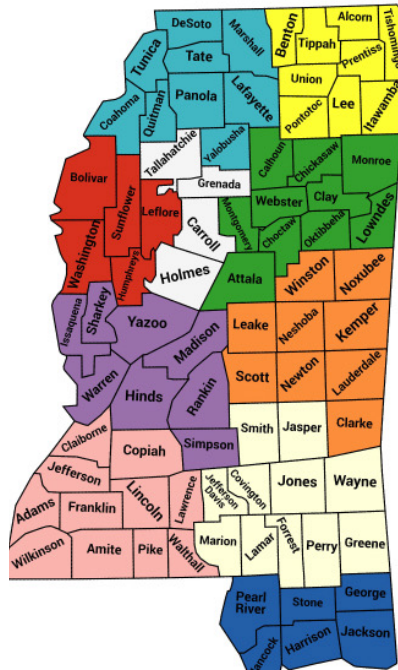
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- [MS Shelters - MCADV](http://www.mcadv.org)

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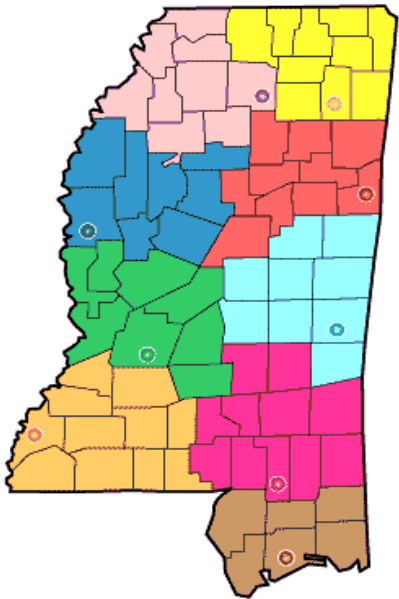


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MISSISSIPPI CRISIS CENTERS

9 Sexual Assault Programs in the State



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She tried to give a cry for help
She even blamed things on herself

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