

FAMILY VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA

In Georgia, family violence is considered abuse or neglect that a child or adult experiences from a family member, or from someone with whom they have an intimate relationship.

THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM IN GEORGIA

The statistics paint a sobering picture of family violence in the state.

4 in 10

women face partner violence at some point in their life¹

3 in 10

men face partner violence at some point in their life²

110,000

crisis calls were made to help centers in 2024³

42,000+

family violence cases were reported in 2024⁴

8 out of 10

of deadly family violence cases involved a firearm⁵

27,000+

children received help from family violence programs in recent years⁶

159

adults and children were killed by domestic violence in 2024⁷

4,000+

people were unable to get space in a shelter when they needed it⁸

HOW FAMILY VIOLENCE HURTS PEOPLE ⁹



Physically

- Injuries
- Broken bones
- Lasting health problems



Mentally

- Sleep problems
- Eating changes
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Thoughts of suicide
- Drug or alcohol use



Emotionally

- Hopelessness
- Low self-worth
- Trust issues



BARRIERS TO SAFETY, STABILITY, AND JUSTICE ¹⁰

For People Seeking Help:



No affordable housing



Fear of more violence



Shame and blame from others



Hard to find and use services

Gaps in Helping Services:



Not enough shelter space



Few low-cost housing options



Services don't fit all cultures or languages



Not enough mental health help



Less help in rural areas

Problems with the Legal System:



Different courts make different rules



Hard to prove what happened



Hard to enforce protection orders



Court process can cause more trauma

HOW FAMILY VIOLENCE IMPACTS CHILDREN ¹¹

Children who witness or experience violence can suffer long-term emotional and psychological harm. They need support from professionals trained to address their unique needs and should remain connected to their safe, supportive parent whenever possible. Schools can play a critical role by offering a safe environment where children can access help and begin to heal.

5 WAYS TO HELP ¹²

1. **More money** for shelters, housing, and treatment.
2. **Teach about healthy relationships** starting in early childhood.
3. **Spread the word** about family violence and where to get help
4. **Better training** for all workers who help families in crisis.
5. **Better teamwork** between all agencies that help families.

STOPPING THE CYCLE ¹³

Family violence often happens because of money problems, mental health issues, substance abuse, family, and community beliefs that make violence seem normal or make people afraid to ask for help.

To prevent family violence, we need early education, public awareness, community leaders speaking up, and better support for families in need.

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FACTSHEET CITATIONS



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