

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



HISTORY

In 1985, the tragic murder of Gwendolyn Ann Turnbough by her abusive ex-husband spurred the creation of the DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force and, ultimately, the founding of the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence (WRC) in 1986. Around the same time, alarming data from Grady Hospital highlighted the need for sexual assault services, leading to the establishment of the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center (later Day League). Now, in 2025, WRC has brought Day League under our umbrella, uniting decades of advocacy, expertise, and survivor-centered services. As the leading provider of domestic violence and sexual assault services in DeKalb County, we honor the legacy of those who fought for change while building a stronger, more comprehensive support system for the future.

Gwendolyn's daughter, Pulitzer Prize-winner and former US Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, remains a passionate supporter of our work.

MISSION

Our mission is to create a society in which domestic violence no longer exists. We strive to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the diverse community of battered women and their children with programs that promote safety, compassion, connection, advocacy, and prevention.

WRCDV provides *compassionate* services to survivors of domestic violence and their children. We help families improve their *safety* and form *connections*, which serve as an essential support system. Our *advocacy* for survivors of domestic violence works to change the culture that allows abuse to thrive. And *advocacy*, coupled with our powerful work with children, facilitates *prevention* and ending domestic violence altogether.

SERVICES

Each year, WRCDV provides direct services to more than 7,000 survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. In 2024, this included:

- 5,918 calls to our domestic violence hotline
- 5,665 individuals provided with legal advocacy
- 150 guests served in our emergency safe house
- 53 families received rapid re-housing support to move into permanent housing more quickly
- 62 children enrolled in Camp PEACE, our violence-prevention summer camp
- 18 teens enrolled in Game Changers teen program
- \$53,952.23 provided in financial assistance to DV survivors
- 57 families provided with supervised visitation or safe exchange of children at Nia's Place
- 91 DV support groups served 107 survivors
- 67 community education events reached 4,745 people

FUNDING

WRCDV receives public funding through grants from the US Department of Justice, Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and DeKalb County. Other sources of funding include support of our Champions for Change fundraiser, individual and corporate support, private foundation grants and in-kind donations. Our funding is broken down as follows:

- Public Funding - 67%
- Special Events - 14%
- Individual & Corporate - 10%
- Private Foundations - 6%
- Other - 3%

Total Annual Budget: \$4,250,501