# OUR MISSION

Through crisis intervention, comprehensive support services and community collaboration, **Gateway Domestic Violence Center** helps create an environment for safe, healthy, self-sufficient growth and violence prevention.

Victims of domestic violence come from all walks of life. While their backgrounds may differ, they all have a painful secret in common: *someone they love and trust hurts them.* 

Each year, Gateway Domestic Violence Center serves more than 1,000 different victims of domestic violence. Over 8,000 bed nights are provided to women and children fleeing abuse at home. Each year, our Legal Advocates assist with more than 200 Temporary Protective Orders.

Hundreds of children participate in Gateway programs each year. Family violence emotionally damages children causing fear, anxiety, guilt and stress. They may experience developmental delays, learning and language problems, and physical ailments such as headaches and ulcers. Domestic violence thrives in secrecy and silence. It could cost someone you love in their life. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please call for help today.

GATEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER 24-HOUR CRISIS LINE 770-536-5860 or 1-800-33-HAVEN

#### GATEWAY ADMINISTRATION/VOLUNTEER INFORMATION 770-539-9080

GATEWAY LEGAL ADVOCATES OFFICE 770-531-7153

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPORT GROUPS AND OTHER PROGRAMS 770-536-5860



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# WHAT IS Domestic Violence?

**COULD YOU BE A VICTIM?** Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behaviors used by one person to control another. Has your partner ever.

- Hit, slapped or punched you?
- Streatened you, your children or pets?
- Restricted your ability to leave the house or to have access to finances?
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- Cut you off from family and friends?
- Demanded to know your whereabouts throughout the day?
- Harassed you or called you repeatedly at your workplace?

### *If you answered yes to any of the above, you could be a victim of domestic violence.*

# HELP IS AVAILABLE

In Gainesville and Hall County, help is just a phone call away. Gateway offers free confidential assistance to all victims of domestic violence. We also work closely with area law enforcement, the courts, and the Department of Family and Children Services to coordinate services for victims.

Gateway programs and services are offered to those who must flee their homes for safety as well as to victims who need assistance, but not necessarily shelter.



1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

Many people contact Gateway when considering ending an abusive relationship to learn about options.

You don't have to live at Gateway to attend support groups

Gateway can help victims find a safe place for pets to go.

Volunteers are always needed to help with Gateway programs.

## SERVICES

Gateway provides shelter and comprehensive support services to victims of domestic violence. Services include:

- 🧭 24-hour crisis telephone line
- 🧭 Temporary emergency shelter
- Assistance with Temporary Protective Orders
- Case Management
- Solution Victim advocacy in court
- 😔 Programs for children and teens
- Support groups
- 🧭 Life skills training classes
- Solution Linkage to area resources
- 🧭 Transitional housing
- 🕑 Occupational therapy
- 🕑 Community Education

#### **SUPPORT** OUR MISSION

Donations from individuals enable Gateway to provide services to domestic violence victims and their children in our community. Your donation is tax deductible. P.O. Box 2962 | Gainesville, GA 30503 770-536-5860 www.gatewaydvcenter.org