

FACTS

- Intimate partner violence (rape and/or physical assault) is a serious criminal justice and public health concern.
- Nearly 25% of women and 7.6% of men have been victims of intimate partner violence.
- 1.5 million women and 834,700 men are victims of intimate partner violence each year.
- Most intimate partner violence is not reported to the police.
- Child abuse occurs in 30-60% of family violence cases.

Information cited from United States Department of Justice website: www.usdoj.gov

SAFETY IS OUR FIRST GOAL

The Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence and the Northcutt Legal Clinic are both dedicated to the prevention of violence, especially among family members. Therefore, the Northcutt Legal Clinic cannot provide services, other than advice, to anyone who has not yet left the violent relationship.

The Northcutt Legal Clinic is named in honor of Detective James F. Northcutt, a Long Beach, Mississippi, police officer who was killed in the line of duty responding to a domestic violence call on May 6, 1998. For additional information, see:

www.odmp.org/officer/15082-detective-james-franklin-northcutt

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If you don't tell anyone else, tell us.



NORTHCUTT LEGAL CLINIC



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www.gcwcfn.org

SERVICES PROVIDED

Northcutt Legal Clinic provides our clients a full range of legal services that deal with the abuse they have suffered and the consequences of that abuse. Those services most often include:

- Divorce
- Protective orders
- Child custody and visitation
- Child support
- Paternity

We also assist with problems related to:

- Public assistance
- Housing
- Employment

SERVICE AREA

The Northcutt Legal Clinic provides services to residents of Harrison, Jackson, Hancock, Pearl River, Stone, George, Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Smith, Perry, and Wayne Counties of Mississippi.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Northcutt Legal Clinic provides civil legal representation to resolve problems caused by abuse suffered by victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, who are otherwise unable to afford such services.

SAFETY PLAN FOR VICTIMS IN DANGER

Have the following items hidden in a place where your partner cannot find them:

- \$50 or more in cash
- A small bag with extra clothing for you and your children
- Any important papers including:
 - Bank account numbers
 - Checkbook
 - Your Social Security Number
 - Partner's Social Security Number
 - Partner's date of birth and/or workplace
 - Birth certificates for you and your children
 - Insurance policies
- List of important phone numbers (family and friends)
- Sentimental valuables and photos
- Medications for you and your children
- Extra keys for house and car

CRISIS LINE: 800.800.1396

WHO WE SERVE

We provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who cannot afford the cost of an attorney on their own.

There are no fees for our services.



WHAT WE DO

We represent victims in their legal battles for protection, for divorce, and for child custody and support. We usually take information from a client over the phone and then arrange an interview. At the interview we determine if we can assist the client, take additional information if needed, and plan the legal action that will achieve the client's objectives.

Very often, the legal aspects of a client's situation take second place to other issues. Whenever we talk with a client, the first concern we have is for our client's safety. We discuss those issues first. When safety is reasonably assured, we can assess the type of legal services that will work best. While we do that, we can also determine if other services provided by our parent organization, such as counseling, are appropriate.