

Did You Know?

In the US

- One in three women and one in four men are affected by domestic violence in their lifetime.
- A woman is abused *every three seconds*.
- Three women are killed *each day* by their husband or boyfriend.
- 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year – 90% being eyewitness to the violence.

In Central Ohio

- Last year Columbus Police reported 24 homicides related to domestic violence in Franklin County, including 3 children.
- Columbus police made 3,652 domestic violence arrests in 2023.
- Police departments in Franklin County responded to 8,946 incidents of domestic violence in 2023.

At CHOICES

- CHOICES is the only domestic violence focused shelter in Franklin County.
- This year, 945 victims and their children will seek refuge at CHOICES' shelter. *More than half* of those will be children.
- CHOICES staff will also answer more than 4,100 calls from people in crisis through the 24-hour hotline.
- CHOICES has a kennel to house the family pet, so they do not have to be left behind when a family seeks safety in the shelter.