

MONROE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

JULY - DECEMBER 2017 STATISTICS



Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition

The Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition (MCDVC) is committed to improving our community's response to domestic violence issues through communication and coordination of services. Major projects of the Coalition include a semi-annual Domestic Violence Awareness Conference and the implementation and monitoring of an audit of our community's response to domestic violence.

Membership to the Domestic Violence Coalition is open to service providers, representatives from local communities of faith, individual community members, and other organizations concerned with the elimination of domestic violence in our community.

This information is provided to:

- (1) assist domestic violence survivors in decision making and
- (2) assist the organizations that serve these individuals by providing information about other domestic violence resources.

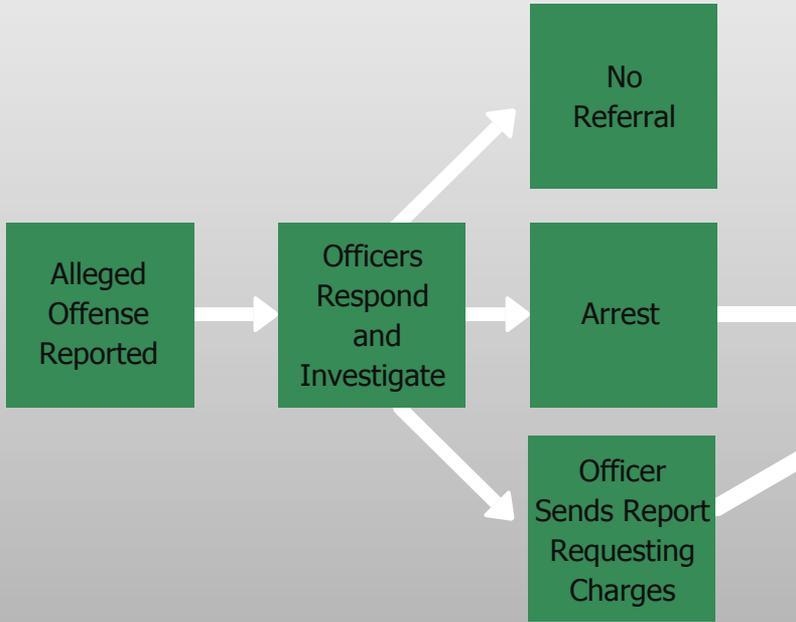
DISCLAIMER: This information is not a complete representation of domestic violence in Monroe County. It represents data collected by agencies under specific circumstances that report to the Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition.

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Domestic Violence in the Monroe County Legal System

This chart provides an abbreviated description of how a report is processed through the Monroe County legal system. While it is frequently more complex than what is shown here, it represents what happens in the Monroe County community (and this can vary greatly in other Indiana counties). The following pages also provide definitions and parameters for terms used.



Investigating Agencies

There are multiple investigating agencies in Monroe County that first respond to a report of domestic violence, including the Bloomington Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Ellettsville Police Department, Indiana University Police Department, and the Indiana State Police. Officers from these agencies investigate and then decide if they can establish probable cause that a crime has been committed

Monroe County Prosecutor's Office

The Monroe County Prosecutor's Office reviews reports submitted by investigating agencies to determine if there is sufficient, credible, and admissible evidence to prove the charge beyond a reasonable doubt.

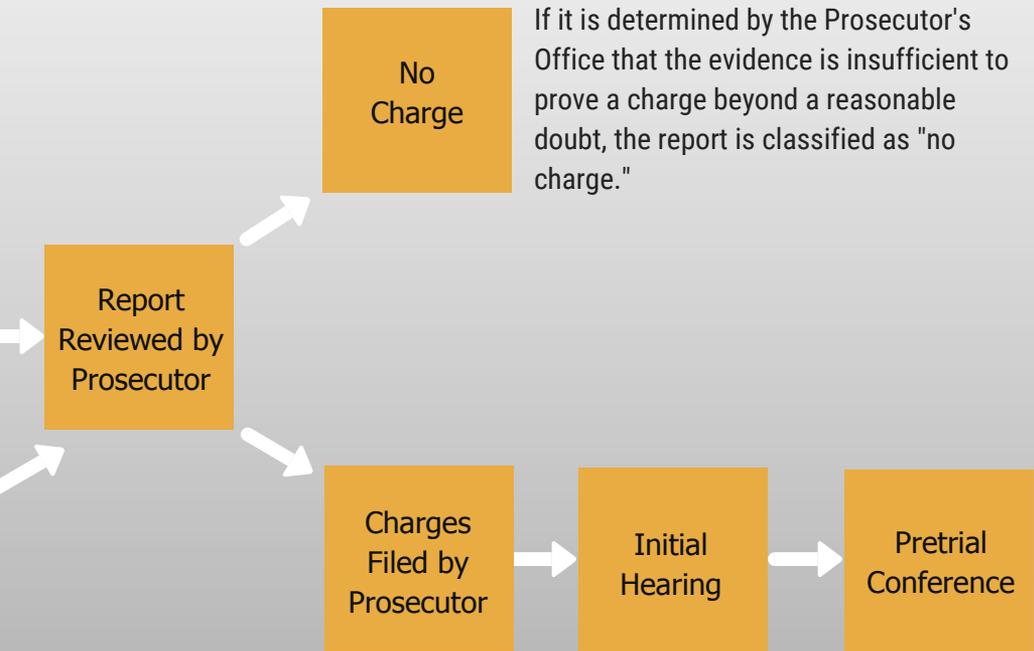
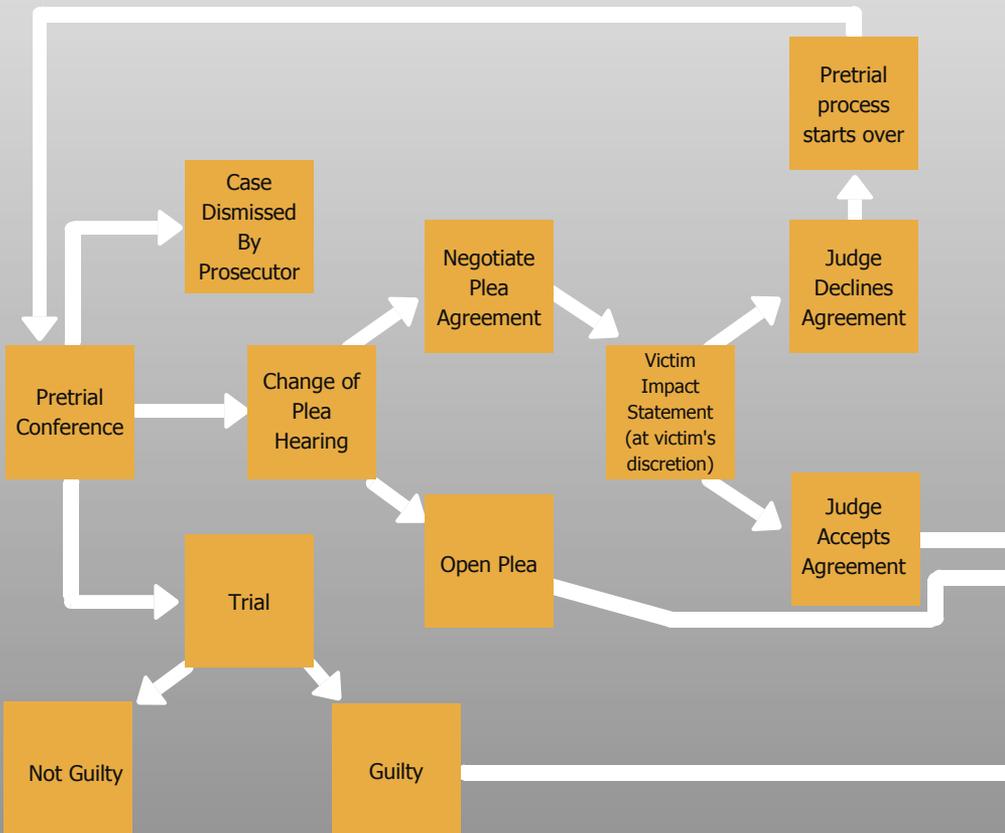


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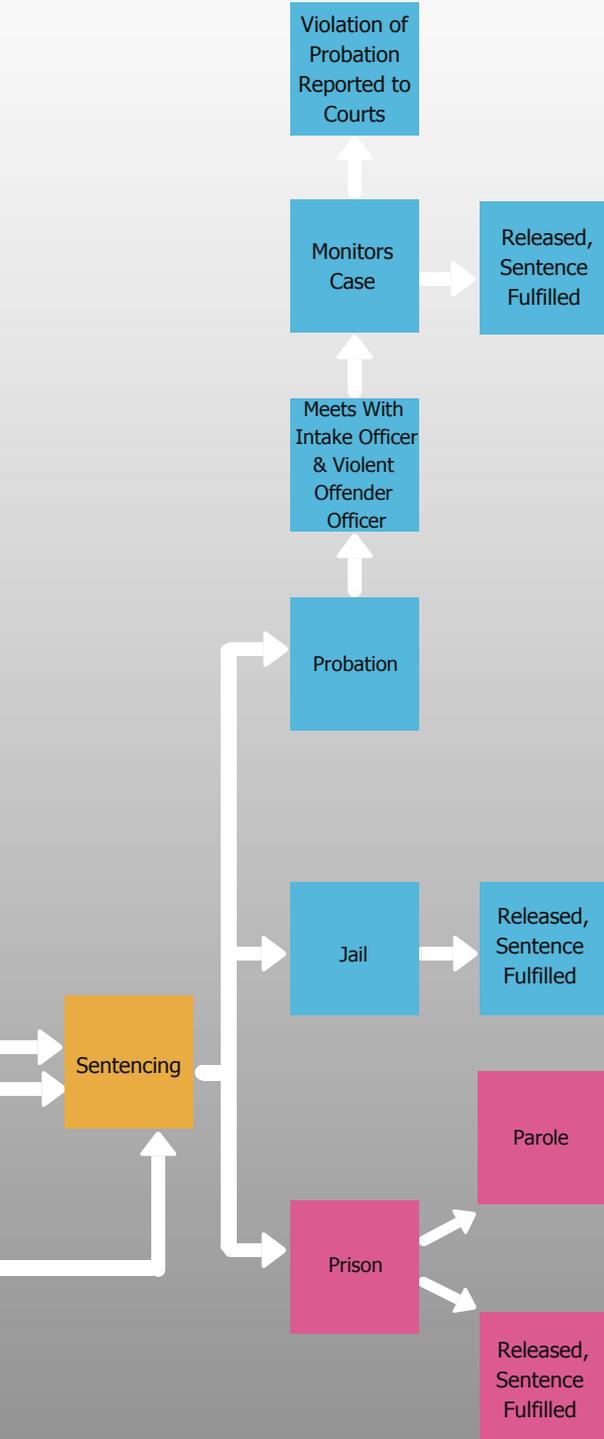
After charges are filed, the defendant will have an initial hearing, at which the defendant enters a plea of guilty or not guilty, is advised of their rights, is informed of the range of penalties, and may request a public defender. If the defendant enters a plea of not guilty, the case will proceed to a pretrial conference - a meeting between the prosecutor, defendant, and defense attorney. Possible case resolutions are represented in the corresponding chart.

Pretrial Release and Supervision

All persons booked into the Monroe County Jail for any criminal offense will receive a risk assessment by the Probation Department and, whether released on their own recognizance or by issuance of a monetary bond, may be subject to pretrial conditions to include, but not limited to, electronic monitoring, daily reporting requirements, drug and alcohol testing, and/or regular meetings with an authorized representative of the probation department. A person arrested for an offense resulting in bodily injury to a person shall not be released until 24 hours have elapsed, unless ordered by a judge.



Community Supervision



Upon conviction, a person may also be sentenced to the Monroe County Jail, prison, probation, another form of community supervision, and then released from custody upon completion of their sentence. Persons sentenced to a term of community supervision report to a probation officer either after their release from incarceration or immediately after their sentencing hearing.

The convicted person will meet with an intake probation officer to collect general information and to participate in a risk assessment and substance abuse assessment.

After the initial assessment, the person will be assigned to a supervision probation officer who will oversee their case. The Probation Department has a specialized unit, the Enhanced Supervision Unit (ESU), which provides more intensive supervision to offenders convicted of sex and violent offenses. The ESU probation officer will develop a case plan that is designed to reduce the risk the person poses to the community. (Continued)

The case plan may include such things as counseling, cognitive behavioral interventions, anger management programs, batterer's treatment, substance abuse treatment, etc. The probationer must successfully complete all court-ordered terms of community supervision, including compliance with the requirements of the case plan, before being released from probation.

Incarceration

The terms "prison" and "jail" are often used interchangeably, but actually are very different. In Indiana, jails are usually administered by local Sheriffs. A jail is designed to confine people for short periods of time while they are serving a short sentence or awaiting trial. On the other hand, prisons are operated by the state government or the Federal Bureau of Prisons and are designed to house convicted criminals for much longer durations, including for life.

In Indiana, persons convicted of a Misdemeanor offense and/or a Level 6 Felony offense are typically not eligible to serve any term of incarceration in prison (the Indiana Department of Correction). They may typically serve their executed term of incarceration in the Monroe County Jail.

Violations of Community Supervision

If a probationer fails to comply with any terms of community supervision, the probation officer may impose court-approved progressive sanctions for minor violations. However, if the probationer commits a new crime, the probation officer will file a petition with the court advising of the commission of a new crime. If the court determines that the probationer violated the terms of community supervision, the court may impose sanctions which may include the probationer serving their entire suspended sentence through incarceration.

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 www.bloomington.in.gov/police

Bloomington Police Department

The mission of the Bloomington Police Department is to safeguard life and property while respecting diversity, encouraging civility, solving problems, and maintaining a high standard of individual integrity and professionalism.

July - December 2017 Domestic Violence Case Data							
Month	July	August	September	October	November	December	Half-Year Total
Active	3	4	8	1	12	12	40
Cleared by Arrest	29	27	18	14	18	22	128
Cleared by Juvenile Arrest	2	0	4	2	2	2	12
Exceptional Adult Clearance	6	0	4	3	3	3	19
Exceptional Juvenile Clearance	0	2	0	1	1	0	4
Inactive	4	2	3	2	4	2	17
Unfounded	1	1	0	2	3	1	8
Total Domestic Battery Cases	45	36	37	25	43	42	228

About the Statistics

An **Active Case** is still being investigated.

Cases have been **Cleared by Arrest** when the perpetrator has been arrested for domestic battery.

Exceptional Clearance means all leads have been exhausted.

Inactive cases have not been resolved but are not expected to continue.

A case is **Unfounded** when police are unable to arrest due to a lack of evidence.

The cases above do not represent all calls for service - only cases in which a crime was committed. All numbers provided are subject to change as further information is gathered regarding each incident. All cases are marked following the FBI's Uniformed Crime Reporting Guidelines.

Connect2Help 2-1-1

For help: 211
Admin (317) 926-4357
info@connect2help.org
www.connect2help211.org

Connect2Help 2-1-1 is a regional nonprofit whose mission is to facilitate connections between people who need human services and those who provide them. Connect2Help 2-1-1 serves solely to promote self-sufficiency, change lives, and as a result, improve the quality of life in our communities. As part of each call answered by Connect2Help 2-1-1, specialists gather information to better understand the client's needs and situation, as well as to better understand the needs of the community.

Domestic violence calls include those who are currently fleeing domestic violence, survivors of past abuse, or secondary victims. The table below reports only the number of domestic violence calls from July to December 2017. Please see the next page for reports of callers' needs and referrals made.

2-1-1 Domestic Violence Statistics July - December 2017

Domestic Violence Calls Received from Monroe County

July	August	September	October	November	December
4	6	2	4	3	4

Connect2Help 2-1-1 (cont.)

2-1-1 Domestic Violence Statistics July - December 2017

Callers' Needs

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Case/Care Management			1	1	2	1
Child Custody/Visitation Petition Filing Offices					1	
Domestic Violence Hotlines	1					
Domestic Violence Shelters	3	3			1	2
Domestic Violence Support Groups	1					
Domestic/Family Violence Legal Services	1					
Food Stamps/SNAP Appeals/Complaints						1
Food Stamps/SNAP Applications			1			
General Counseling Services				1		
General Legal Aid	1	1			1	
Homeless Shelter			3			3
Housing Search and Information	1					1
Job Search/Placement	1					
Non-Emergency Crime Reporting					1	
Runaway/Youth Shelters						1
State Trial Courts			1			
Talklines/Warmlines				1		
Transitional Housing/Shelter			1			
Transportation Passes			1			

2-1-1 Domestic Violence Statistics July - December 2017

Referrals

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Alternatives		1				
Catholic Charities Bloomington				1		
Centerstone				1		
Desert Rose			1		1	
District 10 Pro Bono Project		1	1		1	
Division of Family Resources (DFR), Indiana Family and Social Services			1			1
Families First		1				
Friend's Place			1			1
Good News Ministries			1			
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV)		1				
Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCA)		1				1
Indiana Legal Services		1	1		1	
Indiana State Courts, Monroe County			1			
Indiana University School of Education				1		
Interfaith Winter Shelter						1
Julian Center			1			
Middle Way House		1	4		2	2
Monroe County Clerk					1	
Monroe County Prosecutor's Office		1				
Monroe County Sheriff					1	
National Domestic Violence Hotline				1		
New Hope Family Shelter			1			2
Prevail		1				
Salvation Army Ruth Lilly Women and Children's Center			1			
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)		1				1
Wheeler Mission Ministries			2			1
Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County						1

District 10 Pro Bono Project

P.O. Box 8382
Bloomington, IN 47404
To apply for services:
(812) 339-3610
Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.
Thursdays, 2-5 p.m.
Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*
www.d10probono.org

District 10 Pro Bono Project provides quality, free legal services for low-income people in the Indiana counties of Clay, Greene, Hendricks, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Putnam, Vigo, and Sullivan by matching local volunteer attorneys with people who need civil legal help. District 10 handles only civil cases, including divorce, custody, adoption, and guardianship. Services include representation in court and legal advice.

Qualifications for legal services can be found at this website:
<http://www.d10probono.org/testing-title/do-i-qualify/>

They also support a number of legal clinics that give free advice or services to clients.

*For brief legal advice, visit District 10's "Counsel in the Court" walk-in clinic at the Justice Building.

724 North Illinois Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 549-0333
Toll free: 1-866-549-1333
www.icc-indy.com/iccbip.aspx

Indianapolis Counseling Center Batterers Intervention Program

The primary purpose of the ICCBIP is to prevent violence to victims/survivors, families, and the community. Their objective is to challenge batterers on their justifications and excuses for their abusive behaviors and educate batterers on ways to effectively stop their domestic violence.

From July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, seven clients from Monroe County enrolled in domestic violence intimate partner abuse at the Indianapolis Counseling Center Batterers Intervention Program.

The Batterers Intervention Program is designed to prevent batterers from committing further abusive behaviors. Although the safety of the victim, family, and the community are the priority of this program, intervention focuses directly on the batterer through a cognitive and behavioral approach. Clients are counseled in group sessions lasting up to a year.

Middle Way House

PO Box 95
 Bloomington, IN 47402
 (812) 333-7404 (Admin.)
 (812) 336-0846 (24-hr Crisis Line)
communications@middlewayhouse.org
www.middlewayhouse.org

Middle Way House Inc. works to end violence both structurally and interpersonally by serving clients who have experienced forms of abuse including domestic abuse, human trafficking, or sexual assault. Middle Way House provides a broad range of services to survivors: 24-hour crisis line, crisis intervention, emergency shelter, legal and personal advocacy, safety planning, transitional housing, and prevention programming to a six county region.

Middle Way House Services, 2017

Services Requested	July	August	September	October	November	December	Half-Year Total
Legal Advocacy	35	51	43	45	49	45	268
Shelter Residents	36	35	21	29	40	43	204
On-Scene Advocacy Calls	12	13	12	22	16	11	86

About these Statistics

Legal advocacy resources include accompaniment and support during court hearings, providing referrals, and obtaining legal protections from abusers. Middle Way House Legal Advocates do not provide legal advice or representation, but they do support clients through legal processes.

Middle Way House shelter allows clients to live safely and affordably now, and to make decisions that support their long term safety as well.

On-Scene Advocates discuss, process, and provide support to individuals who have experienced abuse. Advocates can help survivors as they navigate the various agencies they may work with post-assault, provide emotional support, and help connect survivors with other community resources to help meet immediate and long-term needs.

214 W. 7th St., Suite 200
 Bloomington, IN 47404
 (812) 349-2645
www.co.monroe.in.us/tsd/Justice/Probation.aspx

Monroe County Probation Department

The Monroe County Circuit Court Probation Department's mission is to promote a safer community by intervening in the lives of offenders, holding them accountable, and serving as a catalyst for positive change.

Received Supervisions for Domestic Battery	
July to December 2017	
Adult Probation	14
Day Reporting	4
Electronic Monitoring	2
Pretrial Case Management	2

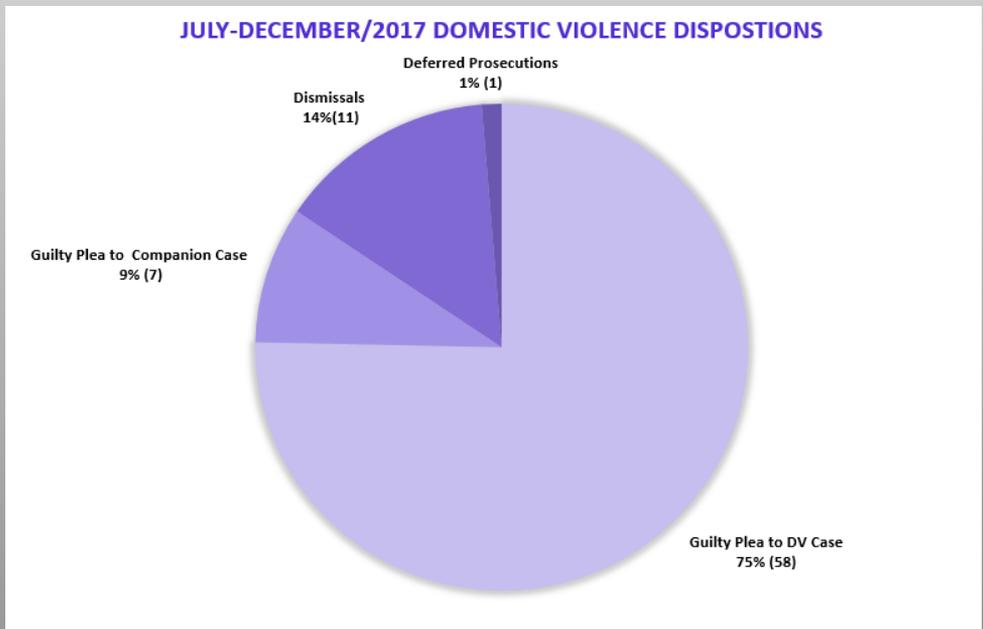
Closed Supervisions for Domestic Battery	
July to December 2017	
Adult Probation (Not Coded)	1
Adult Probation (Revoked - New Offense)	2
Adult Probation (Revoked - Technical)	1
Adult Probation (Successful)	8
Adult Probation (Unsuccessful)	2
Day Reporting (Successful)	4
Day Reporting (Unsuccessful)	1
Electronic Monitoring (Successful)	3
Electronic Monitoring (Vacated)	1
Pretrial Case Management (Revoked - New)	1
Pretrial Case Management (Successful)	4
Pretrial Case Management (Vacated)	1

The information provided by the Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department is related only to those cases that are being supervised by this department and where the conviction or alleged offense is for domestic battery. The information may not include other cases or convictions for other types of violent offenses having occurred in Monroe County.

Monroe County Prosecutor's Office

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Bloomington, IN 47404
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The Monroe County Prosecutor's Office represents the people of the State of Indiana to seek justice, promote greater public safety, and assist victims of crimes. The Prosecutor's Office receives reports from law enforcement agencies and files criminal charges in appropriate cases. They prosecute those who are guilty, while ensuring that the innocent are not wrongly convicted or oppressed. The office works proactively with law enforcement and other organizations to encourage crime prevention and education efforts that enhance public safety and improve the quality of life in the community.



Understanding these Statistics

A Domestic Violence case is determined based upon a current or former intimate partner relationship between the victim and the defendant, and includes, but is not limited to, offenses like domestic battery, fraud, theft, cruelty to animals, and invasion of privacy.

The previous graph displays dispositions (resolutions) of Domestic Violence cases resolved from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Please continue for an explanation of the technical language in the graph:

Guilty Plea to DV Case : Defendant was convicted of a domestic violence charge pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement.

Guilty Plea to Companion Case : Defendant was convicted of an offense in a related case pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement.

Dismissed : The charge against the defendant is dismissed. In situations where the evidence likely does not support an outright conviction the state may still seek to achieve a favorable outcome that provides a meaningful response to protect victim safety along with accountability for the defendant through supervision and rehabilitation services; including the following:

Deferred Prosecution : Case remains pending for a period of time while defendant completes certain conditions with the charge dismissed upon successful completion.

Deferred Sentencing Agreement (DSA) : A program whereby the Defendant pleads guilty to an offense and the Defendant must successfully complete a Batterer's Treatment Program, consume no alcohol or illicit drugs, and commit no new criminal offense for one year to earn a dismissal of the charge.

Protective Order Assistance Partnership

Office of the Monroe County Clerk
301 N. College Ave, Room 201
Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 349-5010

The Protective Order Assistance Partnership (POAP) is a collaborative, co-located community partnership consisting of the Monroe County Clerk's Office, Middle Way House Inc., Monroe County Prosecutor's Office, the Indiana University School of Social Work, and the Indiana University Maurer Law School's Protective Order Project. Since 2011, POAP has provided free assistance to individuals within Monroe County who are seeking safety from threats or acts of domestic violence, family violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence and stalking. Using a co-located, multi-disciplinary service model housed within the Office of the Monroe County Clerk, Protective Order Assistants (POAs) explain eligibility for Protective Orders based upon Indiana's Civil Protection Order Act and provide assistance in completing the application for a PO in a safe, supportive, and confidential setting. In addition to assistance with paperwork, POAs provide crisis intervention services such as working with survivors to develop safety plans and providing referrals to appropriate community resources.

POAP Services July to December 2017

Total Individuals Served	349
Safety Plans Created	224
Legal Advocacy Services Provided	277
Phone Calls from Survivors	508

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211 S. Indiana Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47405
(812) 855-4800
pop@indiana.edu
www.law.indiana.edu/pop

Protective Order Project

The Protective Order Project (POP) assists survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking to obtain civil protective orders from the court. Law students, private volunteer attorneys, and Middle Way House partner to serve those seeking protective orders in Monroe and surrounding counties. POP's goal is to prevent further abuse, both by restraining the abuser and empowering the victim.

A **Protective Order** is a Civil Order from a judge that tells the abuser not to: abuse, harass, or contact the victim or any included member of the victim's household, directly or indirectly, in public or private; enter the home of the victim; and destroy any of the victim's property. If the abuser violates this order, then he or she may be subject to arrest and prosecution.

Fall Semester 2017	
Total cases	30
Intakes performed	22
Referrals from POAP	22
Referrals from Middle Way House	3
Cases from other sources	5
Cases in which POP represented a survivor of domestic violence	N/A
Cases in which a permanent protective order was granted with POP representation	10
Cases in which POP declined representation	4
Cases from which client withdrew	3

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The Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition meets on the third Friday of each month at noon in the McCloskey Conference Room (#135), located in City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN.

Meetings are open to the public. Please contact the MCDVC staff liaison to ensure that a room change has not occurred.

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