

MONROE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

2020 STATISTICS



Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition

The Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition 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 biennial 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.

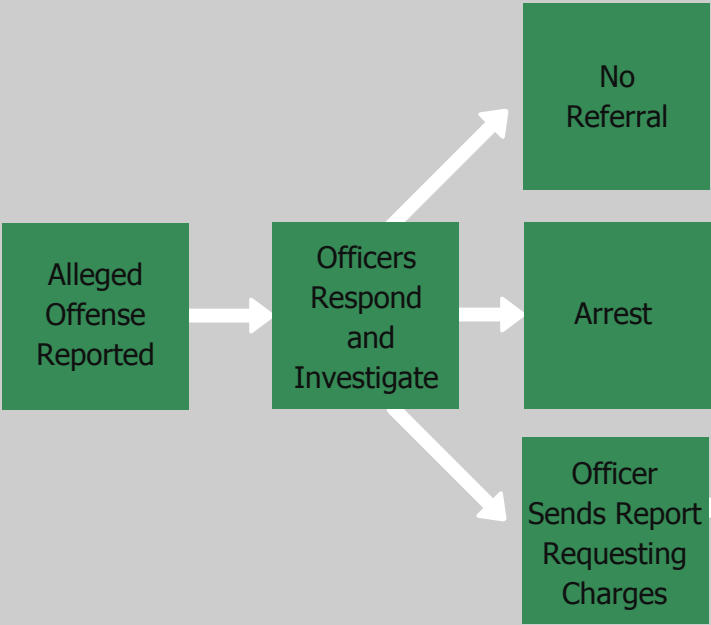
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Domestic Violence in the Monroe County Legal System

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.

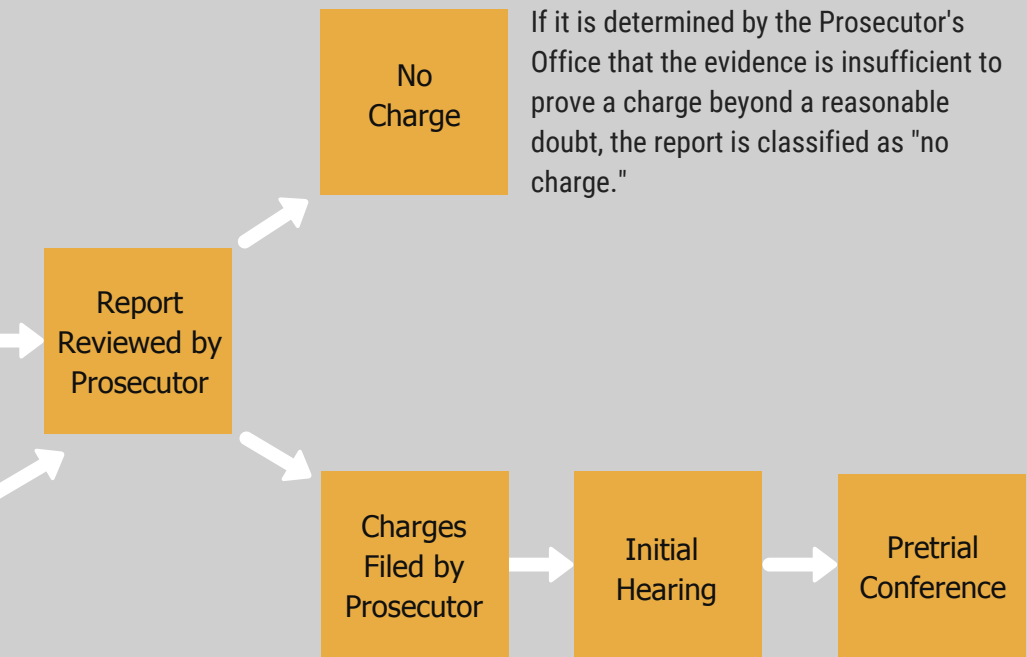
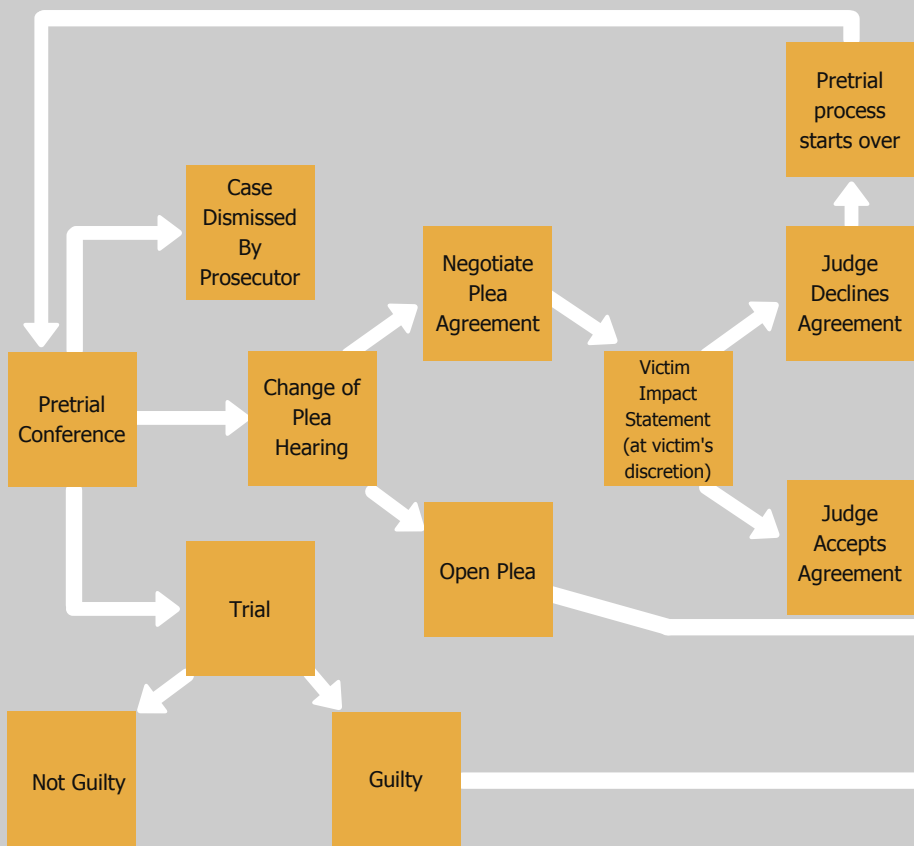


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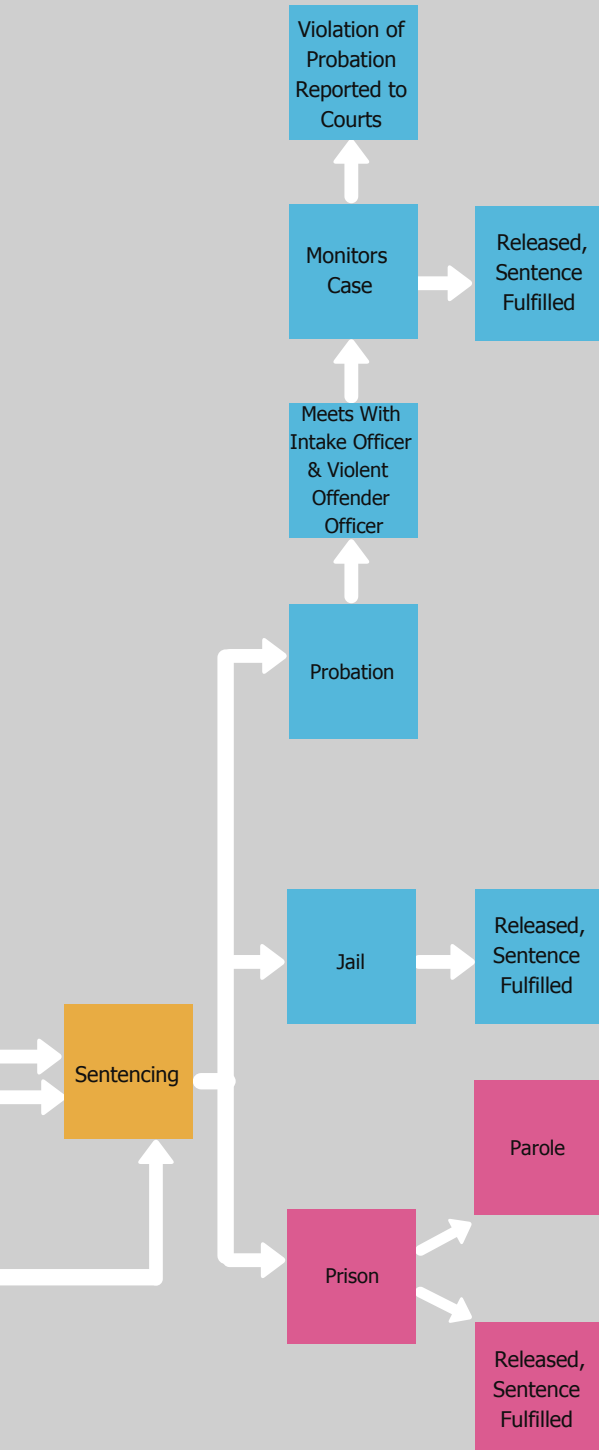
After charges are filed, the defendant will have an initial hearing, at which the defendant enters a plea of guilty or not guilty, is advised of their rights, is informed of the range of penalties, and may request a public defender. If the defendant enters a plea of not guilty, the case will proceed 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.

Free and Reduced-Cost Legal Services in Monroe County

Over the next three pages, there are several free and reduced-cost legal services of which you can take advantage. Call to confirm operating hours as they can change.

Monroe County Prosecutor Child Support Enforcement

What: Legal assistance in child support matters

When: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: The Curry Building, 214 W. 7th St., Suite 110, Bloomington, IN 47404

Phone: (812) 349-2669

Cost: No Cost for service; also provided on website:

<http://www.monroeprosecutor.us/child-support-division/faq/#3>

Justice Unlocked

What: Assistance in matters of criminal defense, family law, sexual assault, domestic violence, landlord tenant law, and small claims; *all clients must fill out the "contact us" form at justiceunlocked.com.*

When: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: 4305 E. 3rd St., Bloomington, IN 47401

Phone: (812) 269-8277

Cost: Payment is assessed based on income

District 10 Pro Bono Project

What: Assists in the placement of cases with pro bono attorneys to provide legal assistance to people who could not otherwise afford it. A variety of cases are accepted including family law, housing, credit issues, and public benefits. All clients must fill out the "Application" form through a phone call.

Website: <http://www.d10probono.org/>

When: Available through their website and phone appointments

Phone: (812) 339-3610 **Application Phone Number:** (812) 855-2390

Cost: Free for income eligible

Counsel in the Court

What: District 10 Pro Bono Project collaboration with Monroe Circuit Court

When: Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., phone counsel only

Phone: (812) 269-6463

Cost: Free

Legal Assistance for Victimized Adults (LAVA)

What: LAVA offers quality legal representation to assist clients in civil matters. Representation includes advice, negotiation, consultation, and referrals to appropriate agencies. To be eligible for legal services, a person must be a resident of the state of Indiana and be able to consent to retain civil legal assistance. LAVA focuses on aiding endangered adults, those with disabilities and also senior citizens.

Where: Remote access, due to COVID-19

When: Generally Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Phone: (317) 829-3104

Cost: Free for income eligible

Indiana Legal Services, Inc.

What: Civil legal advice and representation. All clients must fill out the "Application" form through a phone call.

When: Office hours – Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: 214 S. College Ave., 2nd floor, Bloomington, IN 47404

Phone: (812) 339-7668 or toll free (800) 822-4774

Application Phone Number: (844) 243-8570

Cost: Free for individuals up to 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Indiana University Student Legal Services

What: IU Student Legal Services is a non-profit, on-campus law office serving only IU students. They can assist in a wide range of legal issues from criminal charges to landlord issues. Also able to provide aid with Orders of Protection. Exclusions apply as they are not able to litigate against other IU students.

When: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Poplars 712, 703 E. 7th St., Bloomington, IN 47408

Phone: (812) 855-7867

Cost: Free, Free, funded through students fee/bursar charge. No additional charges for services, for students who paid the fee.

Indiana University Protective Order Project

What: Assistance in filing for a protective order and legal representation for protective order hearings

When: Monday through Friday, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Where: IU Maurer School of Law, 211 S. Indiana Ave., Room 010, Bloomington, IN 47405

Phone: (812) 855-4800

Cost: Free

Counsel in the Court

Family Law

Free help with court forms and brief legal advice including custody, support, paternity, divorce, and guardianship.

To be eligible you must:

not already have an attorney, and be a party to, or intending to file, a family law case in the county where the clinic is located.

The Counsel in the Court clinics ordinarily provide in-person advice at courthouses in Clay, Greene, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Putnam, and Vigo counties. All of these clinics are now providing advice by phone only at the times listed below:

Clay County: Every 2nd and 4th Friday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., call (812) 316-5262

Greene County: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,
call (812) 269-6463

Lawrence County: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.,
call (812) 269-6463

Monroe County: Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., call (812) 269-6463

Morgan County: Every 1st and 3rd Monday, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.,
call (812) 269-6463

Owen County: Every 1st and 3rd Friday, 11:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.
call (812) 269-8277

Putnam County: Every 1st Tuesday, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., call (812) 269-6463

Vigo County: Every 1st and 3rd Friday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., call (812) 316-5262

If you call in to get phone advice this way, and don't immediately have your call answered by the attorney, please wait by your phone/have your phone near you so that you can easily be reached when your call is returned. If you have a computer with internet and printer, that's useful for help with forms, but not necessary for help from these clinics.

Emergency Housing for Pets

Many families struggle with how they can choose to care for their pets when faced with homelessness, fire, violence, or temporary weather related conditions. If a family cannot find temporary housing, afford temporary boarding or quickly find relocation for their pet, families face the risk of unnecessarily surrendering their pet to a shelter. To meet this community need, Monroe County Humane Association (MCHA) facilitates short-term, temporary housing of dogs and cats of families facing emergency situations (when typical or standard boarding options aren't available).

Because of the stress on both the animal and the foster family committed to helping pets in these situations, MCHA has elected a ten-day limit on Emergency Housing. When pets are surrendered for emergency housing, families also agree to their scheduled pick-up/return date appointment, and agree that if they miss that scheduled appointment, there are no extensions*, and that the animal will immediately become property of MCHA. Upon surrender for emergency housing, families agree that the pets will be vaccinated against Rabies and any other required/necessary vaccines. Pets will be treated for fleas, and scheduled for spay/neuter during their ten day stay with MCHA. The average cost of care for an animal going into foster care is \$50. Fees can be sponsored (and MCHA has applied for grant funding to help offset these costs). Because pets are often kept off-site and in a foster home, there are no visits allowed between the family and the pet. Owners are welcome to call to check on their pet. MCHA extends a maximum of ten days of emergency housing.

*In extreme situations, an additional 10-day stay can be extended. But it must be handled on-site, and in person with a new contract.

What: Pets can be surrendered for Emergency Housing through the Nonprofit Veterinary Clinic Outreach Center during normal, operating hours (listed below). Due to COVID-19 - curbside service, by appointment.

When: Mondays through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. / Closed Friday and Sunday

Where: 791 S. Fieldstone Blvd., Bloomington, IN 47404

Phone: (812) 935-5053

Salvation Army
111 N. Rogers St.
Bloomington, IN 47404
866-AbuseAA (24- hour Information
Line, 866-228-7322)
office@abuseaccountability.com
www.abuseaccountability.com

Abuse Awareness and Accountability

(Formerly known as The Character Restoration Center)

Abuse Awareness and Accountability, formerly known as The Character Restoration Center, is an Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) certified and evidence-based Batterers Intervention Program (BIP) consisting of highly trained and specialized advocates for victims of violence, who work with perpetrators.

In 2020, there were 29 men and 7 women from Monroe County probation who received services, in addition to 19 men and 11 women from Region 13 Department of Child Services.

Bloomington Police Department

220 E. 3rd St.
Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 339-4477
Emergency: 911
police@bloomington.in.gov
bloomington.in.gov/police

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.

2020 Domestic Violence Case Data

Month	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2019 Total
Cleared by Arrest	22	17	25	16	13	15	9	9	23	12	12	16	189
Cleared by Juvenile Arrest	4	1	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	18
Resulted in No Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Active Investigation	3	2	2	5	5	5	5	4	9	7	4	4	55
Exceptional Adult Clearance	1	5	3	2	1	0	3	5	3	6	7	6	42
Exceptional Juvenile Clearance	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Warrant Requested	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	5	1	3	4	3	1	4	3	6	3	2	2	37
Inactive	9	4	5	3	6	2	9	12	3	7	10	5	75
Total Domestic Battery Cases	44	31	41	33	30	24	30	35	44	37	36	34	419

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.

Main Branch
303 E. Kirkwood
Bloomington, IN 47408
(812) 349-3050
Ellettsville Branch
600 W. Temperance Street,
Ellettsville, IN 47429
(812) 876-1272

Creating Access for Violence Survivors (CAVS)

At the Monroe County Public Library

Creating Access for Violence Survivors is a program that reduces library access barriers for survivors of abuse and/or violence in Monroe County. The library partners with Middle Way House to assist survivors who cannot use traditional means of establishing their residency in Monroe County in order to open a new library account. There are fee forgiveness procedures in place for existing patrons who were forced to abandon library materials while fleeing abuse and/or violence. Use of public access computers, fax machine, and scanner are free to anyone in the community. VITAL adult tutoring services are also free for anyone to use and do not require a library account with MCPL.

Library operating hours are changing due to the pandemic, please call or see online for current hours. The fee forgiveness process can take up to a week to resolve. This service is free to residents of Monroe County.

Four patrons had a total of 21 unique individual charges waived in 2020 for a total of \$313.67 (average of \$78.42 per patron). One new MCPL library account opened using CAVS in 2020.

District 10

Pro Bono Project

P.O. Box 8382
Bloomington, IN 47404

To apply for services:
(812) 339-3610

Tuesdays, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

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:

d10probono.org/testing-title/do-i-qualify/

District 10 also supports a number of legal clinics that give free advice or services to clients.

For 2020, District 10 Pro Bono Project had 88 cases in Monroe County that involved domestic violence.

*For brief legal advice, visit District 10's "Counsel in the Court" phone clinic (see page 11).

For help: 211
1-888-211-2401
info@in211.org
in211.communityos.org

Indiana 211 Partnership

Indiana 211 is a free service that connects Hoosiers with help and answers from thousands of health and human service agencies and resources right in their local communities - quickly, easily, and confidentially.

As an independent 501c(3) organization, they provide free, unbiased and confidential referrals to the best resources for specific needs. They have an experienced, responsive and compassionate team of Community Navigators who are skilled at actively listening and identifying needs and providing referrals that best meet those needs. Their Community Navigators receive 80+ hours of on-the-job- training. They respond to calls quickly, with an average speed of answer of less than 50 seconds.

In 2020, Indiana 211 answered 8 calls regarding information on domestic violence hotlines, 40 calls for information on domestic violence shelters, and 2 calls for information about domestic violence support groups.

Indiana Department of Child Services

1531 S. Curry Pike, Suite 600

Bloomington, IN 47403

Office: (812) 336-6351

Fax: (317) 232-1553

E-mail: Charlisa.Davis@dcs.in.gov

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline: (800) 800-5558

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Mission: The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) engages with families and collaborates with state, local, and community partners to protect children from abuse and neglect and to provide child support services.

Vision: Indiana children will live in safe, healthy, and supportive families and communities.

The Indiana Department of Child Services is dedicated to safety of children and family preservation. DCS in Monroe County partners with numerous community agencies to provide services to families who have experienced abuse and neglect in their home of origin. Services include; assessments, psychological evaluations, drug treatment services, visitation, therapy, batterer's treatment, case management, and parenting skills. DCS hopes to provide safety, stability, wellbeing, and permanency to children through the course of these interventions.

DCS has specific protocol and policy which supports survivors of domestic violence in protecting their children from further abuse and neglect. DCS works with community partners, such as Middle Way House and POPS, to assure that families have support and resources available to them.

Indiana Department of Child Services (cont.)

Department of Child Services Data January - December 2020													
	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse	2	0	0	2	0	4	2	1	2	5	3	1	22
Physical Abuse	9	1	2	3	3	3	0	1	3	2	4	1	32
Neglect	30	40	27	24	32	37	61	35	26	40	25	33	410
Substantiated	41	41	29	29	35	44	63	37	31	47	32	35	464

Indianapolis Counseling Center Batterers Intervention Program

724 N. Illinois St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 549-0333
Toll Free: (866) 549-1333
icc-indy.com/iccbip.aspx

The primary purpose of the Indianapolis Counseling Center Batterers Intervention Program 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.

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.

From January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, twelve male clients and one female client from Monroe County enrolled in domestic violence intimate partner abuse at the Indianapolis Counseling Center Batterers Intervention Program.

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

Middle Way House

Middle Way House Inc. works to end violence, both structurally and inter-personally, 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 January - December 2020													
Services Requested	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Legal Advocacy	54	42	42	44	49	74	54	41	45	54	37	28	564
Shelter Residents	67	57	45	17	28	33	38	35	26	26	32	11	415
Crisis Intervention	4	10	4	3	16	23	8	9	4	7	8	9	105

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.

Monroe County Circuit Courts

Charlotte Zietlow Justice Center
301 N. College Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47404
Phone: (812) 349-2615
Fax: (812) 349-2791
M - Th 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Starting in 2020, the Monroe Circuit Courts began tracking civil Protection Order cases where there is IPV (Intimate Partner Violence). Protection Order cases can also include allegations of stalking and harassment between acquaintances and neighbors; those cases are not included here.

In 2020, Monroe Circuit Court IV identified 84 cases with IPV; and Monroe Circuit Court VIII identified 36 cases with IPV.

The Monroe 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	
January - December 2020	
Adult Probation	10
Day Reporting	5
Electronic Monitoring	5
Pretrial Monitoring	2

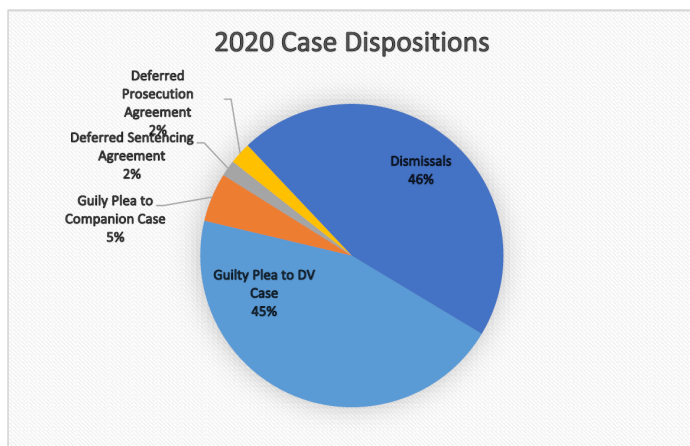
Closed Supervisions for Domestic Battery	
January - December 2020	
Adult Probation (Absconded)	0
Adult Probation (Closed - Transfer in)	1
Adult Probation (Death)	1
Adult Probation (Revoked - New Offense)	0
Adult Probation (Revoked - Technical)	0
Adult Probation (Successful)	6
Adult Probation (Unsuccessful)	3
Day Reporting (Successful)	6
Day Reporting (Revoked - New Offense)	1
Day Reporting (Vacated)	0
Day Reporting (Unsuccessful)	0
Day Reporting (Absconded)	0
Electronic Monitoring (Successful)	9
Electronic Monitoring (Unsuccessful)	1
Electronic Monitoring (Absconded)	1
Electronic Monitoring (Vacated)	0
Electronic Monitoring (Revoked - Technical)	0
Pretrial Case Management (Revoked - New)	0
Pretrial Case Management (Successful)	1
Pretrial Case Management (Unsuccessful)	2
Pretrial Case Management (Vacated)	0
Problem Solving Court	0

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

Charlotte T. Zietlow Justice Center
301 N. College Ave., #211
Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 349-2670
monroeprosecutor.us

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 January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Please continue for an explanation of the technical language in the graph:

Monroe County Prosecutor's Office (cont.)

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 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 (POs) 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.

Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition

MCDVC Staff Liaison
401 N. Morton St., Suite 260
Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 349-3471
mcdvc@bloomington.in.gov
bloomington.in.gov/dvc
facebook.com/mcdvcoalition

The Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition 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 Domestic Violence Awareness Conference held every other year 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, and other organizations concerned with the elimination of domestic violence in our community. Current members are listed on page 2.

The Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition meets on the third Friday of each month at noon (12:00 p.m.) 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 (mcdvc@bloomington.in.gov or 812-349-3471) to ensure that a room change has not occurred or if the meeting will be held online.



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