

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE AGENCIES

There are four domestic violence services agencies participating in the North Country Outreach Project. Advocate services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are available regardless of your race gender, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, or physical ability. If you qualify for this program the advocate will schedule a telephone or in-person appointment with the volunteer attorney, depending upon availability.

For help and information call:

COOS COUNTY

RESPONSE TO SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

c/o Coos County Family Health Services
54 Willow Street • Berlin, NH 03570
1-866-644-3574 (domestic violence)
1-800-277-5570 (sexual assault)
603-752-5679 (Berlin office)
603-237-8746 (Colebrook office)
603-788-2562 (Lancaster office)

*GRAFTON COUNTY

*THE SUPPORT CENTER AT BURCH HOUSE

P.O. Box 965 • Littleton, NH 03561
1-800-774-0544 (crisis line)
603-444-0624 (Littleton office)
www.tccap.org/support_center.htm

*VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

P.O. Box 53 • Plymouth, NH 03264
603-536-1659 (crisis line)
603-536-3423 (office)

CARROLL COUNTY

STARTING POINT: SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

P.O. Box 1972 • Conway, NH 03818
1-800-336-3795 (crisis line)
603-356-7993 (Conway office)
603-539-5506 (Ossipee office)
www.startingpointnh.org

OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

DOVE North Country Outreach handles only matters of domestic violence that would be brought under RSA 173-B. This program does not handle divorces, child support, or parental rights and responsibilities. If you are low-income and need legal advice in these matters, call the Legal Advice & Referral Center (LARC) at 1-800-639-5290. They may refer your case to the Pro Bono Referral Program for placement with a volunteer attorney, if you need representation in court.

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1-866-644-3574

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY PROJECT

*Are you in fear for yourself or
someone you love?*

**NORTH COUNTRY
OUTREACH
STRAIGHT AHEAD**



*Sponsored by the New Hampshire Bar Association's
Pro Bono Referral System*

WHAT IS THE DOVE PROJECT NORTH COUNTRY OUTREACH?

The Domestic Violence Emergency (DOVE) Project - North Country Outreach is a program of the New Hampshire Bar Association's Pro Bono Referral Program providing *victims of domestic violence with emergency legal advice*. North Country Outreach is operated in partnership with domestic violence services agencies located in Upper Grafton*, Coos and Carroll Counties and relies on the donated services of specially trained attorneys who provide legal advice, but not representation at court hearings.

DOVE North Country Outreach provides free legal consultations and/or advice to qualifying clients regarding Domestic Violence Restraining Order Hearings under New Hampshire RSA 173-B, "Protection of Persons from Domestic Violence." A Domestic Violence Protective Order, also called a restraining order, is designed to protect you from further actual or threatened physical violence. Domestic violence petitions are filed in the Family Division Courts and do not require a filing fee.

Love should not make you feel unimportant or cut off from family and friends, and love should not cause pain.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR ASSISTANCE?

To receive advice from a volunteer DOVE North Country Outreach attorney, you must contact a participating domestic violence services agency. When you apply for help, *domestic violence advocates will ask for details about your situation and finances*. They need this information to see if you qualify for assistance by a volunteer attorney. In some situations, domestic violence advocates may refer you to New Hampshire Legal Assistance, a non-profit legal services organization serving low-income and elderly citizens of New Hampshire.

The DOVE Project North Country Outreach is designed to help victims when:

- You need protection from abuse by an intimate partner or household member; and
- Your financial situation shows you cannot afford legal counsel; and
- Your petition for abuse will be/is filed in Upper Grafton*, Carroll or Coos County.

THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES AGENCY LINK

If you are eligible for a free legal consultation and/or advice based upon DOVE guidelines, *the domestic violence services agency will link you with a volunteer, either through a telephone or in-person consultation*. DOVE Project North Country Outreach volunteers are private lawyers located throughout New Hampshire who donate their time and legal expertise through this program.

THE CLIENT'S ROLE

The volunteer lawyer must receive all information relating to the abuse as soon as possible. You can help to prepare for your telephone/in-person consultation by gathering this information:

- Restraining order petition, if filed;
- Medical records of injuries resulting from the abuse as well as the name of the treating physician or hospital, if any;
- Police reports;
- Names, addresses and telephone numbers of witnesses to the abuse;
- Photographs of damages or injuries;
- Any contact the defendant has had with you (such as printed e-mail messages, text messages, letters, cards, answering machine messages, etc.) that refers to the violence or threatens you; and
- Estimates for repair to costs of property the defendant has damaged in the course of the abuse.