

# The Richmond County District Attorney's Office is Here to Help Victims of Domestic Violence.

## Are You a Victim of Domestic Violence?

### You Are Not Alone.

- Every 9 seconds, a woman is assaulted or beaten in the U.S. \*
- 1 in 3 women have been physically abused by an intimate partner. \*
- 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner. \*
- 20,800 calls are received on domestic violence hotlines daily.\*
- Domestic Abuse occurs in families of all races and culture and happens to people of all ages and sexual orientations.



## STATEN ISLAND'S FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER: NOW OPEN!

What is the Family Justice Center? The Staten Island Family Justice Center is a walk-in center for victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, and sex trafficking located at **126 Stuyvesant Place**. To make it easier for you to get help, many agencies and victim services organizations are located at the Center. Services are free and available to all victims. We can help you no matter what language you speak. When you visit the Center you can expect a safe and caring environment with one-on-one services and support.

**Domestic violence is a crime.** Assistant District Attorneys and Victim's Support Staff from the District Attorney's Office are located in the Family Justice Center. These individuals can answer any questions you may have about the criminal justice system and are there to guide you through court appearances, discussion of safety issues, and provide referrals for counseling and services.

**Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-621-HOPE (4673)**

**RCDA Domestic Violence Coordinator: 718-556-7167**

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## The RCDA Has a Newly Created “Stand Alone” Domestic Violence Bureau.

Strategic steps and actions have been employed to address the increasing domestic violence numbers on Staten Island.

- Assistant District Attorney’s are working with NYPD Partners to identify persistent domestic violence offenders.
- The Crimes Strategies Unit has created a mechanism within the Arrest Alert system to report domestic violence arrests.
- A system of vertical prosecution in domestic violence cases has been implemented, meaning a case will stay with one prosecutor from start to finish, giving victims an opportunity to bond with their ADA and maintain consistency from start to finish.

*“Domestic violence has spread into the homes of Staten Islanders in higher numbers than ever before, but the victims in these tragic crimes can take solace in knowing that my team and I are working to better serve their needs and tackle this serious issue.”*

*District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.*



### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BUREAU AND VICTIMS SERVICES UNIT

The new **Domestic Violence Bureau** is comprised of a Bureau Chief, a Deputy Bureau Chief and five ADAs, at both the misdemeanor and felony level, as well as additional legal staff to allow for more direct and involved supervision of domestic violence cases.

The new **Victims Services Unit** is comprised of six Victim’s Advocates whose mission is to provide support services to individuals who have witnessed or been victimized by crime on Staten Island.

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