

# MONROE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

JANUARY - JUNE 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.

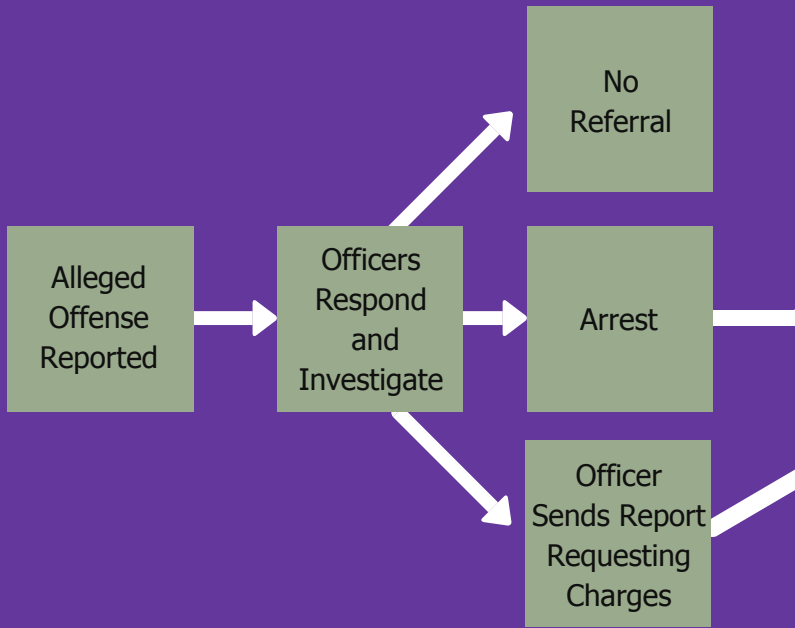
**DISCLAIMER:** This information is not a complete representation of domestic violence in Monroe County. It represents data collected by agencies under specific circumstances that report to the Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition.

# Table of Contents

Domestic Violence in the Monroe County Legal System.....	3
Coalition Members.....	8
Bloomington Police Department.....	9
Connect2Help 2-1-1.....	10
District 10 Pro Bono Project.....	12
Indianapolis Counseling Center Batterers Intervention Program.....	13
Middle Way House.....	14
Monroe County Probation.....	15
Monroe County Prosecutor's Office.....	16
Protective Order Assistance Partnership.....	18
Protective Order Project.....	19
Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition.....	20

# 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. If it is determined by the Prosecutor's Office that the evidence is insufficient to prove a charge beyond a reasonable doubt, the report is classified as "no charge."

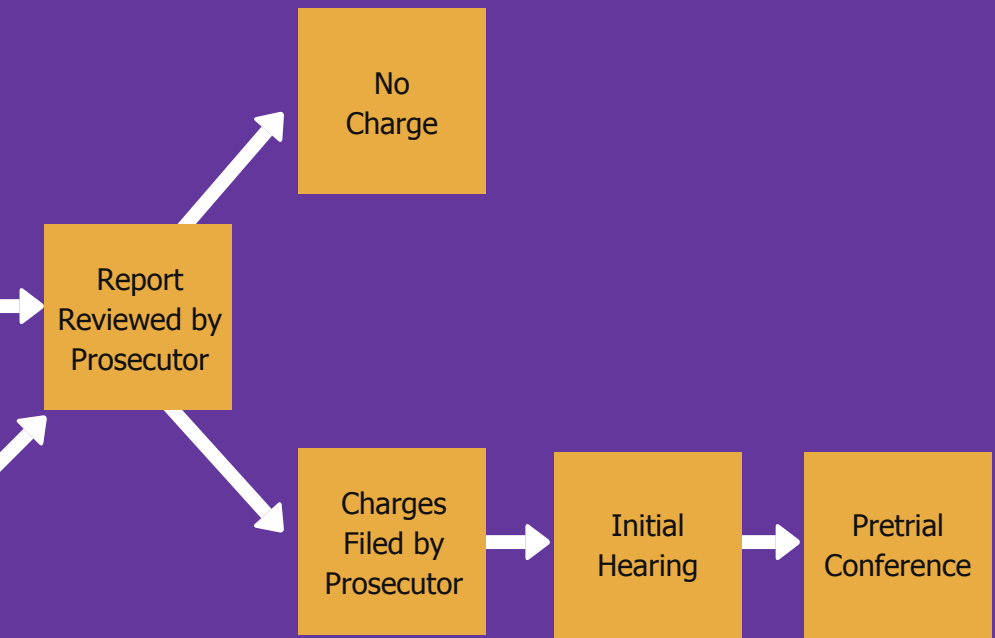
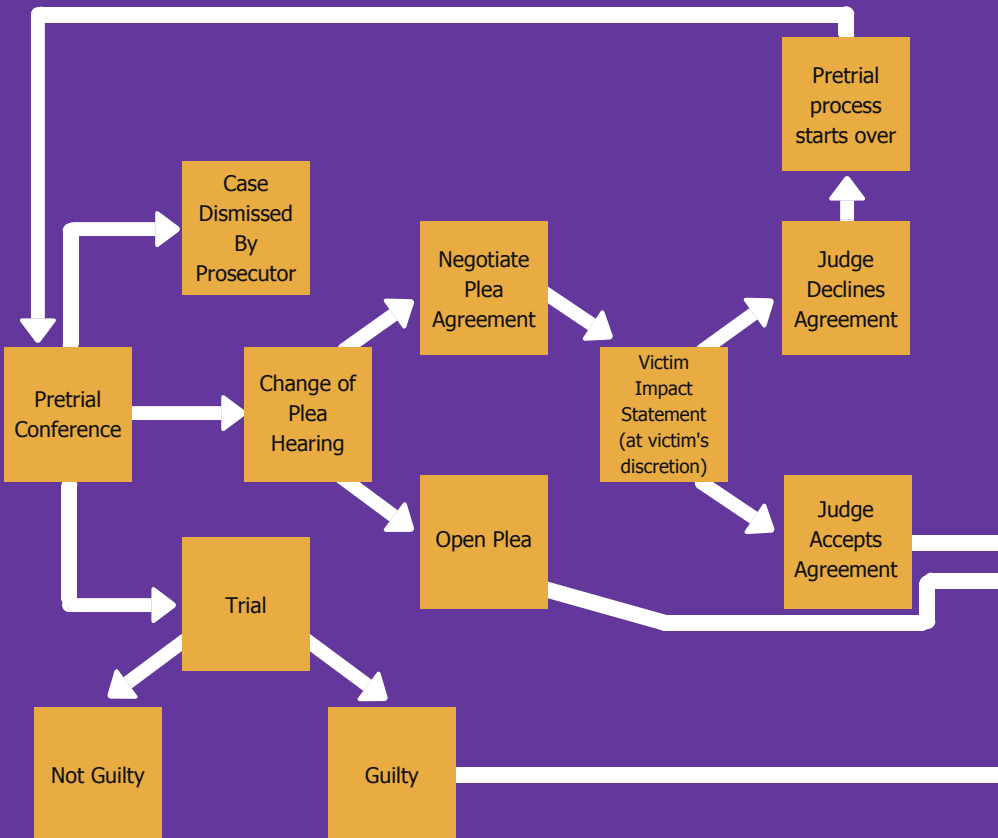


Chart continues on next page-->

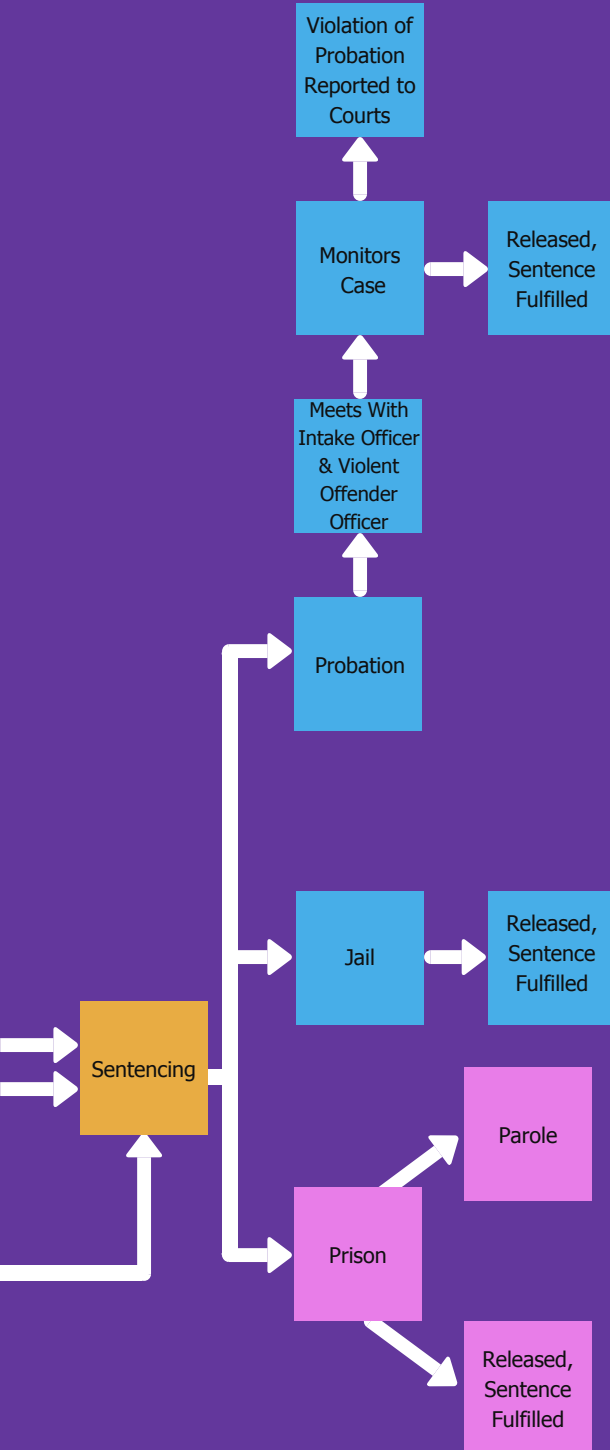
After charges are filed, the defendant will have an initial hearing, at which the defendant enters a plea of guilty or not guilty, is advised of their rights, is informed of the range of penalties, and may request a public defender. If the defendant enters a plea of not guilty, the case will proceed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

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.



# Coalition Members

- Bloomington Police Department
- Connect2Help 2-1-1
- District 10 Pro Bono Project
- Indianapolis Counseling Center Batterers Intervention Program
- Middle Way House
- Monroe County Probation Department
- Monroe County Prosecutor's Office
- Protective Order Assistance Partnership
- Protective Order Project

# Bloomington Police Department

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

January-June 2017 Domestic Violence Case Data							
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	Half-Year Total
<b>Total Domestic Battery Cases</b>	19	22	23	41	31	39	175
<b>Domestic Battery Case Clearance</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Half-Year Total</b>
<b>Cleared by Arrest</b>	13	12	17	27	21	28	118
<b>Resulted in No Charges</b>	0	4	2	6	7	4	23
<b>Active Investigation</b>	3	5	1	4	2	3	18
<b>Exception Clearance</b>	3	1	3	4	1	4	16

Calls for Service refer to any call from the community for assistance. Not all Calls for Service turn into a case. A case documents when a crime occurs. Only instances of Domestic Battery are counted in these numbers. An Exception Clearance means all leads have been exhausted. 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.

For help: 211

Admin (317) 926-4357

[info@connect2help.org](mailto:info@connect2help.org)

[www.connect2help211.org](http://www.connect2help211.org)

Connect2Help

2-1-1

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. With domestic violence calls, not all data concerns those who are currently fleeing domestic violence; it also includes secondary victims or survivors of past abuse. The number of domestic violence calls reflect multiple needs and referrals listed on the next page.

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Number of Domestic Violence calls	7	1	1	6	1	2
<b>Needs</b>						
Domestic Violence Shelters	4	0	0	4	1	0
Domestic Violence Hotlines	0	1	0	0	0	1
Electric Service Payment Assistance	1	0	0	1	0	0
Rent Payment Assistance	0	0	1	0	0	1
911 Services	0	0	0	1	0	0
Anger Management	1	0	0	0	0	0
Case/Care Management	0	0	0	0	0	1
Families/Friends of Drug Abusers Support Groups	1	0	0	0	0	0
Food Stamps/SNAP Applications	0	0	0	1	0	0
General Legal Aid	0	0	0	0	0	1
Homeless Shelter	0	0	0	0	1	0
Immigration/Naturalization Adjudication Services	1	0	0	0	0	0
Post Pregnancy Shelter/ Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rental Deposit Assistance	0	0	1	0	0	0
Transitional Housing/Shelter	0	0	0	1	0	0
Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Referrals To</b>						
DV Hotline- Turning Point	0	0	0	2	0	1
DV Shelter- Julian Center	0	0	0	2	0	0
DV Shelter- Middle Way House	3	0	0	1	1	1
Legal- District 10 Pro Bono Project	0	0	0	0	0	1

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](http://www.d10probono.org)

# District 10 Pro Bono Project

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 (not criminal) legal help.

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 Charlotte T. Zietlow Justice Center, located at 301 N. College Ave. Bloomington, IN 47404.

# Indianapolis Counseling Center Batterers Intervention Program

724 North Illinois Street

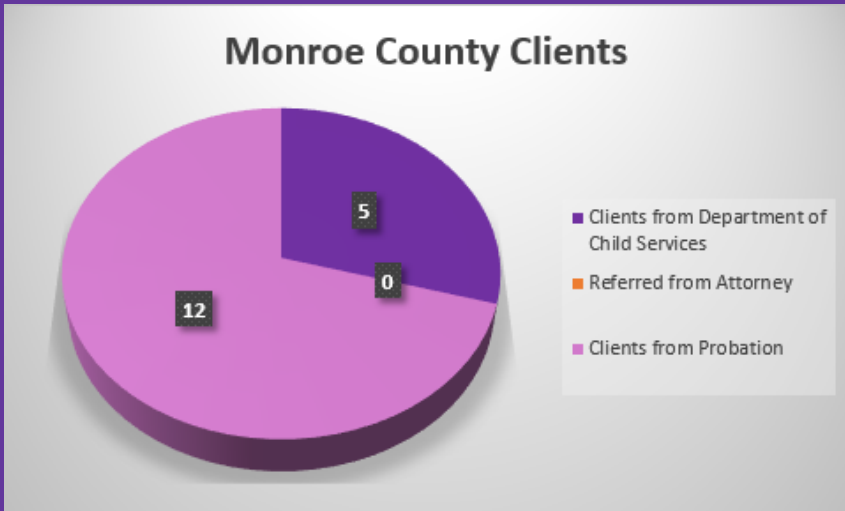
Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 549-0333

Toll free: 1-866-549-1333

[www.icc-indy.com/iccbip.aspx](http://www.icc-indy.com/iccbip.aspx)

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 January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017, seventeen clients from Monroe County enrolled in domestic violence intimate partner abuse at the Indianapolis Counseling Center Batterers Intervention Program. Of these seventeen there were five Department of Child Services clients and twelve clients from probation.

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

Middle Way House Inc. works to end violence, both structural and interpersonal, in the lives of every individual. Their services are available to anyone who has experienced domestic abuse, human trafficking, or sexual assault. Middle Way House Inc. covers six counties and our services include a 24-hour crisis line, crisis intervention, emergency shelter, legal and personal advocacy, safety planning and transitional housing. Middle Way House Inc. also conducts prevention programming in the community.

## 2017

<b>Monroe County</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
Legal Advocacy	28	20	40	53	41	32
Shelter Residents	19	24	15	22	26	29
On-Scene Advocacy Calls	6	9	13	11	7	9

The legal advocacy number represents the number of individuals who sought legal services. The shelter residents' number includes the number of children residing in the shelter who are affected by domestic violence, as well as those who are currently fleeing domestic abuse, sexual assault, or human trafficking. The on-scene advocacy number represents the number of individuals who receive crisis support advocacy.

## 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

January- June 2017	
Adult Probation	22
Day Reporting	9
Electronic Monitoring	7

### Closed Supervisions for Domestic Battery

January- June 2017	
Adult Probation (Absconded)	3
Adult Probation (Revoked- New Offense)	3
Adult Probation (Revoked- Technical)	4
Adult Probation (Successful)	12
Adult Probation (Unsuccessful)	7
Day Reporting (Successful)	5
Day Reporting (Unsuccessful)	2
Electronic Monitoring (Successful)	6
Pretrial Case Management (Successful)	3

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.

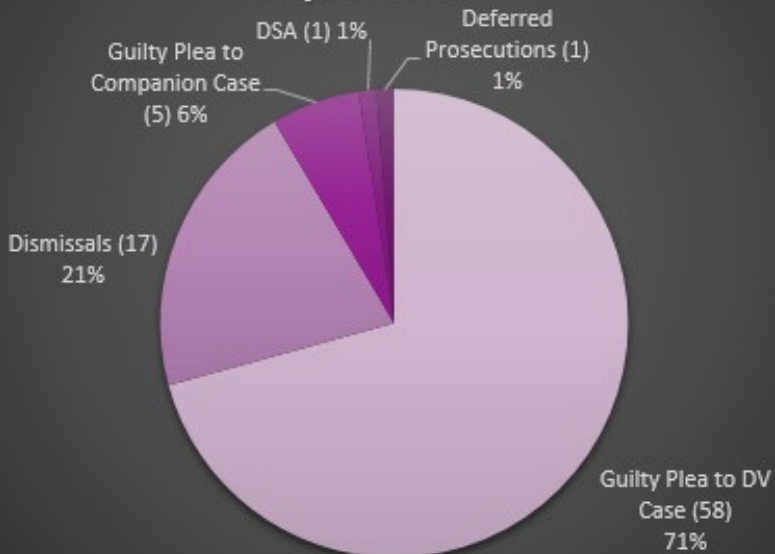


Zietlow Justice Center  
301 N. College, #211  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
(812) 349-2670  
www.monroeprosecutor.us

# Monroe County Prosecutor's Office

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.

## January - June 2017 DV Case Dispositions



The previous graph displays dispositions of Domestic Violence cases resolved from January 1, 2017– June 30, 2017. A case is designated Domestic Violence 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.

*Explanation of Categories:*

***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.

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

# Protective Order Assistance Partnership

The Protective Order Assistance Partnership (POAP) is a program that exists to provide free assistance to persons seeking safety from threats or acts of domestic or family violence, sexual assault or stalking.

These statistics represent the number of survivors we have been able to provide services to, including our targeted resource referrals and safety planning.

<b>January – June 2017 POAP Data</b>	
<b>Total individuals served</b>	<b>372</b>
<b>Safety plans created</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>Total resource referrals</b>	<b>852</b>

# Protective Order Project

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

The Protective Order Project (POP) is a program directed by law students working under the direction of an attorney, designed to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking obtain civil protective orders from the court.

POP's goal is to prevent further abuse, both by restraining the abuser and empowering the victim.

	Spring 2017	Summer 2017
Total cases	87	15
Intakes performed	54	5
Referrals from Protective Order Assistance Project	62	8
Referrals from Middle Way House	3	0
Cases from other Sources	22	0
Cases where POP represents DV victim	40	5
Cases where permanent protective order was granted with POP representation	18	4
Cases where POP declined representation (but may have provided hearing assistance)	19	0
Cases where client withdrew	5	0

MCDVC Staff Liaison  
401 N. Morton St., Suite 260  
Bloomington, IN 47402  
(812) 349-3471  
[mcdvc@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:mcdvc@bloomington.in.gov)  
[www.bloomington.in.gov/dvc](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/dvc)  
[facebook.com/mcdvcoalition](https://facebook.com/mcdvcoalition)

# Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition

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

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

# Notes

# Notes



**MONROE COUNTY  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
COALITION**