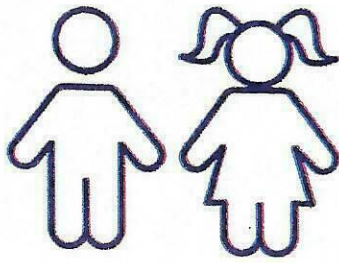


By the numbers

2024 Year in Review

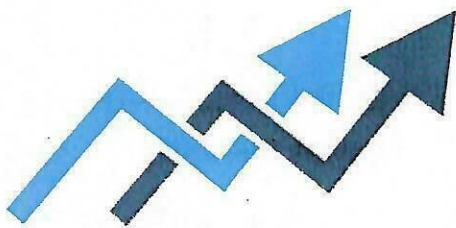


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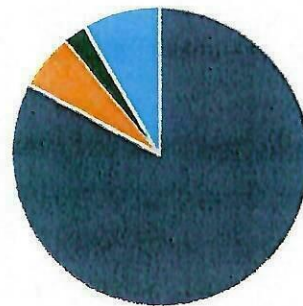
Nights of Service



2024 Highlights

- Number of Victims receiving services: 450
- Individual advocacy: 776
- Transportation assistance: 1,460
- Crisis Interventions: 882
- Counseling and Support Groups: 726
- Emergency Financial Assistance: 167
- Emergency Shelter Nights: 5,902
- Relocation Assistance: 164
- Emergency justice related assistance: 139
- Criminal Justice Advocacy: 67
- Childcare assistance: 149
- DVIP Classes & Court Advocacy: 170

Types of Victimization



- Domestic/Family Violence
- Stalking
- Labor Trafficking
- Sex Trafficking



315

Women and
girls served



135

Men and boys
served

The community we served

Asian	2%
Black	37%
Hispanic	10%
White	44%
Multiple	7%

Domestic Abuse Family Shelter

Serving survivors for 41 years



The Domestic Abuse Family Shelter, Inc. (DAFS) has proudly served as a critical resource for victims of domestic violence, family violence, stalking, and human trafficking in an 11-county area for 41 years. As a 501(c)(3) and Mississippi registered charity in good standing, we are dedicated to meeting the urgent needs of survivors across rural Mississippi, specifically in Jones, Forrest, Lamar, Wayne, Smith, Jasper, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Marion, Greene, and Perry counties. Operating within Mississippi Highway Patrol District 7, where 82% of the population resides in rural areas, DAFS' service area spans 6,584 square miles (*U.S. Census Bureau, 2020*).

- **Emergency Shelter:** Provides victims, their children, and pets with a safe, secure place 24/7, offering immediate refuge from dangerous situations.
- **Counseling:** Professional counseling for domestic abuse and human trafficking survivors, with specialized support for children.
- **Children's Services:** Provides childcare, enrichment activities, field trips, school supplies, and clothing/uniforms for children who often have never experienced a safe or peaceful environment.
- **Case Management:** A dedicated team of professionals offers legal assistance, job placement, educational support, housing advocacy, and credit counseling to help clients transition from victims to self-sufficient survivors.
- **Transportation:** Delivered 1,460 transportation services in 2024, ensuring clients can attend work, job interviews, court appointments, medical appointments, school, and errands. Sometimes, clients have family or friends in other states. We often provide bus, train, or airline tickets to reunite them with their support network.
- **Identity Assistance:** Helps clients who often flee with only the clothes on their backs obtain vital documentation—birth certificates, Social Security cards, IDs—necessary for securing jobs, education, and financial independence.
- **Domestic Violence Intervention Program:** Breaks the cycle of abuse by providing court-ordered DVIP classes for batterers, including recently introduced classes for female offenders, fostering healthier relationships and communities.
- **Daily Necessities:** DAFS supplies food, clothing, and basic needs through federal, state, and local resources, while providing life skills training in budgeting, credit repair, cooking, tutoring, parenting, and trauma recovery to empower clients to rebuild their lives.