

**North Dakota Council on  
Abused Women's Services/  
Coalition Against  
Sexual Assault  
in North Dakota**

418 E. Rosser Ave. Suite #320  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
1-888-255-6240 or 701-255-6240

**BISMARCK:**

Abused Adult Resource Center  
PO Box 5003, Bismarck, ND 58502-5003  
222-8370  
*Crisis Line: 1-866-341-7009*

**BOTTINEAU:**

Family Crisis Center  
PO Box 371, Bottineau, ND 58318-0371  
228-2028  
*Crisis Line: 1-800-398-1098*

**DEVILS LAKE:**

SAFE Alternatives for Abused Families  
PO Box 646, Devils Lake, ND 58301-0646  
662-7378  
*Crisis Line: 662-7378; 1-888-662-7378*

**DICKINSON:**

Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center  
PO Box 1081, Dickinson, ND 58602-1081  
*Crisis Line: 225-4506; 1-888-225-4506*

**ELLENDALE:**

Kedish House  
PO Box 322, Ellendale, ND 58436-0322  
349-4729  
*Crisis Line: 349-5118; 1-877-349-4729*

**FARGO:**

Rape and Abuse Crisis Center  
PO Box 2984, Fargo, ND 58108-2984  
*Crisis Line: 293-7273; 1-800-344-7273*

**FORT BERTHOLD:**

TAT Victim Services  
PO Box 970, New Town, ND 58763-0970  
627-4171  
*Crisis Line: 627-3617*

**GRAFTON:**

Domestic Violence and Abuse Center, Inc.  
PO Box 308, Grafton, ND 58237-0308  
352-4242  
*Crisis Line: 352-4242; 435-7490*

**GRAND FORKS:**

Community Violence Intervention Center  
211 S 4th St., Grand Forks, ND 58201-4766  
746-0405  
*Crisis Line: 746-8900; 1-866-746-8900*

**JAMESTOWN:**

Safe Shelter  
PO Box 1934, Jamestown, ND 58402-1934  
*Crisis Line: 251-2300; 1-888-353-7233*

**MCLEAN COUNTY:**

McLean Family Resource Center  
PO Box 506, Washburn, ND 58577-0506  
*Crisis Line: 462-8643; 1-800-651-8643*

**MERCER COUNTY:**

Women's Action and Resource Center  
PO Box 940, Beulah, ND 58523-0940  
873-2274  
*Crisis Line: 873-2274*

**MINOT:**

Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Inc.  
PO Box 881, Minot, ND 58702-0881  
852-2258  
*Crisis Line: 1-800-398-1098*

**RANSOM COUNTY:**

Abused Resource Network  
PO Box 919, Lisbon, ND 58054-0919  
*Crisis Line: 683-5061*

**SPIRIT LAKE:**

Spirit Lake Victim Assistance  
Box 297, Ft. Totten, ND 58335-0297  
766-1816  
*Crisis Line: 766-1816; 1-866-723-3032*

**STANLEY:**

Domestic Violence Program, NW ND  
PO Box 538, Stanley, ND 58784-0538  
*Crisis Line: 628-3233; 1-800-273-8232*

**TURTLE MOUNTAIN RESERVATION:**

Hearts of Hope  
PO Box 900, Belcourt, ND 58316-0900  
477-0002  
*Crisis Line: 477-0002*

**VALLEY CITY:**

Abused Persons Outreach Center  
PO Box 508, Valley City, ND 58702-0508  
845-0078  
*Crisis Line: 845-0078; 845-0072*

**WAHPETON:**

Three Rivers Crisis Center  
509 Dakota Ave, Ste B, Wahpeton,  
ND 58075-4431  
*Crisis Line: 642-2115; 1-800-627-3659*

**WILLISTON:**

Family Crisis Shelter  
PO Box 1893, Williston, ND 58802-1893  
572-0757  
*Crisis Line: 572-0757, 1-800-231-7724*



North Dakota Department of Human Services  
Economic Assistance Division  
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 325  
Bismarck ND 58505-0250  
Phone 1-800-755-2716 Fax 701-328-1060  
ND Relay TTY: 1-800-366-6888  
Email: dhseap@nd.gov  
www.nd.gov/dhs

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**The Family  
Violence Option**

**What You  
Need  
To Know**

This option is available  
to parents who are seeking  
Temporary Assistance  
for Needy Families  
(TANF) benefits.  
It provides alternative ways  
for individuals to fulfill their  
TANF work requirements.

## Specialized services for victims of domestic violence who are receiving TANF in North Dakota

The Family Violence Option in North Dakota mandates screening for domestic violence. It provides referrals for specialized services, and may provide temporary exemptions from program requirements to enable victims of domestic violence to have the time, services, and support they need to address domestic violence as a barrier to self-sufficiency.

A TANF recipient in North Dakota is considered a victim of domestic violence if she/he has experienced domestic violence as defined in North Dakota Century Code 14-07.1.

*Domestic violence includes: physical harm, bodily injury, sexual activity compelled by physical force, assault, or the infliction of fear of any of the above.*

### RELATIONSHIPS IN WHICH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAN HAPPEN

Physical, emotional, and sexual abuse can occur between family members, household members, or people in a dating relationship.

### Voluntary Information

A TANF recipient may choose to discuss abuse with a TANF eligibility worker at any time, and the Family Violence Option will be explained. This information will remain confidential. The client will be referred to a local domestic violence program where an advocate will discuss available services and options.

Choosing not to discuss domestic violence with a TANF eligibility worker will NOT result in the denial of any of the basic benefits provided by TANF.

**Note: Domestic violence advocates may be required by law to report any disclosure of child abuse or neglect.**

### Duties of TANF Recipients:

Parents must participate in activities leading to self-sufficiency.  
*But if working or looking for work results in danger of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, an appropriate work alternative plan is possible.*

TANF recipients must assist the Child Support Division to obtain a child support order.  
*However, if the child was conceived because of rape or incest, or the recipient or the child may be in danger of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, a TANF recipient may not have to meet this requirement.*

A TANF recipient who is under age 18 (minor) and who is pregnant or raising a child must live with a parent or in an approved living arrangement.  
*But if the recipient is under 18, she does not have to be in any living arrangement in which she or her child would be in danger of physical or sexual violence.*

### Duties of State Agency: NDCC 50-09

The state agency shall:

- Inform all TANF applicants and recipients of the options available under the domestic violence option
- Screen all applicants to determine who are past or present victims of domestic violence or at risk of further domestic violence
- Refer these individuals to a local domestic violence sexual assault organization for safety planning and supportive services
- Determine if “good cause” exists to waive work requirements or time limits on receipt of benefits