Selected Statewide Resources

Texas Council on Family Violence

- The Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) promotes safe and healthy relationships by supporting service providers, facilitating strategic prevention efforts, and creating opportunities for freedom from domestic violence. TCFV is one of the largest statewide domestic violence coalitions in the nation, with more than 100 staff and 50 members. Membership is composed of family violence service providers, supportive organizations, survivors of domestic violence, businesses and professionals, communities of faith and other concerned individuals. TCFV assists and supports Texas domestic violence shelters, battering intervention and prevention programs and other family violence service providers; provides prompt answers to thousands of technical assistance questions each year; develops and facilitates training for professionals working with survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence; and advocates for laws and policies that affect domestic violence victims and their children. The staff at TCFV is available to provide assistance and guidance in a variety of areas including media, public relations, fundraising, public policy, legal advocacy, prevention, and public education and training. TCFV staff can also connect Texas community members with their local domestic violence service organization. TCFV can be reached 1-800-525-1978 or online at www.tcfv.org.

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

- TCFV also operates the National Domestic Violence Hotline®, a 24-hour hotline for women and families in crisis. The Hotline is also home to the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline, a national dating abuse resource that offers real-time one-on-one support from trained Peer Advocates by phone or the Internet. The Helpline is online at loveisrespect.org or may be reached at 1-866-331-9474 or 1-866-331-8453 TTY. Peer Advocates are trained to offer support, information and advocacy to those involved in dating abuse relationships as well as concerned parents, teachers, clergy, law enforcement, and service providers.
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

- The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault is committed to ending sexual violence in Texas through education, prevention and advocacy. In the meantime, we desire to support survivors on their paths to hope, healing and justice. TAASA is the voice of the sexual assault movement in Texas.

TAASA has a strong history of legislative advocacy, raising public awareness, training and youth programming. Students Taking Action for Respect (STAR), a program of TAASA, provides youth with the knowledge and leadership skills to become voices against sexual and dating violence within their schools and communities. STAR students raise awareness through classroom presentations and activities, while also starting conversations with their peers that are critical to changing the attitudes that lead to violence.

For more information about sexual assault, TAASA or STAR, and for links to services for survivors of sexual assault, please visit our website at www.taasa.org, or call us at 512-474-7190.

Texas Advocacy Project

- The Texas Advocacy Project (formerly Women’s Advocacy Project) is a statewide, nonprofit, legal organization that promotes access to justice for Texans in need. Started in 1982 as a legal hotline, the agency has evolved over the years into a leading service provider in the field of family law, particularly where it pertains to helping survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. We now provide a full range of legal services to victims of these crimes across the state of Texas, including our newest program, the Teen Justice Initiative. The Teen Justice Initiative advocates for survivors of teen dating violence by: collaborating with groups working on domestic violence, sexual assault, and youth issues to increase awareness of teen legal rights among young people, parents, schools, and the community; AND providing free and confidential legal advice and referrals to victims of teen dating violence in Texas and legal representation to minors seeking protective orders. You can reach the program directly at (512) 225-9579 or go through our Dating Violence Legal Line 1-800-374-HOPE. For more information, visit us on the web www.TexasAdvocacyProject.org
Texas School Safety Center
- The Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) was created in 1999 by then Governor George Bush and authorized by the 77th Texas Legislature in 2001 to serve as a central location for school safety information, and to provide schools with research, training, and technical assistance to reduce youth violence and promote safety in the state. TxSSC is charged to conduct safety training that includes: development of a positive school environment and proactive safety measures to address local concerns, school safety courses for law enforcement officials, assistance for districts in developing a multi-hazard emergency operations plan, security criteria for instructional facilities, and a model safety and security audit procedure for the state. The center also collects school safety data for the state and provides a report to the public. [http://www.cscs.txstate.edu/](http://www.cscs.txstate.edu/)

The Texas Association of School Boards
- The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is a voluntary, nonprofit, statewide educational association that serves and represents local Texas school districts. TASB offers a wide range of products and services to members, including assistance developing and maintaining school board policy manuals. [www.tasb.org](http://www.tasb.org)

Texas Education Agency
- The mission of the TEA “is to provide leadership, guidance, and resources to help schools meet the educational needs of all students.” The agency’s mission characterizes who we are: policy-focused, customer-driven, results-based, and supportive of local flexibility. It also provides the foundation for what we want to achieve: a successful and accountable system of public education for Texas where schools are high-performing and student achievement has no limits. For inquiries related to HB121, contact Priscilla Flores, at (512) 463-5899 or email at Priscilla.Flores@tea.state.tx.us.

Governor’s Commission for Women
- The Governor’s Commission for Women is a division of the Office of the Governor, intended and working to promote opportunities for Texas women through outreach, education, research, and referral services. The Commission focuses on three key areas affecting women: strengthening economic development; enhancing health and wellness; and preventing domestic violence. For more information, please visit our web site at [www.governor.state.tx.us/women](http://www.governor.state.tx.us/women).