



What Is Domestic Violence Costing YOU?

HEALTH CARE COSTS

In research conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it was estimated that health related costs of domestic violence exceed **\$8.3 billion annually**.

COSTS TO BUSINESSES

According to a study by the U.S. Department of Labor, spouse and intimate partners **lose 8 million work days** to domestic violence yearly, which is equivalent to cutting 32,114.

It has been estimated by the Bureau of National Affairs that domestic violence costs employers over **\$5 billion annually** in the form of increased health care costs, absenteeism, reduced productivity, and related security cost.

INTERVENTIONS SAVE DOLLARS

In a 2002 study by researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health, it was revealed that the Violence Against Women Act, which provided \$1.6 billion for various prevention programs over five years, **saved \$14.8 billion** in net social costs that otherwise would have been incurred.

A 2009 study funded by the U.S. Department of Justice found that for every dollar spent on a protective order, society **saves \$30.75 for each survivor** who gets one. All in all, protective orders saved one state, Kentucky, at least **\$85 million yearly**.

According to the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the local family violence programs in our state have more than 10,000 donors and volunteers. With the use of volunteers and donations, the agencies achieve a cost savings estimated at **\$8 million a year**.

The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV) is a state wide network of battered women's programs, other organizations and individuals who share the goal of ending violence against women and children in Louisiana. LCADV empowers its members through advocacy, education, resource development and technical assistance.