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State Programs Helping Kentuckians***



*Domestic Violence Services
for Families and Children*

Organization:
Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program
(BDVP)

Location: Lexington, Kentucky

Services: BDVP is the primary service provider for domestic violence prevention and intervention in the Bluegrass Area Development District. Services include: 24 hour confidential crisis line, an emergency shelter, group and individual counseling for adults and children, case management services, legal advocacy, financial literacy; information and referral, emergency financial assistance, housing assistance and transportation.

Last year, 9,000 men, women and children were served and approximately 170 individuals were housed in the emergency shelter.

Cost: The services provided by BDVP are free to all who seek them and there is no alternative service for domestic violence victims who need shelter. Any further state budget cuts at this time could seriously threaten the quality and quantity of the services that the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program provides for the children and families of Central Kentucky. If the services were eliminated completely, thousands of Kentuckians would be left without any protection or shelter from harm.

The governor and legislators must prevent cuts to programs that protect children and families from domestic violence and save the state money in the long run.

To view a 2-minute video about Sharon's experience with BDVP and how budget cuts could affect future services, visit www.kyyouth.org. Beginning August 29, 2009, view additional videos about how budget cuts impact Kentucky residents at www.kyyouth.org.