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Domestic Violence Program Unveils New Website

The Administrative Office of the Courts' Domestic Violence Program has unveiled its new website. Along with providing educational resources and information for the judiciary and its stakeholders, the website provides the public with information regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The website provides victims with information to identify signs of abuse, make safety plans, and seek help. It also includes instructions to file for an order of protection, a resource map to contact domestic violence service providers located in the state, and a guide to crime victim's rights.

The Domestic Violence Program was created in 2011 to work with and support circuit and appellate judges, court staff, the prosecutors and public defenders offices, legal services, shelters and many other organizations in cases with domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. In the last year, the Domestic Violence Program has participated in the planning and implementation of Acts 873 and 877 Laura's Card and Laura's Law, a collaboration with the Arkansas District Judges Council to establish a District Judge's Domestic Violence Advisory Committee, and the creation of best practices bench cards to help guide the Arkansas Judiciary when deciding cases involving domestic violence.

The new Domestic Violence Program website is located at <http://www.arcourtsdvp.org>. For more information, please contact Rebekah Tucci, Domestic Violence Program Director, at (501) 410-1953 or rebekah.tucci@arcourts.gov.

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