

**Victims and survivors of domestic abuse have the right to:**

- Be safe at home, work and school
- Be informed about options & services available
- Make their own choices
- Be supported in their decisions
- Be treated with fairness, dignity and respect
- Not be blamed for the abuse
- Be protected by the civil and criminal justice system

**If you feel that any of your rights have been ignored– call us for help!**

**Basic Safety Planning**

- Find a safe place to go unknown to the abuser
- Talk about your situation with people you trust
- Teach your children how to stay safe. Identify a safe place for them and use a code word to send them to the safe place in case of danger.
- Trust your instincts: leave if the abuse is escalating

**If you are in immediate danger call 911**

**NO MORE**

**Together we can end domestic violence**

- 12.7 million people are physically abused, raped or stalked by their partners in one year.
- That's approximately the population of Los Angeles and New York combined.
- That's 24 people every minute
- Chances are it's someone you know.

Statistics from the [nomore.org](http://nomore.org) website

Help support this life saving work by donating today.

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[www.puebloacova.org](http://www.puebloacova.org)

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**Pueblo**

**Protection Order Clinic**

Advocacy for Victims of Domestic Abuse and Elderly Abuse

Walk-in clinic on Wednesdays

920 N Main Street

8:30 am –11:30 am

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**Other days by appointment**

**Please call 553-2460**

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## What is the Pueblo Protection Order Clinic?

The Pueblo Protection Order Clinic operates with ACOVA, Colorado Legal Services, the Pueblo Pro Bono Project, the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, and the 10th Judicial District to help victims of domestic abuse and elder abuse get protection orders against their abusers. The clinic will provide individuals with assistance obtaining a temporary order and legal representation for the permanent hearing. The services are free and confidential upon approval.

### ACOVA's Mission

ACOVA is committed to recognizing and responding to our community's need for comprehensive victim services. We understand that domestic abuse, in its fullest scope, impacts primary victims, family members, community and future generations. With this in mind, it is our mission to stop the cycle of violence by providing crisis intervention, advocacy, prevention and education.

ACOVA advocates are not attorneys. ACOVA cannot provide legal advice or represent individuals in court.

## Pueblo Protection Order Clinic's Services.

- Safety Planning
- Assistance with filing for Temporary and Permanent Protection Orders
- Accompaniment to court
- Referral to Colorado Legal Services who may provide legal assistance and representation at no cost
- Referral to community services
- Assistance to victims/survivors of domestic abuse wishing to enroll in Colorado's Address Confidentiality Program
- Services are available in English and Spanish



ACOVA welcomes all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and victims of other crimes to contact us for help in developing a safety plan and exploring the pros and cons of a civil protection order.

## Why get a Civil Protection Order?

### Does a Civil Protection Order stop the violence?

In a study by the US Department of Justice published in 2009, one-half of protected parties reported no violation of the order in the following six months.

### Does a Civil Protection Order reduce the violence?

Of the protected parties who experienced violations, the severity and number of days of violence was greatly reduced from before the Order was issued.

### Does a Civil Protection Order reduce non-violent abuse?

Of the protected parties who experienced violations, the number of days of non-violent abusive tactics (e.g., verbal abuse, work interference) was greatly reduced.

### Do protected parties perceive Protection Orders to be effective?

95% of those who had experienced no violations viewed protection orders as effective. However, even among those who did experience violation(s), more than 77% viewed protection orders as effective.

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