

Important resource for domestic violence victims:



The Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center (AODVC) works with American women and their children in foreign countries who are abused to provide domestic violence and child abuse advocacy. Also, the center provides resources and tools so that survivors can navigate the complicated jurisdictional, legal and social international landscapes in order to live their lives free of abuse either in the foreign country or back in the United States. This is achieved via an international toll free crisis line, 866-USWOMEN, accessible from 139 countries, serving a population estimated at 5.25 million American civilians plus military families.

In 2010, AODVC received a total of 2289 calls, emails and live chats from 481 women in 68 countries. 210 of these women had 383 total children. The Hague Convention on International Child Abduction affected 94 of these families.

AODVC assists American victims overseas as well as those who have returned to the USA for safety. If a domestic violence survivor comes to your shelter in the USA after fleeing a foreign country because of domestic violence, please contact AODVC by calling 866-USWOMEN. (866-979-6636)

AODVC is the winner of the National Crime Victim Services Award from the US Department of Justice in March 2010 for extraordinary efforts in crime victim services.

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