

DV SHELTER PROGRAMS CONFIDENTIALITY & MANDATORY REPORTING

Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Major Confidentiality Provisions

- Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005
- State Agencies (DES and DHS)
- Arizona Revised Statutes
 - ▣ § 36-3009

What does this mean?

Limited on the information we can share

Aggregate data only

What we will say or do

- “I cannot confirm or deny that person is here”
- Will not allow you access past a “general public” area
- Confirm your name, badge number, and business at our agency
- Provide only the information necessary

Why do we do this?

- For the safety of all residents/clients/survivors
- Autonomy of survivor's choices
- Our legal mandate
- NOT because we don't want to collaborate

The EXCEPTION

Our MANDATORY REPORTING
responsibility

ARS § 13-3620

The Process for Us

- Acute situation (LE Needs to Respond Immediately)
 - ▣ We call 911
 - ▣ We will also maintain confidentiality of other residents/clients/survivors not involved in acute situation
- Non-Acute Situation
 - ▣ Make a report to CHILD HOTLINE
 - ▣ Can only provide information needed to complete report
 - ▣ Encourage survivors to make report themselves and/or inform them we are making report