

Cosmetic and Reconstructive Support

The Cosmetic and Reconstructive Support (CRS) Program is the only direct service program that the **National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)** offers to survivors. The NCADV works closely in partnership with three medical associations to assist survivors of domestic violence who cannot afford the cosmetic and reconstructive surgery and dentistry needed to repair the injuries they have received from a spouse or intimate partner. Facial plastic surgeons, cosmetic dentists and dermatological surgeons from across the country volunteer their services to assist survivors in removing the physical scars of abuse. www.ncadv.org

The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

FACE TO FACE is a program that was started in 1994 by the Educational and Research Foundation for the **American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS)**. The FACE TO FACE Program offers facial plastic and reconstructive surgery to domestic violence survivors to repair injuries on the face, head and neck caused by an intimate partner or spouse.

www.aafprs.org/physician/humanitarian/ph_ffviolence.html

The toll-free number for the FACE TO FACE Program is 1-800-842-4546.

Give Back A Smile (GBAS) is a program that was started in 1999 by the National Humanitarian Program of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) and the AACD Charitable Foundation. The GBAS Program offers cosmetic dentistry to domestic violence survivors to repair injuries to the front teeth in the “smile zone” caused by an intimate partner or spouse. <http://www.aacd.com/givebackasmile/default.aspx>

The toll-free number for the GBAS Program is 1-800-773-GBAS (4227).

The program sponsored by the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) was formally known as the Skin Care Outreach Empowers Survivors or S.C.O.R.E.S. Program and was started in 1999. This program is no longer recognized by ASDS as of 2004 although they still provide volunteers from their membership that offer dermatologic surgery to domestic violence survivors to repair skin injuries (scars, burns, tattoos) on the body caused by an intimate partner or spouse. **The toll-free number for the program formally known as S.C.O.R.E.S. is 1-888-892-6702.**

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TO ORDER A CRS APPLICATION

If you are an individual and wish to apply, please call one of the toll-free numbers and request an application. Speak slowly and clearly and leave the following information:

1. Your Name (please spell your last name).
2. Your Mailing Address including City / State / Zip Code (please spell the street name and the city).
3. Your Phone Number including the Area Code (if you do not have a phone, leave a number that will take a message for you).
4. If you wish to apply to more than one program (FACE TO FACE, GBAS and/or the program formally known as SCORES), you only need to make one request because the same application can be used for all three programs.

If you are an agency and wish to order a CRS Agency Packet with reproducible brochures and application, please call one of the toll-free numbers and leave your name, agency, mailing address and phone number. Please make as many copies as you would like for your agency.

AFTER YOU RECEIVE THE CRS APPLICATION

Fill out pages 1-3 (please write neatly and use only blue or black ink) and then make an appointment with a counselor, domestic violence advocate, social worker or therapist. Bring the completed application to the counseling appointment and tell the story of the domestic violence you've experienced. Have the counselor complete the application on page 4, sign it and attach a business card.

Make a copy of the completed application for your own files in case it gets lost. Please mail (DO NOT FAX) the original completed application to: NCADV, PO Box 18749, Denver, CO 80218-0749.

Please follow the instructions that come with the application. If there is a problem with your application (if the application was not filled out correctly or completely), it will be sent back to you. Please do not send any documentation that is not asked for; it will be sent back to you. Once your application is correctly and completely filled out, you will be notified in writing that your application was received and forwarded to the medical associations.

Once the medical association has found a volunteer doctor or dentist available to take a case, the medical association will contact you with a referral to a facial plastic surgeon, a cosmetic dentist or a dermatological surgeon as close to you as possible (it usually takes 3-4 months to get a referral). You will then be responsible for calling and making the consultation appointment with the doctor.