



# NCCADV

North Carolina Coalition  
Against Domestic Violence

## NCCADV 2021-2022 Legislative Agenda

- **Ensure domestic violence service programs are fully funded.** NCCADV promotes funding domestic violence programs and service providers to the fullest extent possible to ensure that they receive the funding they need to continue serving survivors during uncertain economic conditions.
- **Increase court access for domestic violence protective order filings during emergency court closures.** NCCADV advocates for legislative changes to G.S. 50B-2 to require Chief District Court Judges to ensure that a judge or magistrate remains available to hear requests for emergency ex parte domestic violence protective orders when courthouses are unexpectedly closed for inclement weather, COVID-19 exposure, and other emergencies.
- **Ensure equal access to domestic violence protections for all survivors.** NCCADV supports amending the definition of “personal relationship” in G.S. 50B-1 to remove the discriminatory “opposite sex” requirement for qualifying dating relationships. This change is necessary to ensure all survivors are able to access domestic violence protections, regardless of their sex or gender identity.
- **Limit and clarify which subsequent court orders may supersede a domestic violence protective order.** NCCADV promotes amending language in G.S. 50B-7 to only allow family court matters between the same parties to supersede similar provisions in a domestic violence protective order. This change is necessary to provide legal clarity and prevent abusive parties from using the legal system to continually undermine the protections granted in a protective order.
- **End child marriage in North Carolina by raising the age requirement for marriage.** NCCADV joins a number of advocates and experts across the state working together to raise the minimum age of marriage to 18 without exception. This change is necessary as part of a larger effort to end forced marriages and reduce instances of domestic and sexual violence, poverty, medical and mental health problems, school drop-outs, and divorces that are made more likely by child marriage.