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***The following statement regarding the client confidentiality of victims who use the services of Domestic Abuse Intervention Services may be attributed to Shannon Barry, Executive Director for Domestic Abuse Intervention Services:***

“Domestic Abuse Intervention Services believes that victim safety, trust and confidentiality is paramount. To protect confidentiality of our clients and their children, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services is unable to confirm or deny any victim/advocate relationship.

Furthermore, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services will not comment on specific details of domestic violence incidents or cases in order to protect confidentiality and maintain safety and service accessibility for all victims.

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services is able and willing to comment on the topic of domestic violence including sharing information about services provided, statistics, best practices, barriers and challenges that victims may face.”

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**DAIS’ (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Inc.)** mission is to empower those affected by domestic violence and advocate for social change through support, education and outreach. DAIS operates the County’s **only** domestic violence shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, legal advocacy, emergency safety planning, support groups, children’s programming and primary prevention and education programs. [www.abuseintervention.org](http://www.abuseintervention.org)

One. And for all.