

## FILING FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION

If you have experienced abuse and feel you need to seek an Order of Protection, come in person to the Adult Abuse Office, located on the Plaza Level within the St. Louis County Courthouse at 7900 Carondelet, Clayton, MO 63105. The Adult Abuse Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Advocates from the County Order of Protection Assistance program are available to meet with petitioners at the time of filing. If desired, petitioners can request that their advocate also attend their court hearing for continued support. Additionally, advocates will be on-call to assist petitioners with safety planning and other referrals at each of the weekly DV Court dockets.

In the event that you or someone you know needs to file an Order of Protection after business hours, please contact your local police department for appropriate guidance.

For more information on filing for an Order of Protection, call (314) 615-4725.