

# TEXAS ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM

## WHAT IS THE TEXAS ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)?

WITH INCREASED PUBLIC ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION, THERE IS A RISING NEED FOR ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE, STALKING, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING. TEXAS HAS A PROGRAM TO HELP THESE VICTIMS KEEP THEIR ACTUAL ADDRESSES CONFIDENTIAL.



The Texas Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), administered by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), provides a substitute address and mail forwarding service for these victims and members of their household. ACP should be utilized as a portion of an overall safety plan. It is not a witness protection program or a guarantee of safety.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply to the Address Confidentiality Program, you must complete the form published on the OAG website, **www.texasattorneygeneral.gov**. You may choose to meet with a victim's assistance counselor or advocate to assist you with safety planning and completing the ACP application or apply on your own. You will need to provide a copy of a protective order, temporary injunction, offense report, or other supporting documentation to verify you are the victim of family violence, sexual assault or abuse, stalking or human trafficking. Local family violence shelters, sexual assault programs, law enforcement agencies, or prosecutor's offices can help you enroll in the ACP. To find local resources, please contact the following agencies:

- Texas Council on Family Violence website at www.tcfv.org.
- National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-SAFE or <u>www.thehotline.org</u>.
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault website at <u>www.taasa.org</u>.
- National Sexual Assault Hotline at (800) 656-HOPE or www.rainn.org.
- National Human Trafficking Hotline at (888) 3737-888, by texting "Help" to 233733 or at www.humantraffickinghotline.org.
- In Texas, by calling 211 for local social service agencies.

To learn more about the program, please contact:

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