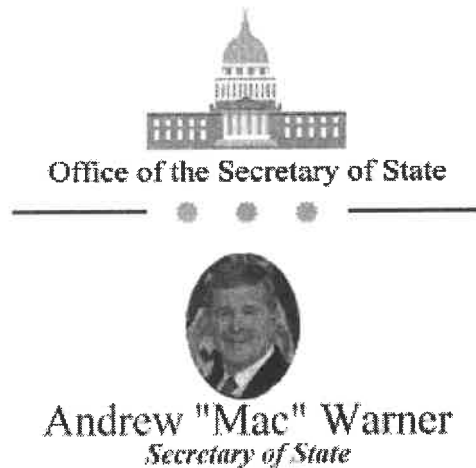




# Address Confidentiality Program Works to Keeps Victims of Domestic Violence Safe

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**Charleston, W.Va.** — Victims of domestic violence can rest assured knowing their residential location can be safely hidden from their abusers, thanks to West Virginia's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) managed by the WV Secretary of State's Office.

The ACP program provides victims and survivors of domestic violence the opportunity to protect their home address from public records by using a substitute mailing address provided by the Secretary of State. This makes it more difficult for abusers to locate their victims.

The mail received is then passed on to the appropriate recipient.

*"Unfortunately, domestic violence affects far too many," Secretary Warner said. "We will always do whatever is necessary to keep victims safe. This program is one way that we can help do that."*

West Virginia was a founding member of the National Association of Confidential Address Programs (NACAP) and continues to play a leading role. Other participating states include Arizona, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

All participating states work together by sharing ideas and success stories with the goal of strengthening each program, all while respecting state-specific rules and regulations. Longer-term members like West Virginia also act as a mentor to newer members, sharing best practices and what has worked well in the past.

The first Address Confidentiality Program in the nation was created in 1991. Today, those services have been expanded to over 30 programs that have assisted victims of sexual offenses, domestic violence, stalking and other crimes.

To learn more about NACAP click here: **National Association of Confidential Address Programs (NACAP)** (<http://www.nacap.org/index.html>)

To learn more about West Virginia's program, click here: **West Virginia Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)** (/admin-law/Pages/ACP.aspx)

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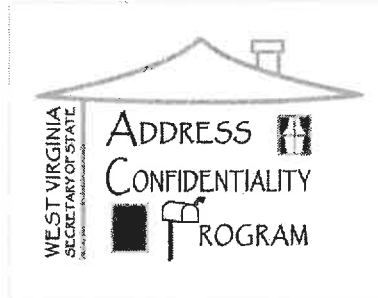
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## Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)



The West Virginia Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) is a program designed to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking do business with government agencies and other entities without risking disclosure of their home address.

This program prevents abusers or potential abusers from using public records as a resource to find their victims.

A participant in the program can use the provided substitute address in place of a real home address to receive mail, register to vote, DMV transactions, and enroll children in school.

The Address Confidentiality Program is not a crisis center or direct service agency, rather, it is a tool for victims of abuse to use as part of their overall safety plan. Please use the links below to find additional information.

You can contact the office directly at (866) 767-8683 and ask for the ACP Manager or email us at [acp@wvsos.com](mailto:acp@wvsos.com) (<mailto:acp@wvsos.com>).

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### Program Applications

Applications to become an Application Assistant can be submitted at any time. Upon receipt, the program manager will contact you regarding scheduled trainings.

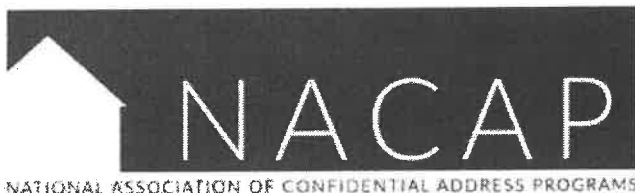


Potential participants in the program must work with a registered Application Assistant to submit an application. **Remember:** The *Mail Release Agreement* form must be included with the *Program Participant Application*.

***Please select the application form you require from the dropdown list below:***

**Select Application ▼**

If we may be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us: ☎ 304.558.6000  
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Thank you for visiting the homepage of the National Association of Confidential Address Programs (NACAP). NACAP is a membership organization with the mission to strengthen, collaborate, and represent the interests of state confidential address programs across the nation.



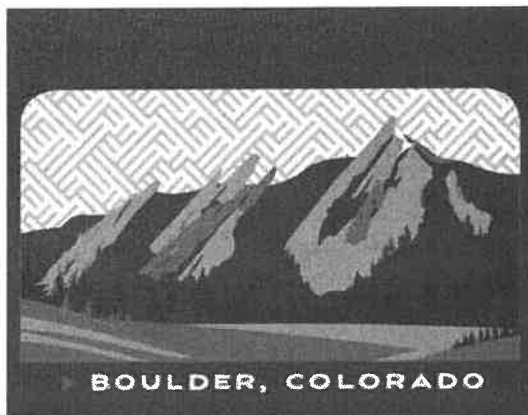
#### Vision

- To create greater accessibility and visibility of confidential address programs.
- To build foundations of a common identity, while respecting states' individual needs.
- To sustain the health of state confidential address programs through education and advocacy.

#### Goals

- To be the common voice on emerging issues impacting programs.
- To strengthen and support programs.
- To provide education and awareness about confidential address programs.

#### Just Announced...



The 2020 NACAP Conference scheduled September in Boulder, CO, has been cancelled.

The conference will be rescheduled in Boulder for September 13-15, 2021.

#### NACAP Issues Statement on Federal Safe at Home Act

- [NACAP Announcement](#)
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