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I am a professional counselor in Oxford County. We have very little resources for any service, especially domestic violence support. 2 weeks ago I needed to use their services personally. My husband was arrested for trying to harm myself and my newborn. He was released from jail with no bail conditions because his defense lawyer did a good job at convincing the judge he wasn't a threat, even though he has several domestic assault convictions. An advocate from the court called me to let me know before he was released. I was terrified and hysterical. They connected me to safe voices and the advocate assigned to Oxford County. This advocate submitted a referral to pine tree legal and i had a lawyer within 24 hours. He had put in a motion to dissolve my pfa, so my time-line for needing help was a few days. Between the advocate and lawyer, we were able to come to an agreement and I felt safe. If it were not for this program and funding, I don't know the outcome, but I don't think it would have been good. Too many people have died at the hands of their abuser. If funding is cut, I suspect that number to increase and people like me will be at the hands of a horrible justice system and our abusers.