



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Vermont Summary

On September 14, 2016, 12 out of 13 (**92%**) identified domestic violence programs in Vermont participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 12 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 346 Victims Served in One Day

**203** domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

**143** adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Children’s Support or Advocacy	<b>83%</b>
Emergency Shelter	<b>83%</b>
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	<b>50%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>42%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	<b>33%</b>
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	<b>17%</b>

### 108 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff answered **108** calls, averaging **5** hotline calls every hour.

❖ An advocate said, “Because so many people lack safe housing, our shelter is often full. When we do have space, it fills up very quickly. Unfortunately, we had to turn away the last few families that called needing a place to stay because we had filled our empty rooms earlier in the day. That meant that we had to send them to economic services for emergency hotel stays.”

### 31 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **31** individuals in communities across Vermont attended **2** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 28 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 57% (16) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **28** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Vermont, **5.5** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Many (**33%**) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

