



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Maryland Summary

On September 14, 2016, 22 out of 22 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Maryland participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 22 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

956 Victims Served in One Day

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

549 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	82%
Emergency Shelter	77%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	68%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	55%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	32%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	32%

515 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 **515** calls, averaging **21** hotline calls every hour.

128 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **128** individuals in communities across Maryland attended **13** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

156 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 42% (66) 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 **156** 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 Maryland, **15** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**56%**) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ **An advocate said, “A survivor called us after her abuser was arrested, very fearful he’d be bailed out and return. We got her into shelter and the next day she said that it was the first time she’d slept since he’d gone to jail, instead of just laying awake listening for his footsteps. She was very grateful for the shelter, the food, and the toiletries.”**

