



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS

Virgin Islands

Summary

On September 14, 2016, 2 out of 2 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in the Virgin Islands participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 2 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

41 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

19 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 **19** calls.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	50%

❖ Dawn O’Bryan, at the VI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council (DVSAC), said, “To really infiltrate the root of domestic, intimate, and family violence, there has to be a concerted effort made to uncover the source of the abuse. History is replete with tons of evidence that has shown us that abuse has been passed on from one generation to the next. To expand this point, think of slavery, the Holocaust, and the atrocities against Indigenous people. Those scars seldom fade away without any form of intervention. There’s no one method of treating this unnatural plague; however, early intervention can reduce and or stop the cycle of violence.”

