



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS West Virginia Summary

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

## 352 Victims Served in One Day

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

**191** 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	<b>100%</b>
Children’s Support or Advocacy	<b>93%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>86%</b>
Rural Outreach	<b>86%</b>
Emergency Shelter	<b>71%</b>
Transportation	<b>43%</b>
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Violence	<b>43%</b>

## 115 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 **115** calls, averaging **5** hotline calls every hour.

## 132 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **132** individuals in communities across West Virginia attended **7** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 32 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 66% (21) 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 **32** 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 West Virginia, **13** 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 there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ A survivor said, “Everyone here is so nice and has helped us so much. My kids and I have a nice home and can really rebuild our family. Being here is a help for me to do what I need to do so we can have a stable home in the future and not worry about getting hit.”