



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Delaware Summary

On September 13, 2017, 6 out of 7 (86%) identified domestic violence programs in Delaware participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 6 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 243 Victims Served in One Day

96 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

147 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

| Services Provided by Local Programs                            | On Census Day |
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| Children’s Support or Advocacy                                 | 67%           |
| Emergency Shelter  | 67%           |
| Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare       | 50%           |
| Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy                             | 33%           |
| Support/Advocacy Related to Health Care or Health Care Systems | 33%           |

### 23 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in Delaware answered on average one hotline call per hour.

### 75 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 75 individuals in communities across Delaware attended two training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 9 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 67% (6) were for Housing

Victims made nearly ten requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs.

In the past year, two local programs in Delaware laid off or did not fill three staff positions. All of these positions (100%) were direct service providers, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ “A woman entered our program fleeing a violent relationship in which her abuser was also her landlord. She had limited knowledge of the resources and felt overwhelmed. Her case manager helped create a safety plan and enrolled her in a financial empowerment program. She now takes great pride in being in control of her finances.”

