



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT ALABAMA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 16 out of 16 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in a national census of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). The following figures represent the information shared by these 16 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

1,293 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

Type of Service Provided on DV Counts Day	% of Programs Providing Service
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	56%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	38%
Therapy/Counseling for Children or Youth (by a licensed practitioner)	19%
Rural Outreach	19%

101 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 Alabama answered 101 calls, on average 4 calls per hour.

❖ **Survivors request legal counsel on a daily basis, but resources are very limited. Sometimes survivors can’t get the help they need in time for their court cases. We sometimes find pro bono help, but we don’t have a staff attorney, which would make a tremendous difference for survivors.**

631 Individuals Attended Prevention and Educational Trainings

Community education is essential to raising awareness about domestic violence and the resources that are available to victims, while promoting prevention strategies. On DV Counts Day, local domestic violence programs educated 631 individuals in communities across Alabama. Advocates provided 36 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

115 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 62% (71) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 115 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. Increased funding will enable domestic violence programs to provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help and to prevent violence in their communities.