14th Annual

NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 30 YEARS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 11 out of 11 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in the District of Columbia 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 11 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

569 Victims Served in One Day

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

36 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
Bilingual Advocacy	45%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	36%
Emergency Shelter	27%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/ Landlord	27%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	27%

76 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 the District of Columbia answered 76 calls, on average 3 calls per hour.

12 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 12 individuals in communities across the District of Columbia. Advocates provided 1 training that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

79 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 84% (66) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 79 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.

❖ Immigrant survivors are scared to go to emergency shelters for fear that they will meet police and be targeted for deportation. This is especially true of trafficking survivors who have had their documents withheld by abusers.

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