



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT INDIANA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 46 out of 46 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Indiana 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 46 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

#### 2,368 Victims Served in One Day

1,349 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,019 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
Children's Support or Advocacy	65%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	54%
Support/Advocacy Relaed to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	52%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/ Landlord	43%

#### **480 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 Indiana answered 480 calls, on average 20 calls per hour.

### 1,313 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 1,313 individuals in communities across Indiana. Advocates provided 72 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

## 135 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 89% (120) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 135 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.

Our agency is just reaching a point where some of our services are being sustainably funded. As we get better at delivering critical services like housing, legal aid, and counseling, more survivors feel safe coming forward, leading to an increased need for both services and additional funding.