



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MARYLAND SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 17 out of 21 (81%) identified domestic violence programs in Maryland 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 17 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

702 Victims Served in One Day

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

421 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
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	65%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/ Lethality Assessment	65%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	53%
Transportation	47%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	6%

265 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 Maryland answered 265 calls, on average 11 calls per hour.

❖ We helped a survivor who was in hiding from an abuser, who she believed wanted to kill her. After she had been living in her car for several weeks, we were able to provide her with a hot meal and a bed to sleep in for the first time in a long time.

54 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 54 individuals in communities across Maryland. Advocates provided 4 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

135 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 10% (14) 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.