



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT RHODE ISLAND SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 6 out of 6 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Rhode Island 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 6 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

479 Victims Served in One Day

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

241 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	83%
Bilingual Advocacy	83%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	17%
Hotel/Motel Stay	0%

150 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 Rhode Island answered 150 calls, on average 6 calls per hour.

❖ Callers are often frustrated when they discover there is no room for them in our shelter. We ask them to keep trying, and provide any services we can in the meantime. Sometimes it helps when callers know they are being heard and that we are taking their concerns seriously. Nevertheless, it is extremely disheartening for them to be told, “I’m sorry, we have no room.”

36 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 36 individuals in communities across Rhode Island. Advocates provided 3 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

111 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 70% (78) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 111 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.