



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT SOUTH CAROLINA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 13 out of 13 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in South Carolina 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 13 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

569 Victims Served in One Day

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

244 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
Emergency Shelter	100%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	69%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	62%
Transportation	62%
Transitional or Other Housing	46%

106 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 South Carolina answered 106 calls, on average 4 calls per hour.

❖ One survivor was seeking childcare for her daughter. She was trying to keep her job so she could find housing and move out of the shelter, but we couldn’t find any resources. She felt very defeated and questioned whether leaving the abuse was the right decision for her and her daughter.

338 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 338 individuals in communities across South Carolina. Advocates provided 21 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

50 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 86% (43) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 50 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.