



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT SOUTH DAKOTA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 12 out of 26 (46%) identified domestic violence programs in South Dakota 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 12 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

234 Victims Served in One Day

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

120 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	67%
Transportation	50%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	42%
Transitional or Other Housing	33%
Rural Outreach	33%

55 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 Dakota answered 55 calls, on average 2 calls per hour.

❖ On DV Counts Day, one survivor signed the lease on her new apartment. It is hard to articulate the fear, anxiety, and emotional turmoil that she experienced as a result of her abuse. We told her, “You’ve got this!” and she said, “You’re right. And I’m not letting anybody take that away ever again.”

30 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 30 individuals in communities across South Dakota. Advocates provided 1 training that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

9 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 89% (8) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 9 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.