



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT UTAH SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 14 out of 15 (93%) identified domestic violence programs in Utah 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 14 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,113 Victims Served in One Day

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

429 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%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	71%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/ Lethality Assessment	64%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	64%
Childcare/Daycare	43%

### 244 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 Utah answered 244 calls, on average 10 calls per hour.

❖ **A survivor came to us seeking shelter. She fled an abusive partner and went to a local homeless shelter, but as a transgender woman, she was put in the men’s side. There was no space in other nearby shelters, so she had to return to that unsafe shelter. She thanked us for our help but left in tears.**

### 473 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 473 individuals in communities across Utah. Advocates provided 19 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 173 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 87% (150) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 173 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.