



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT VERMONT SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 11 out of 13 (85%) identified domestic violence programs in Vermont 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 11 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

185 Victims Served in One Day

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

100 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 | 73% |
| Children’s Support or Advocacy | 64% |
| Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord | 64% |
| Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy | 55% |
| Transitional or Other Housing | 18% |

87 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 Vermont answered 87 calls, on average 4 calls per hour.

❖ On DV Counts Day, we conducted support groups at a substance-use facility and at a school for at-risk youth. Attendees expressed how grateful they were for our survivor-centered, trauma-informed advocacy. They reported feeling heard and validated for the first time in a long time.

122 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 122 individuals in communities across Vermont. Advocates provided 7 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

16 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 94% (15) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 16 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.