



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT WEST VIRGINIA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 14 out of 14 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in West Virginia 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.

551 Victims Served in One Day

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

263 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	93%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	79%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	57%
Rural Outreach	57%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	50%

102 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 West Virginia answered 102 calls, on average 4 calls per hour.

❖ On DV Counts Day, our advocate transported a survivor and her children to the doctor. The children had appointments for vaccinations and wellness checks, and our advocate stayed in the waiting room so the survivor could attend each appointment and focus on her children individually.

105 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 105 individuals in communities across West Virginia. Advocates provided 11 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

120 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 69% (83) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 120 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.