



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT ALASKA SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 26 out of 26 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Alaska participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). Services provided by domestic violence programs looked different in 2020, as frontline advocates navigated unforeseen challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. The following figures represent the information shared by the participating programs about the services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 609 Victims Served in One Day

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

174 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, children’s support groups, and more.

Table 1: Services Provided on 9/10/20	% of Programs Providing Services
Emergency Shelter	69%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	50%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	31%
Support/Advocacy Related to Health Care or Health Care Systems	27%

### 143 Hotline Contacts Received

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources via phone, chat, text, and/or email. During the 24-hour survey period, hotline staff in Alaska received 143 contacts, averaging 6 contacts per hour.

❖ “We decided to put survivors in motels so they could quarantine without bringing the virus into the safe house, but this was a big expense we did not budget for. We could not hold our annual fundraisers, and it was challenging raising funds to keep our doors open.”

### 46 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 the survey day, local domestic violence programs educated 46 individuals in communities across Alaska. Advocates provided 7 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 25 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 25 requests for services that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs. 100 percent of these unmet requests were for housing or emergency shelter.

Greatly increased funding would enable domestic violence programs to provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help and to prevent violence in their communities.