



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT DELAWARE SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 3 out of 4 (**75%**) identified domestic violence programs in Delaware 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.

183 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

9 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 Delaware received 9 contacts.

27 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 27 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. Approximately 4 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.

| Table 1: Services Provided on 9/10/20 | % of Programs Providing Services |
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| Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord | 75% |
| Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner) | 75% |
| Financial Literacy | 50% |
| Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy | 50% |
| Emergency Shelter | 50% |
| Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Violence | 50% |

❖ “Programs continue to be challenged by financial constraints caused by the pandemic. Technical and virtual platforms and equipment are very expensive.”