



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT FLORIDA SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 39 out of 41 (95%) identified domestic violence programs in Florida 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.

### 2,667 Victims Served in One Day

1,601 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,066 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	95%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	76%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	76%
Transportation	66%

### 417 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 Florida received 417 contacts, averaging 17 contacts per hour.

### 1,019 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 1,019 individuals in communities across Florida. Advocates provided 33 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 72 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 72 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 50 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.

❖ “Recently, our program was able to offer shelter to two male survivors. They were both apprehensive about coming into shelter or sharing their story because they feared being labeled ‘weak,’ but our advocates were able to provide support and trust without judgment.”