



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT GEORGIA SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 38 out of 52 (**73%**) identified domestic violence programs in Georgia 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.

1,858 Victims Served in One Day

1,179 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

679 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	63%
Transportation	52%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	46%
Hotel/Motel Stay	25%

374 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 Georgia received 374 contacts, averaging 16 contacts per hour.

52 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 52 individuals in communities across Georgia. Advocates provided 9 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

431 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 431 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 83 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.

❖ **“One survivor told us: ‘You gave me support and services beyond any expectation I had. I have learned and accepted that I am beautiful and worthy of love, and that I matter. I want to thank your organization from the bottom of my heart for showing me that change is possible.’”**