



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT KENTUCKY SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Kentucky 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.

### 1,042 Victims Served in One Day

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

313 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	93%
Transportation	93%
Transitional or Other Housing	73%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	67%

### 191 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 Kentucky received 191 contacts, averaging 8 contacts per hour.

### 39 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 39 individuals in communities across Kentucky. Advocates provided 7 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 60 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 60 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 58 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.

❖ “A survivor came to our shelter after years of abuse and said: ‘I felt so shattered. Your advocates held me up when I couldn’t, guided me back to myself when I was lost, and taught me I have all the power I need inside of me. I probably wouldn’t be alive if not for them.’”