



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT UTAH SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 14 out of 14 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Utah 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.

1,205 Victims Served in One Day

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

545 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	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	79%
Transitional or Other Housing	64%
Bilingual Advocacy	64%

359 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 Utah received 359 contacts, averaging 15 contacts per hour.

404 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 404 individuals in communities across Utah. Advocates provided 18 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

309 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 309 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 48 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.

❖ “We worked with a survivor to secure housing, employment, food assistance, and children’s services. Before leaving our shelter, she remarked: ‘I’m different now than when I first got here. I’m changed and I don’t know the old me anymore. Coming into a domestic violence shelter was the most courageous thing I could ever do.’”