



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT VERMONT SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 11 out of 13 (85%) identified domestic violence programs in Vermont 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.

### 142 Victims Served in One Day

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

69 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
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	54%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	23%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	23%

### 77 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 Vermont received 77 contacts, averaging 3 contacts per hour.

❖ “A survivor called our hotline seeking housing for herself and her child. We accepted them into our housing program, and she soon signed a permanent lease and secured a job and childcare. She told us: ‘I don’t know what I would have done without you. I needed everything and I didn’t even know where to start.’”

### 13 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 13 individuals in communities across Vermont. Advocates provided 1 training that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 10 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 10 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 90 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.