



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT VIRGIN ISLANDS SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 2 out of 2 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in the Virgin Islands 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.

68 Victims Served in One Day

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

37 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%
Hotel/Motel Stay	100%
Transportation	100%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	100%

28 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 the Virgin Islands received 28 contacts, averaging 1 contact per hour.

9 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 9 individuals in communities across the Virgin Islands. Advocates provided 4 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

1 Unmet Request for Services in One Day

Victims made 1 request for services that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs. The unmet request for services was 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 who had run barefoot from her abusive partner’s home, providing her with shelter, travel tickets, and counseling. She thanked us for our support, saying: ‘I will forever be appreciative of the great work your organization does in our community.’”