



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT ALABAMA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **14** out of **16** (**88%**) identified domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). In 2021, frontline advocates continued to navigate 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.

## **637 Victims Served in One Day**

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

**292** non-residential adult and child victims received supportive services including counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups.

## 156 Hotline Contacts Received

Domestic violence hotlines are lifelines for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources via phone, chat, text, and email. Hotline staff received **156** contacts, averaging nearly **7** contacts per hour.

## **18 Unmet Requests for Services**

Victims made **18** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and other support needs—that programs could not provide because they lacked the resources. Approximately **33%** of these unmet requests were for housing and emergency shelter.

There is a tremendous need for increased funding to ensure programs can provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help while working toward preventing violence in their communities.

<b>Table 1:</b> Services Provided on 9/9/21	% of Programs Providing Services
Emergency Shelter	93%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	64%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	57%
Transportation	57%
Children's Support or Advocacy	50%
Prevention and/or Educational Programs	43%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	43%

The amount of funding we receive greatly impacts our ability to serve survivors. Funding cuts not only hurt the organizations, but also the communities we serve. With appropriate funding, we could provide more services, increase the quality of current services, and be able to compensate our staff what they are worth."

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