



16TH ANNUAL



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT FLORIDA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **26** out of **41** (63%) identified domestic violence programs in Florida 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.

1,585 Victims Served in One Day

1,110 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.

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

371 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 **371** contacts, averaging nearly **16** contacts per hour.

31 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **31** 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 **90%** 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.

Table 1: Services Provided on 9/9/21	% of Programs Providing Services
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	81%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	69%
Transportation	65%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	58%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	58%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	54%

❖ “We recognize that all forms of violence and oppression are connected. For many survivors of domestic violence, racism compounds the challenges they face every day. The core of our daily work is empowering individuals, advocating for social change, and standing alongside survivors. We do this work in our community by listening, learning, educating others, and speaking out against all forms of power and control, including racism.”