



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## OHIO SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **70** out of **70 (100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Ohio 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.

### 2,456 Victims Served in One Day

**1,548** 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.

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

### 770 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 **770** contacts, averaging more than **32** contacts per hour.

### 1,266 Individuals Educated

Despite the limitations caused by the pandemic, programs educated **1,266** people. Advocates provided **25** trainings that addressed topics like domestic violence prevention and early intervention. Community education is essential to raising awareness about domestic violence and promoting the resources available to victims.

### 286 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **286** 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 **64%** 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	71%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	59%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	51%

✘ **“One survivor was staying in a hotel with her children, unable to afford the deposit on a new place to live. We called the landlord to advocate on her behalf, and this family was able to move in the same day! She told us: ‘This was such a huge relief at the time we needed it most.’”**

Learn more about domestic violence in Ohio: **ODVN.org**