



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

SOUTH DAKOTA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **17** out of **31 (55%)** identified domestic violence programs in South Dakota 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.

278 Victims Served in One Day

137 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.

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

74 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 **74** contacts, averaging more than **3** contacts per hour.

1 Unmet Request for Services

Victims made **1** request for services that programs could not provide because they lacked the resources. All **100%** 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%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	35%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	29%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	24%
Transportation	24%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	18%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	12%

❖ **“Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding cuts are preventing growth for our organization. We have no capacity to sustain or expand our work and we have had to cut advocate wages and victim services. Survivors are in need now more than ever, and this is not the time to cut back, especially during a pandemic.”**

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