



# **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUMMARY

On September 7, 2022, **18** out of **19** (**95%**) identified domestic violence programs in the District of Columbia participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). The following figures represent the information shared by the participating programs about the services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 953 Victims Served

**526** 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.

**427** adult and child victims received non-residential supportive services related to legal needs, housing advocacy, transportation, mental health, public benefits, and more.

#### **182 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 **182** contacts, averaging nearly **8** contacts per hour.

#### **48 People Educated**

On the survey day, local domestic violence programs provided **3** public training sessions (educational sessions provided to the public) to **48** people, addressing topics like domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### **41 Unmet Requests for Services**

Victims made **41** requests for services that programs could not provide because they did not have the resources. Approximately **78%** of these unmet requests were for emergency shelter, hotels, motels, and other housing.

<b>Table 1:</b> Services Provided on 9/7/22	% of Programs Providing Services
Emergency Shelter	33%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	28%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	28%
Transportation	22%
Bilingual Advocacy	17%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	17%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	17%

"Most of our clients live in communities disproportionately affected by poverty, and many face language, cultural, and identity-based barriers to accessing services. During COVID-19, the need for our services reached tragic levels, and the demand remains elevated. We need additional funding to address increasing numbers of clients and the increased complexities of each client's case."

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