



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS West Virginia Summary

On September 13, 2018, 14 out of 14 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in West Virginia participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 14 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 414 Victims Served in One Day

261 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

153 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>
Emergency Shelter	93%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	71%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	71%
Transportation	57%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	43%

### 95 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in West Virginia answered on average 4 hotline calls per hour.

### 25 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 25 individuals in communities across West Virginia attended 2 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 53 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 49% (26) were for Housing

Victims made 53 requests for services — including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more — that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently requested non-residential services that could not be provided were housing advocacy, legal representation, and financial assistance.

✘ An advocate in West Virginia said, “We were able to offer a survivor a safe place to detox. She was able to sleep for the first time in six days, knowing she was in a safe place. She felt encouraged to pursue a new beginning.”

