



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT DELAWARE SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 6 out of 8 (75%) identified domestic violence programs in Delaware participated in a national census of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). The following figures represent the information shared by these 6 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

205 Victims Served in One Day

98 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

107 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, children’s support groups, and more.

Type of Service Provided on DV Counts Day	% of Programs Providing Service
Emergency Shelter	60%
Transitional or Other Housing	20%
Childcare/Daycare	20%
Transportation	20%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	0%

19 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in Delaware answered 19 calls, on average 1 calls per hour.

Survivors encounter barriers due to lack of adequate public transportation, legal representation in custody and visitation cases, limited response with violations of protection orders, and funding. After shelter stays, most women end up homeless with nowhere to go.

5 Individuals Attended Prevention and Educational Trainings

Community education is essential to raising awareness about domestic violence and the resources that are available to victims, while promoting prevention strategies. On DV Counts Day, local domestic violence programs educated 5 individuals in communities across Delaware. Advocates provided 2 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

57 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 16% (9) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 57 requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs. Increased funding will enable domestic violence programs to provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help and to prevent violence in their communities.