



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Delaware Summary

On September 13, 2018, 7 out of 7 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Delaware participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 7 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 379 Victims Served in One Day

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

245 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	<b>57%</b>
Children’s Support or Advocacy	<b>29%</b>
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	<b>29%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	<b>29%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Health Care or Health Care Systems	<b>29%</b>

### 36 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 11% (4) were for Housing

Victims made 36 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.

In the past year, local programs in Delaware were forced to eliminate 1 staff position. This position was for a direct service provider, such as shelter staff or a legal advocate. This means that there was one fewer advocate to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

### 16 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 Delaware answered on average 1 hotline call per hour.

❖ **An advocate in Delaware said, “A survivor in shelter had been working with an advocate to update her resume and obtain employment. She was hired for a job she really wanted and was very excited to start on her journey to security and stability.”**

