



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT TEXAS SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 88 out of 88 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Texas 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 88 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

#### 6,437 Victims Served in One Day

4,160 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,277 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	80%
Children's Support or Advocacy	74%
Transportation	69%
Bilingual Advocacy	61%
Transitional or Other Housing	47%

#### **1,724 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 Texas answered 1,724 calls, on average 72 calls per hour.

### 3,727 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 3,727 individuals in communities across Texas. Advocates provided 155 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

## 1,417 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 77% (1,096) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 1,417 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.

We helped a client move into her own place after being isolated in an abusive marriage, and she began to repair relationships with her children and grandchildren. She told us her plans to have "Christmas in July" for her family to celebrate the birthdays and holidays she missed due to the abuse.