



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT CONNECTICUT SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 15 out of 15 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Connecticut participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). Services provided by domestic violence programs looked different in 2020, as frontline advocates navigated unforeseen challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. The following figures represent the information shared by the participating programs about the services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,131 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

Table 1: Services Provided on 9/10/20	% of Programs Providing Services
Emergency Shelter	<b>93%</b>
Children’s Support or Advocacy	<b>80%</b>
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	<b>73%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	<b>73%</b>

### 239 Hotline Contacts Received

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources via phone, chat, text, and/or email. During the 24-hour survey period, hotline staff in Connecticut received 239 contacts, averaging 10 contacts per hour.

❖ **“Due to the pandemic, our shelter has decreased capacity, but we’ve seen an increase in the number of requests for shelter. This means that we spent over 700 percent more money on hotels for survivors this year compared to last year.”**

### 107 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 the survey day, local domestic violence programs educated 107 individuals in communities across Connecticut. Advocates provided 10 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 35 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 35 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. Approximately 49 percent of these unmet requests were for housing or emergency shelter.

Greatly increased funding would enable domestic violence programs to provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help and to prevent violence in their communities.