

National Network of Domestic Violence Advocacy & Support Services

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Family Violence Prevention & Services Act

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- Primary federal funding stream dedicated to domestic violence shelter and support services
- Each year distributes \$130 Million to support:
 - State and Tribal formula grants for over 1,500 domestic violence programs that offer:
 - Shelter and services for approximately 300,000 women, men, and children
 - Responses to over 2 million crisis hotline calls
 - State Domestic Violence Coalitions
 - National Domestic Violence Hotline which responds to over 20,000 calls each month

Family Violence Prevention & Services (Continued)

- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and a network of national resource centers and culturally-specific institutes

- Discretionary Grant Programs:
 - Runaway & Homeless Youth and Relationship Violence Collaborations
 - Enhanced Services for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence
 - Indian Health Care Domestic Violence Initiative
 - Open Doors to Safety Capacity Building Grants

Domestic Violence

- “a pattern of actual or threatened acts of physical, sexual, and/or emotional abuse, perpetrated against a current or former partner. Abuse may include insults, coercion, social sabotage, sexual harassment, threats and/or acts of physical or sexual abuse. The abusive person uses this pattern of violent and coercive behavior, in a heterosexual or homosexual relationship, in order to gain power and maintain control over the partner.”

- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 2004

Snapshot of Domestic Violence Shelter and Support Services

- The average domestic violence shelter program...
 - Has 16-17 staff and 17 monthly volunteers
 - Has 25 beds (Capacity ranges from 4 to 102)
 - Sheltered 130 adults and 114 children last year
 - Average shelter stay is 33 days
 - 82% of shelters allow longer stay
 - Length of stay is associated with improved outcomes

(Source: Domestic Violence Counts 2008: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services, National Network to End Domestic Violence)

Domestic Violence Shelter and Support Services

□ Type of Service	□ Percent of Programs
■ Support Groups	■ 97%
■ Crisis Counseling	■ 96%
■ Housing Advocacy	■ 95%
■ Children's Services	■ 95%
■ Individual Counseling	■ 92%
■ Civil Court Advocacy	■ 82%
■ Criminal Court Advocacy	■ 81%
■ Health Care Advocacy	■ 81%
■ TANF Advocacy	■ 80%



In One day in September, 2008...

- Domestic violence programs served 60,799 victims
 - 30,433 in shelter or transitional housing
 - 30,366 in non-residential services

- 8,927 Unmet requests for services

- 21,683 Hotline calls answered – 14 calls per minute

- 30,210 people trained

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Meeting Survivors' Needs: A Multi-State Study of Domestic Violence Shelter Experiences

- Personal Safety – 99%
 - 99% got the help they wanted
 - 95% got help with safety planning
- Support – 99%
 - 86-89% received counseling and emotional support
- Economic Issues – 93%
 - 75% Job or job training
 - 81% Housing
- Child-related Needs – 99% of Mothers
 - 98% received help with child safety

Survivors' Experiences

- 94% rated services helpful or very helpful
- Short Term Outcomes:
 - Improved access to safety (91%)
 - Increased survivor confidence (93%)
 - Improved support for children (84%)
- “If the shelter didn’t exist...”
- Study available at www.vawnet.org

Domestic Violence Resources

□ Hotlines:

- National Domestic Violence Hotline (24 Hours)
 - 800-799 SAFE (7233) – Crisis intervention and referrals for services throughout the country
- Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center
 - AT&T USA Direct Access Number + 866-879-6636
 - www.866uswomen.org
- National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline (24 Hours)
 - 866-331-9474
 - www.loveisrespect.org



Other Domestic Violence Resources

- State Domestic Violence Coalitions
 - Referral to domestic violence services
 - See www.nnedv.org/resources for complete listing


- VAWNET: National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women
 - www.vawnet.org

National Resource Centers

- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence 800-537-2238, www.nrcdv.org and www.vawnet.org
- **Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody** 800-527-3223, www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd
- **Battered Women's Justice Project Criminal and Civil Justice Center** 800-903-0111, ext. 1, www.bwjp.org
- **National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence** 888-792-2873, www.endabuse.org
- **Sacred Circle, National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women** 877-733-7623, www.sacred-circle.com

Institutes

- **Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community**
877-643-8222, www.dvinstitute.org
- **Encuentro Latino National Institute on Family Violence** 888-743-7545, www.latinodv.org
- **Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence**
415-954-9988, www.apiahf.org/apidvinstitute
- **National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health**
312-726-7020, www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org
- **Immigrant Family Violence Institute**
314-773-9090 ext.150, www.iistl.org



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