



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT COLORADO SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 37 out of 45 **(82%)** identified domestic violence programs in Colorado 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.

1,277 Victims Served in One Day

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

734 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
Children’s Support or Advocacy	40%
Transitional or Other Housing	38%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	11%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	11%

404 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 Colorado received 404 contacts, averaging 17 contacts per hour.

86 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 86 individuals in communities across Colorado. Advocates provided 9 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

207 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 207 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 59 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.

❖ **“This is a triple pandemic: COVID-19, oppression, and domestic violence. The most vulnerable of our clients are facing the most barriers. Isolation puts them at significantly higher risk, and we see the consequences.”**