

2005 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia

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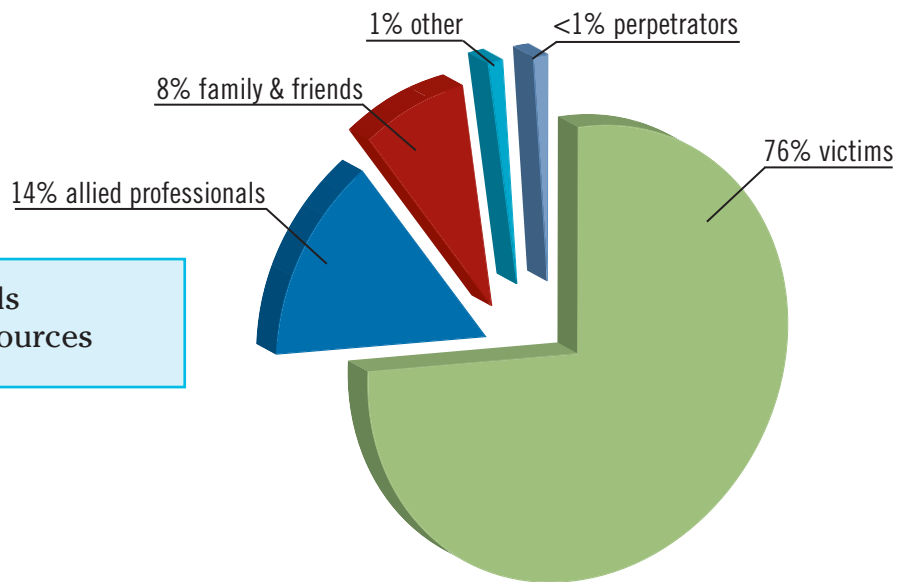
Crisis Services

Domestic Violence Service Providers responded to 54,590 crisis situations in 2005, providing services to victims, family members, friends, and allied professionals.

35,263 number of referrals to community resources

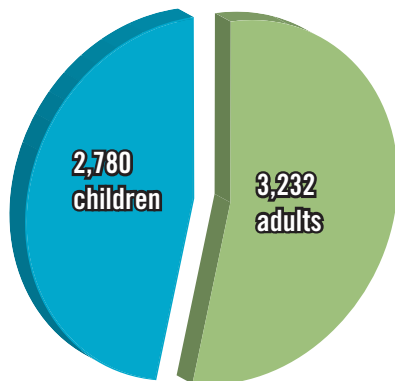
In addition to hotline calls, victim advocates responded to 11,181 crises in person.

3 in 4 number of crisis contacts that provided safety planning



Total Hotline Calls in 2005
43,409

Shelter



Number of People Sheltered in 2005
6,012

Virginia's Domestic Violence Service Providers provided 233,159 nights of emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children in 2005—a critical public safety service.

639 number of women, children, and men who stayed in a Virginia domestic violence shelter on an average night

Despite the fact that Domestic Violence Service Providers are committed to providing shelter for every victim who is in danger, 2,367 families who asked for shelter could not be served because no bed was available.

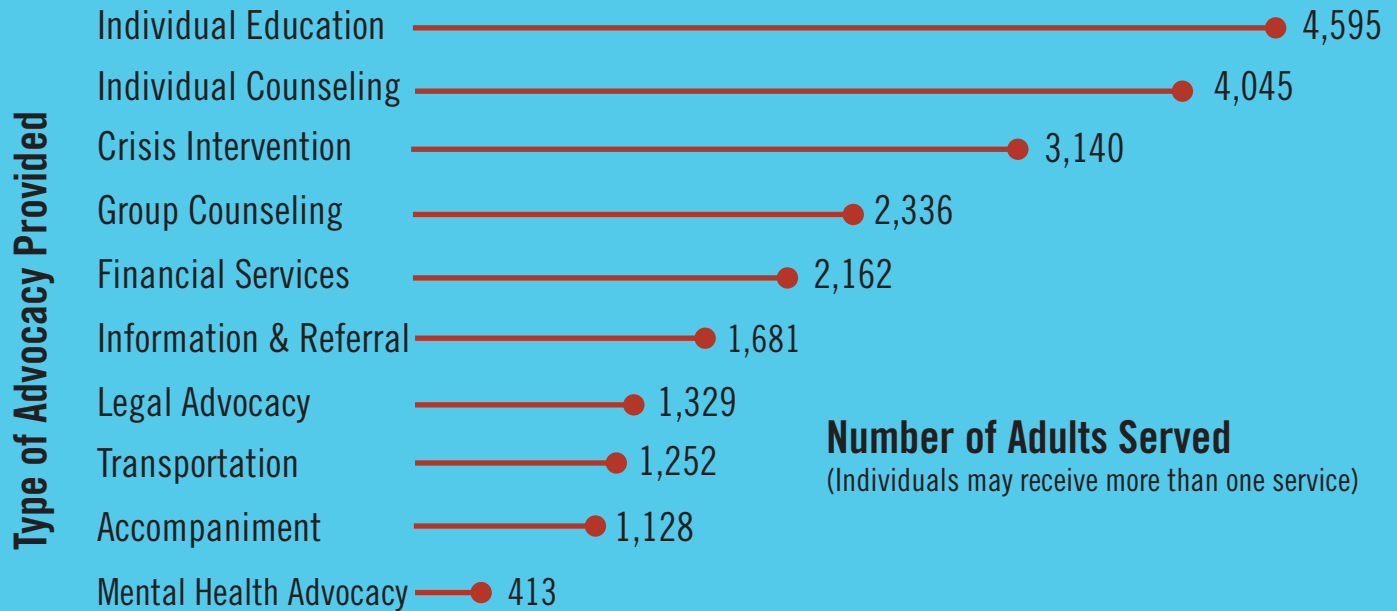
23% increase in number of women, children, and men (2004 to 2005) who could not be sheltered because no bed was available



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Advocacy Services



Domestic Violence Service Providers provided an average of 15 hours of advocacy services to each of 5,945 adults in 2005. A primary focus of this advocacy is providing education about the dynamics of domestic violence and the concept of safety planning.

Financial services, including housing advocacy, are also critical to victims seeking services through Domestic Violence Service Providers as more than half had incomes below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children*

*child may have experienced more than one type of violence

Domestic Violence Service Providers were able to speak with 3,352 children or parents about the child's history of experiencing violence in the family. *

60% of the children had directly witnessed violence in their family

26% had been emotionally abused or neglected

17% had been physically abused

10% had been sexually abused

10% had been physically neglected