

# 2006 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia

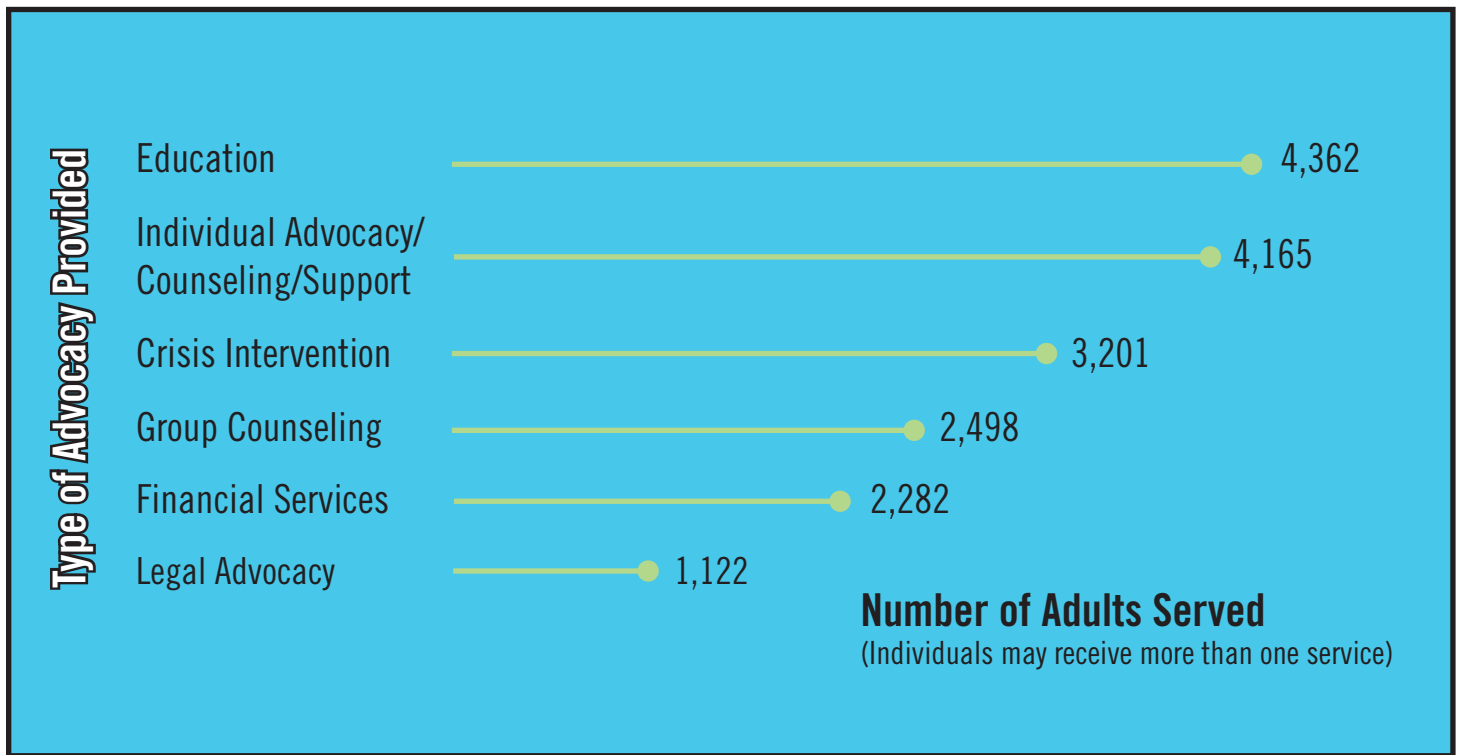
## Adult Advocacy Services

Domestic Violence Service Providers provided advocacy services to 5,812 adults in 2006. 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 the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**3 in 4**

victims reported being better prepared to identify their safety options as a result of advocacy services.



## Who Has Been Served?

### Gender

Female	97%
Male	3%
Transgender	0%

### Age

30-44 years	46%
18-24 years	19%
45-64 years	18%
25-29 years	16%
over 64 years	1%

### Race/Ethnicity

Caucasian	57%
African-American	28%
Latino/a	9%
Other	2%
Asian	2%
Bi/Multi-Racial	1%
Native American	1%

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## Children's Services (\*child = younger than 18 years old)

### Top 5 Services Provided to Children

- 2,258** Individual counseling and advocacy services to address the impact of the violence.
- 1,970** Developing skills, such as safety planning, conflict resolution, communication, and stress management.
- 1,596** Participation in play groups, field trips, and special events.
- 1,435** Group counseling to provide information, education, and support.
- 552** Addressing academic needs, such as school enrollment, on-site education, or tutoring.

**3,267** children were served.

**43,339** hours of service were provided.

## The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children\*

\*child may have experienced more than one type of violence

Domestic Violence Service Providers spoke with 2,986 children or parents about the child's history of experiencing violence in the family.\*

**55%** of the children had directly witnessed violence in their family

**21%** had been emotionally abused or neglected

**13%** had been physically abused

**9%** had been physically neglected

**8%** had been sexually abused

### Who Has Been Served?

#### Gender

Female	54%
Male	46%
Transgender	0%

#### Age

Under 6	43%
6-12	39%
13-17	17%
Unknown	1%

#### Race/Ethnicity

Caucasian	41%
African-American	35%
Bi/Multi-Racial	12%
Latina/o	10%
Asian	1%
Other	1%
Native American	< 1%