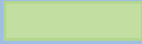
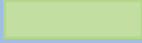
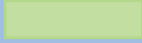

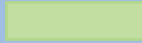






# 2006 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia

## Highlights

-  The number of families and children sheltered annually has more than doubled from 2000-2006.
-  More than 50% of the children served by Domestic Violence Service Providers had directly witnessed the violence in the family.
-  1,898 families who requested shelter in 2006 could not be sheltered in a domestic violence shelter because a bed was not available.
-  Nearly 50% of all children receiving services in 2006 were under 6 years old.
-  Relocation continues to be identified by victims of domestic violence as the most helpful strategy to remove the threat of violence.

## Recommendations

-  Secure funding to provide comprehensive services to children and youth who have been exposed to domestic violence.
-  Expand prevention programming for children, youth, and adults to prevent domestic violence before it occurs.
-  Increase options for relocation through adding shelter space, expanding low income housing options, and providing victim assistance funds to help victims of domestic violence re-locate or secure safe, affordable housing.
-  Increase the availability of community education and training programming through Domestic Violence Services Providers across the Commonwealth so that family, friends, and allied professionals are prepared to respond effectively when victims turn to them.

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## Crisis Services

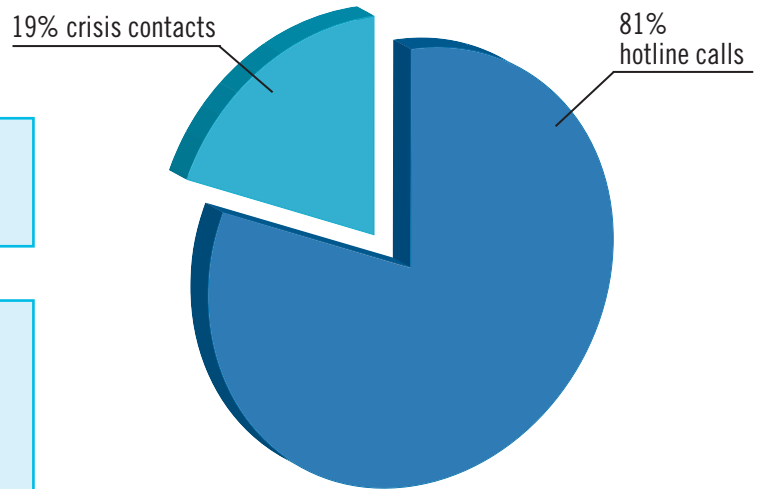
Domestic Violence Service Providers responded to 51,652 crisis situations in 2006, providing services to victims, family members, friends, and allied professionals.

In addition to hotline calls, victim advocates responded to 9,639 crises in person.

**41,214** referrals to community resources.

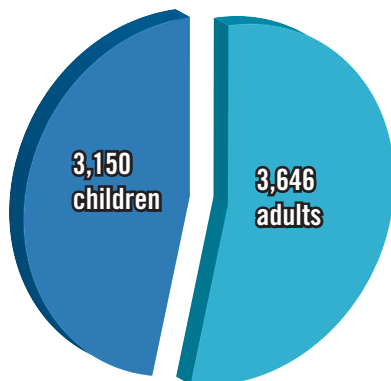
**77%** of victims calling the hotline learned more about community resources to help plan for their safety.

**79%** of victims requesting shelter were able to find safety in shelter.



**51,652 Crisis Contacts**

## Shelter Services



**6,796 Individuals Sheltered**

Virginia's Domestic Violence Service Providers provided 293,176 nights of emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children in 2006—a critical public safety service.

**803** women, children, and men stayed in a Virginia domestic violence shelter on an average night in 2006.

Despite the fact that Domestic Violence Service Providers are committed to providing shelter for every victim who is in danger, 1,898 families who asked for shelter could not be served because no bed was available.