

# 2004 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia

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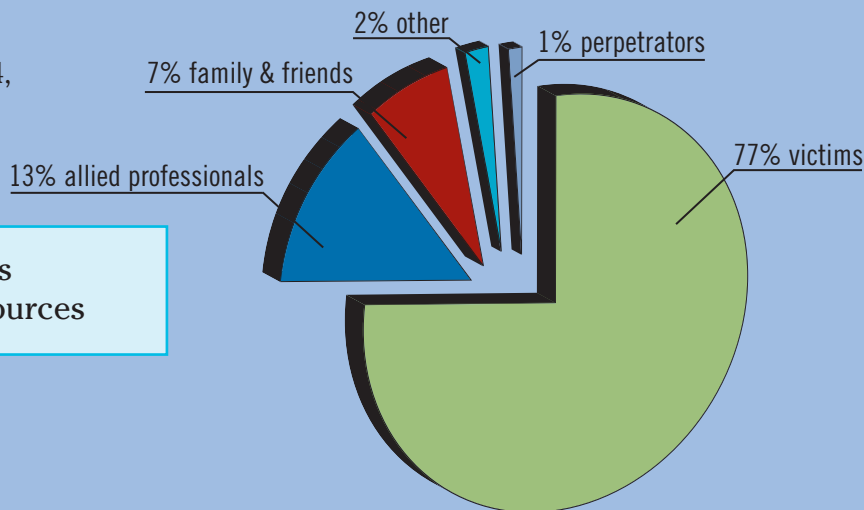
## Crisis Services

Domestic Violence Service Providers responded to 58,159 crisis situations in 2004, providing services to victims, family and friends, and allied professionals.

**37,997** number of referrals to community resources

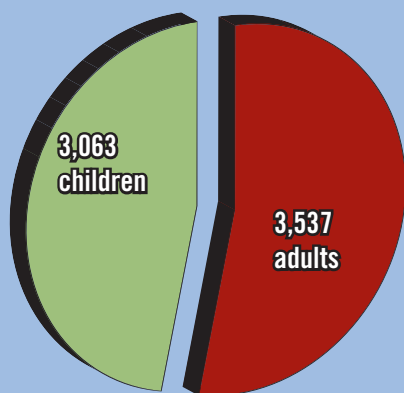
In addition to answering Hotlines, Domestic Violence Service Providers provided in-person crisis services 12,379 times in 2004.

**2 in 3** number of crisis contacts that provided safety planning



**Total Hotline Calls in 2004**  
45,780

## Shelter



**Number of People Sheltered in 2004**  
6,600

Virginia's Domestic Violence Service Providers provide emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children—a critical public safety service.

In 2004, shelters provided 246,486 nights of shelter. In other words, on an average night in Virginia, 675 women, children, and men were staying in Domestic Violence Shelters.

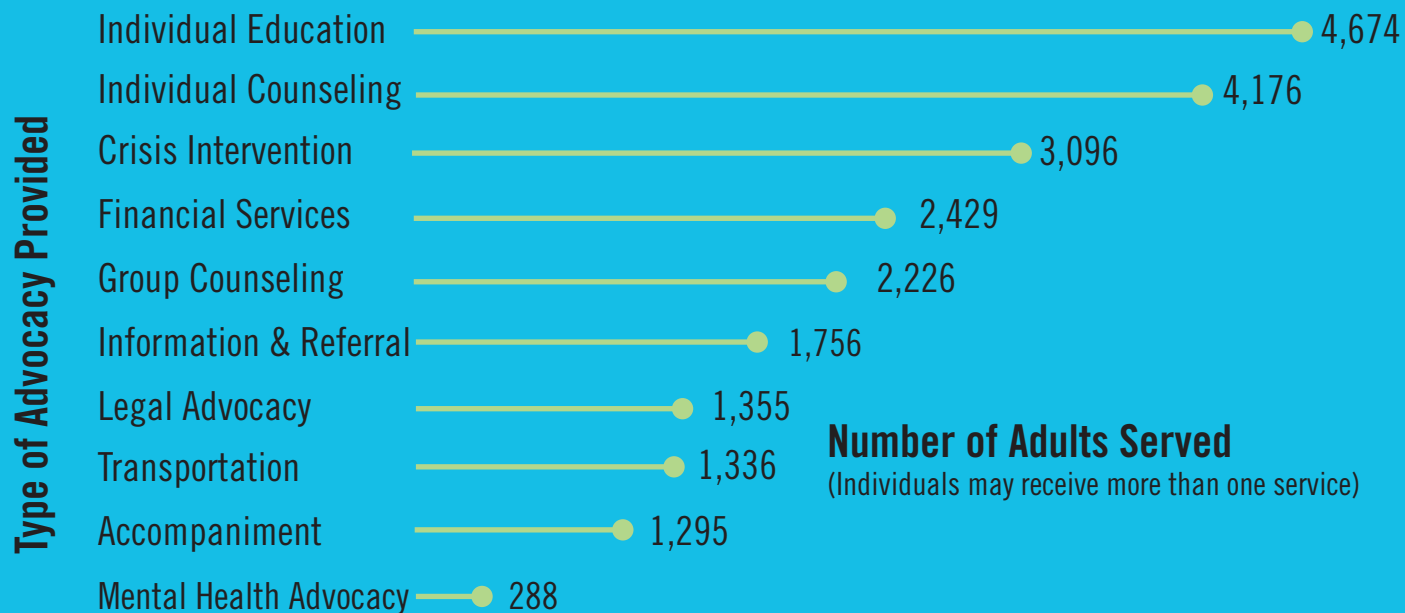
Despite the fact that Domestic Violence Service Providers are committed to providing shelter for every victim who is in danger, 1,929 families who asked for shelter could not be served because no bed was available.



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## Advocacy Services



Domestic Violence Service Providers provided an average of 14 hours of advocacy services to each of 6,051 adults in 2004. A major 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 turning to Domestic Violence Service Providers for help as nearly two-thirds have incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline.

## 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 3,670 children or parents about the child's history of experiencing violence in the family. \*

**58%** of the children had directly witnessed violence in their family

**22%** had been emotionally abused or neglected

**17%** had been physically abused

**10%** had been sexually abused

**8%** had been physically neglected