2005 Sexual Violence Services in Virginia

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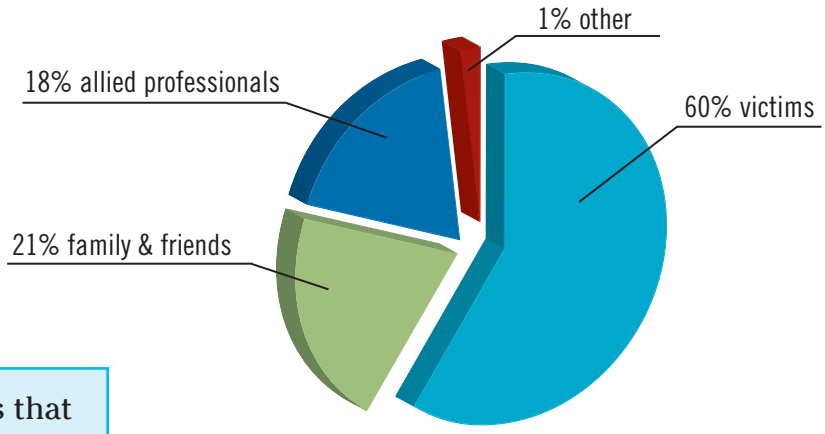
Crisis Services

Sexual Violence Service Providers responded to 11,471 crisis situations in 2005 and provided 36,881 services to victims, family members, friends, and allied professionals. In addition to hotline calls, advocates responded to 3,739 crises in person—a 23% increase from 2004 to 2005.

Personal safety continues to be a primary concern for victims in crisis.

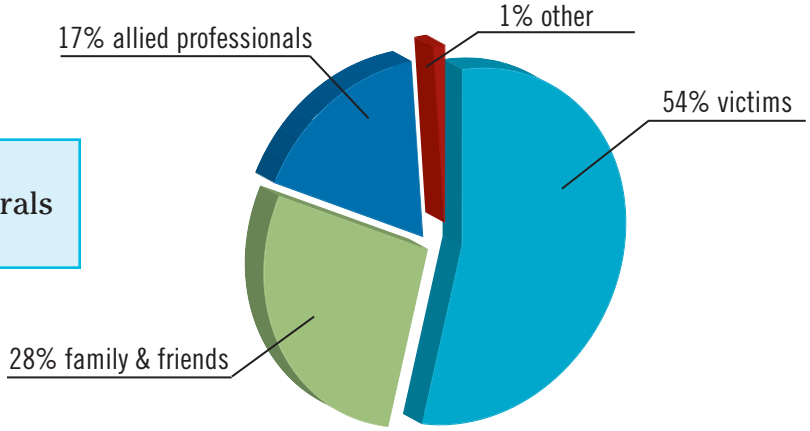
1 in 3 number of crisis contacts that responded to safety concerns



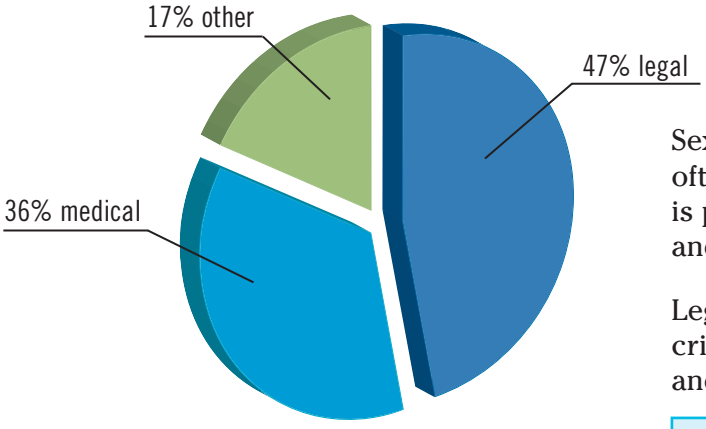
Total Hotline Calls in 2005
7,732

Information and referral is a vital service to assist victims in identifying and accessing appropriate resources.

9,123 number of community referrals



Total Crisis Contacts in 2005
3,739



Total Accompaniments in 2005
1,788

Sexual violence is a violent crime that is terrifying and often difficult to report to law enforcement. If the case is prosecuted, the process is often confusing, exhausting, and time consuming for the victim.

Legal, medical and other accompaniments are critical services to facilitate the reporting process and minimize additional trauma to victims.

37% increase in companion support services from 2004-2005

ACTIONALLIANCE

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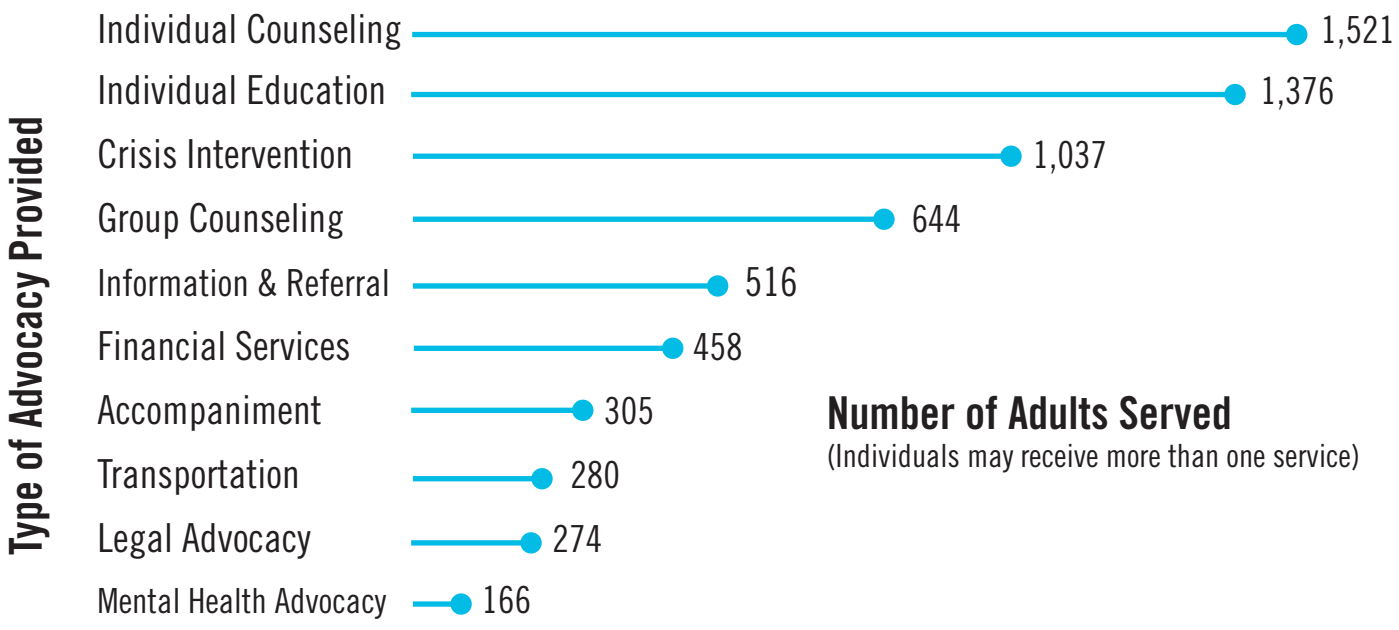
Advocacy Services



Sexual Violence Service Providers assisted 1,812 adult victims of sexual violence in 2005, providing 23,165 hours of advocacy services, averaging 13 hours of service per victim.

Education and Outreach

98% increase in number of victims reached during outreach events from 2004-2005

2,904 number of education and outreach programs presented statewide

71,682 number of Virginians reached

1,887 number of times people requested assistance for themselves, family, or friends during presentations