

# 2007 Domestic Violence Services in Virginia

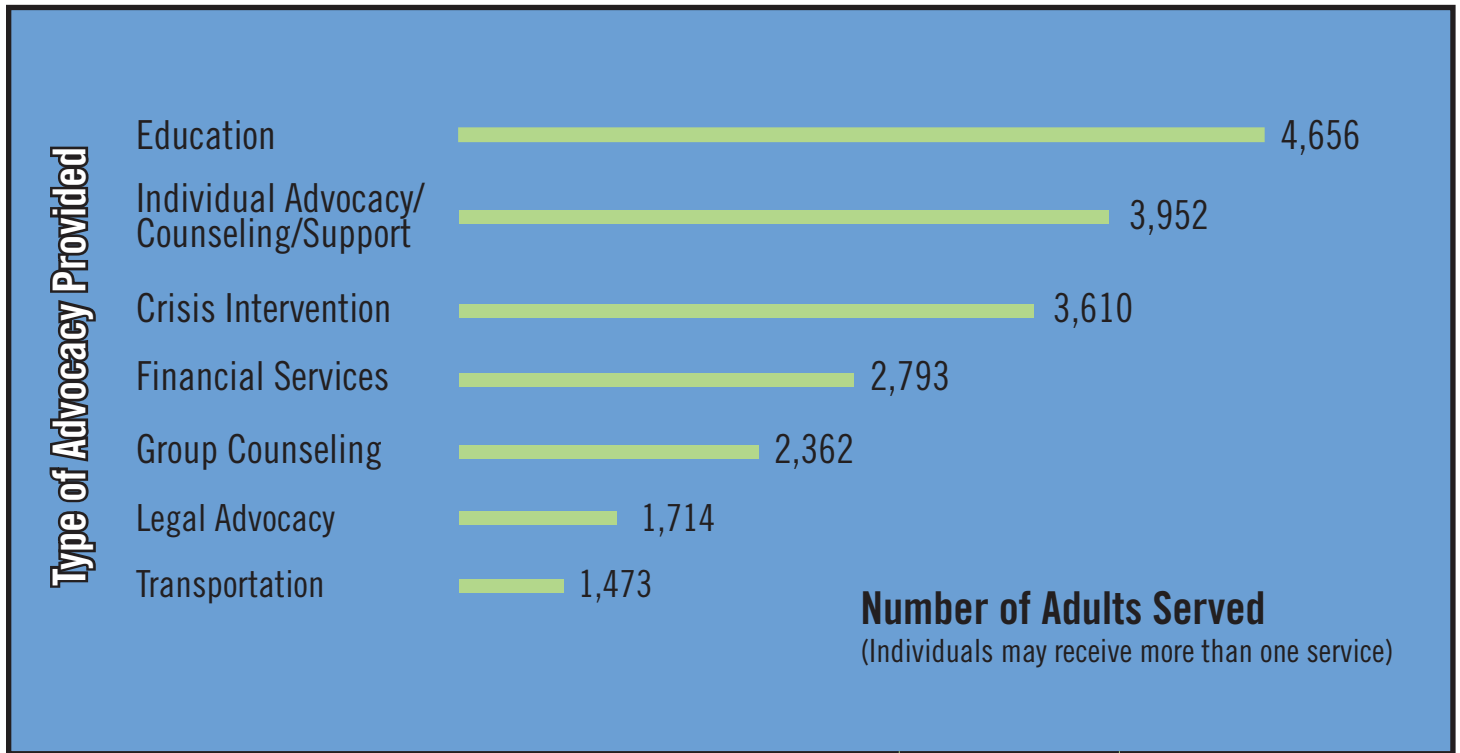
## Adult Advocacy Services

Domestic Violence Service Providers provided advocacy services to 5,823 adults in 2007. 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.

**71%**

percentage of victims who reported being 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	45%
45-64 years	19%
18-24 years	18%
25-29 years	17%
over 64 years	1%

### Race/Ethnicity

Caucasian	54%
African-American	29%
Latino/a	11%
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

- 1,824** Individual counseling and advocacy services to address the impact of the violence.
- 1,615** Developing skills, such as safety planning, conflict resolution, communication, and stress management.
- 1,354** Participation in play groups, field trips, and special events.
- 1,236** Group counseling to provide information, education, and support.
- 457** Addressing academic needs, such as school enrollment, on-site education, or tutoring.

**2,823** children were served.

**38,497** 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 2,994 children or parents about the child's history of experiencing violence in the family.\*

- 53%** of the children had directly witnessed violence in their family
- 21%** had been emotionally abused or neglected
- 14%** had been physically abused
- 8%** had been physically neglected
- 6%** had been sexually abused (includes sexual assault, attempted sexual assault, and sexual harassment)

### Who Has Been Served?

#### Gender

Female	51%
Male	49%
Transgender	0%

#### Age

Under 6	44%
6-12	39%
13-17	16%
Unknown	1%

#### Race/Ethnicity

Caucasian	42%
African-American	32%
Bi/Multi-Racial	11%
Latina/o	11%
Other	2%
Asian	1%
Native American	1%

