2019 Data Snapshot

Member Organizations helped 8,760 people.

- 1,376 . . . . Children and youth
- 6,619 . . . . Female-identified adults
- 586 . . . . . Male-identified adults
- 290 . . . . LGBTQ People
- 597 . . . . Ethnic/Racial minorities
- 656 . . . . People with disabilities*
- 275 . . . . Elders

*includes Deaf and hard of hearing people

People who were helped experienced:
- 5,234 Domestic Violence
- 1,276 Sexual Violence
- 431 Stalking
- 85 Sexual Harrassment
- 47 Sex Trafficking
- 1,347 Violence or abuse against a friend or family member
- 485 Other

18,921 hotline calls answered.

1,376 children and youth connected with an advocate for help with abuse toward a family member or toward themselves.

385 people received an advocate’s support with health care issues.

1,055 adults accessed support for parenting

2,546 people accepted help with housing, and 1,484 people with economic issues.

12,065 youth and 4,852 adults were reached through outreach and education.

3,072 people got help with civil and criminal legal issues.

For a list of member organizations go to vtnetwork.org/member-program

Vermont Network Projects

Deaf Vermonters Advocacy Services (DVAS)
- 24 Deaf and hard of hearing Vermonters accessed culturally relevant support.

Vermont Legal Clinic
- This free clinic represented 332 clients: 152 for dating/domestic violence, 137 for adult rape/sexual assault, 27 for child sexual assault or physical abuse, 12 for stalking, and 4 for elder abuse.

DIVAS – Advocacy with Incarcerated Women
- 389 women had access to support and information from advocates at Vermont’s only women’s prison.

Vermont Forensic Nursing Program
- This Program trained and supported 72 Credentialed Adult/Adolescent and 18 Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners who cared for 164 adults and 67 children in 14 Vermont hospitals.
Supporting All People to Thrive

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Housing for Survivors

- Vermont Network member organizations provided
  - Emergency Shelter to 298 adults and 224 children.
  - Transitional housing to 85 adults and 64 children.
  - Emergency motel stays to 505 adults and 219 children.
  - Over the past three years the average length of stay in shelters was 52 days
  - Transitional housing is sorely needed for survivors of violence – for every 3 beds in domestic and sexual violence shelters there is only 1 transitional housing bed.
  - The Vermont Network disbursed $66,000 to 114 households for housing stabilization and economic empowerment.* Due to extreme demand from survivors, these funds were unavailable for 163 days (44%) of the year.

* Housing Fund (HOP Grant), Financial Assistance Fund (Allstate Foundation) and Courtney’s Allies

Incarcerated Survivors of Violence

- 80% of incarcerated women in Vermont are parents of a minor child.¹
- A 2013 survey found that women in the Vermont Justice system are twice as likely as men to have their parental rights terminated.²
- 95% of incarcerated women in Vermont are survivor/victims of sexual and domestic violence.³

¹ Lund’s Kids-A-Part Program Data.
² ACLU (2019) Blueprint for Smart Justice Vermont

The Deadly Relationship Between Firearms and Domestic Violence

- 1/2 Half of all homicides in Vermont are domestic violence related – and more than half of those crimes are committed with firearms.⁴
- 77% Over three-quarters of domestic violence related murder-suicides that occur in Vermont are committed with firearms.⁴
- 6X Victims of domestic violence are six times more likely to be killed when there is a firearm in the home.⁴
- 8th in the nation: Vermont’s rank for domestic violence homicide in an annual survey of per-capita homicide data.⁵

⁴ Vermont Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission, 2018 Report

The LGBTQ Community

- 117 people accessed support from Pride Center’s SafeSpace Program in 2019.
  - People sought help related to:
    - 61% - hate violence, bias or discrimination
    - 31% - abuse from a family or household member
    - 15% - sexual harm.
  - 1 in 4 people helped by SafeSpace were homeless at some point in 2019.
- Transgender youth are four times as likely to have experienced sexual or dating violence compared to their cisgender peers.⁷
- All of us can make a difference. LGBTQ youth who believed they mattered to people in their community were half as likely to make a suicide plan in the past 12 months as those who did not.⁷

⁷ 2017 Vermont High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)