



A Report


from Virginia's

# Domestic Violence Programs & Sexual Assault Crisis Centers

For the period January 1 to December 31, 2002

From **VAdata**: The Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Data Collection System

*Compiled by the VAdata Advisory Committee and the staff of Virginians Against Domestic Violence*



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# Executive Summary

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On behalf of Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers, the state coalitions and the VAdata Advisory Board are pleased to present this 2002 report.

The VAdata system is a unique data collection system, combining data collection on services in Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers, and including data related to the victims served by those agencies, the services provided, and the reported experiences of those victims including exposure to risk factors and strategies that have been particularly helpful (or unhelpful) in the pursuit of health and safety in the wake of an assault.

2002 is the third full year of statewide use of the VAdata system. A few comparisons with 2001:

- The number of Hotline calls from victims and survivors increased by 17%.
- The total number of individuals receiving face-to-face services increased by 9% and the amount of time spent with each individual increased, on average, 13%.
- The number of children who received services increased by 20% overall; the number of children served who were victims of sexual violence nearly doubled (from 534 in 2001 to 980 in 2002).
- There was a 14% increase in the number of families sheltered, and 1,169 families were turned away because shelters were full.
- While the overwhelming majority of perpetrators of the violence that leads victims to request services continue to be male (94% for adult victims and 90% for child victims) there is a change in the gender of victims of sexual violence receiving services. In 2001, 5% of the adult victims and 22% of the child victims served were male; in 2002, 9% of adult victims and 32% of child victims were male.

It is noticeable that the increase in the numbers of people served did not change three important pieces of data highlighted in the 2001 report:

- Relocation continues to be the most helpful strategy that victims of domestic and sexual violence have used to remove the threat of violence and/or to maintain their safety.
- The impact of the violence on their children is still the most important need that victims of domestic violence would like Domestic Violence Programs to address – followed by housing and safety concerns. For sexual assault victims, recovery from the trauma of the assault is the most important need of victims requesting services from Sexual Assault Crisis Centers, followed by helping to address the impact of the violence on their children.
- More than three quarters of sexual and domestic violence survivors turned to family and friends for help before they called a Sexual Assault Crisis Center or a Domestic Violence Program. In addition, approximately one quarter of the victims leaving shelters went to stay with family and friends.

As a result, we continue to recommend three priorities for Virginia's response to sexual and domestic violence:

- Increase options for relocation through adding shelter space, expanding low income housing options, and providing victim assistance funds to help both sexual assault survivors and domestic violence victims re-locate quickly and without financial penalties.
- Expand services to children who have been secondary victims of sexual and domestic violence (there are currently no funds in Virginia designated for these services!) and expand education programs with children of all ages to reduce the impact of trauma on children and to prevent future violence.
- Educate the public so that the family and friends that victims and survivors turn to in times of crisis are prepared to be effective "first responders" and part of an ongoing support system that helps victims to find safety and begin healing from the effects of violence in their lives.

# Overview of VAdata

By Sherrie Goggans, VAdata Project Coordinator  
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VAdata is an electronic web-based data collection system for Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers. The project was initiated in 1996 by Virginians Against Domestic Violence (VADV) and Virginians Aligned Against Sexual Assault (VAASA) with the support of Virginia state agencies, including: Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Social Services, and Department of Health.

The forms used for data collection are available for public view on the VAdata website at [www.vadata.org](http://www.vadata.org). Copies of this report are available from Virginians Against Domestic Violence and may also be downloaded from the VADV website at [www.vadv.org](http://www.vadv.org). For more information on VAdata, visit either website or contact the VADV office @ 804.377.0335 or [vadata@tni.net](mailto:vadata@tni.net).

The data in this report describe victims who receive services from Virginia Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers. Twenty-five Domestic Violence Programs, nine Sexual Assault Crisis Centers, and twenty-five combined Domestic Violence Program/Sexual Assault Crisis Centers provided data in 2002.

Data are collected from victims at the time that services are provided. Following is an overview of the types of services provided.

**Hotline:** Most victims make their initial contact through a Hotline; many rely on a Hotline as a source of support and information on an ongoing basis.

**40,340 calls (includes multiple calls from victims)**

The average length of a Hotline call is 19 minutes.  
Every day, approximately 110 victims contacted a hotline somewhere in Virginia.

**Crisis Intervention / Brief Advocacy:** These are brief, face to face contacts with victims that may occur in the courtroom, the hospital, or other community setting.

**13,657 contacts (includes multiple calls from victims)**

The average length of a crisis intervention is 2.35 hours.

**Advocacy / Legal Advocacy (Adult or Child):** Advocacy services encompass a wide variety of counseling, support, and accompaniment services provided to victims over a period of time. The number below represents the unduplicated total number of victims who received advocacy services.

**13,142 (individual, unduplicated)**

Victims received an average of 17 hours of service.

**Shelter:** Shelter is a critical service provided by many of Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers. The number below represents the unduplicated total number of women, children, and men who were sheltered.

**3,485 adults & 3,270 children (individual, unduplicated)**

Families stayed in shelter an average of 22 days.

Throughout this report, the data presented are based upon the number of contacts (Hotline or Crisis Intervention), or the number of unduplicated victims (Advocacy / Legal Advocacy / Shelter). Missing or incomplete data are excluded from analysis in this report. All numbers are rounded; therefore, percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

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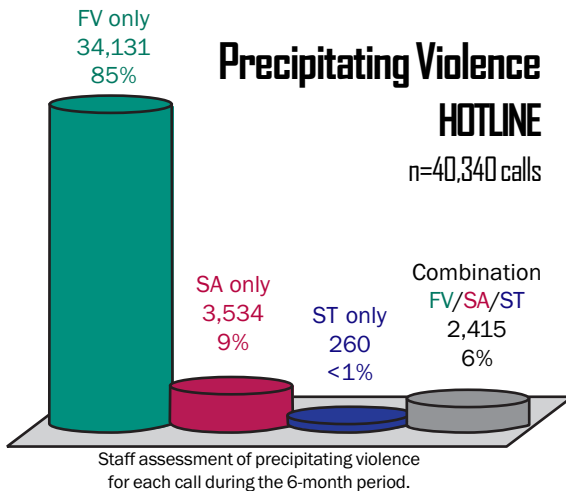
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# Violence Perpetrated Against Adults

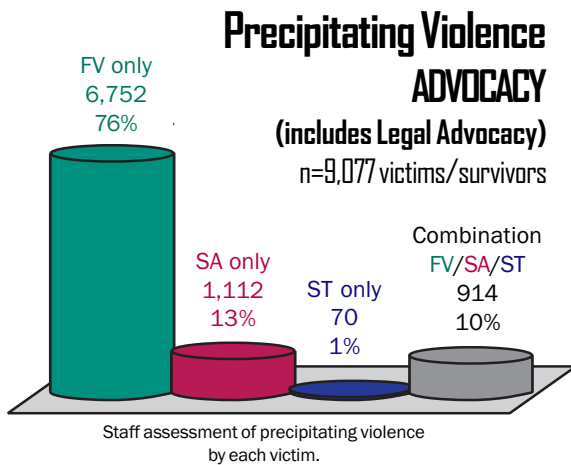
Reported to Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers



At the time services are provided, staff indicate the type of violence that led to the contact by the victim.

**FV** = Family Violence  
**SA** = Sexual Assault  
**ST** = Stalking

Staff can indicate multiple "types" of violence if, for example, a victim reports domestic violence that includes sexual violence.

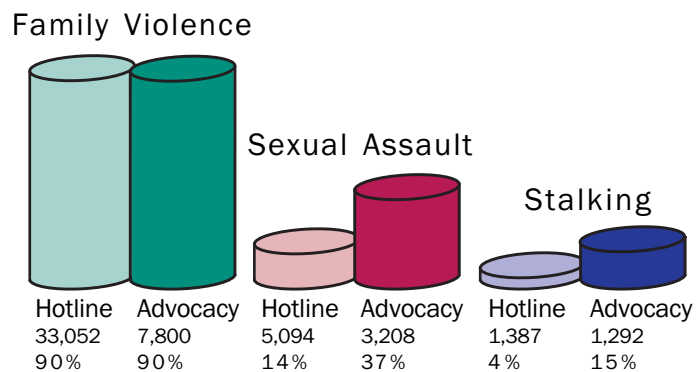


The average Hotline call lasts 19 minutes and focuses on an immediate need. Advocacy services are provided over the course of several weeks or months. Victims received an average of 17 hours of service.

Staff also assess the lifetime history of violence experienced by the victim, including abuse as a child.

## Type of Violence History

Hotline n=36,568  
Advocacy n=8,639



# Acts of Violence History

In addition to identifying the type(s) of violence perpetrated against victims, counselors/advocates were able to ask some of the individuals to whom they provided advocacy specific questions about the acts of violence perpetrated against them.

Responses were recorded for approximately 76% of victims.

n=6,706 family violence, sexual assault, and stalking victims who answered at least one question

		% Yes
❖	Has anyone ever threatened you with physical harm?	87%
❖	Have you ever sustained a physical injury?	77%
❖	Has anyone ever destroyed or threatened to destroy your property?	70%
❖	Has anyone ever threatened someone you care about?	62%
❖	Has anyone ever threatened you with a firearm or used one against you?	31%

## Risk Factors

### When the Perpetrator is the Victim's Partner

Sexual and Domestic Violence perpetrated by the partners of victims poses a unique set of risks and service needs due to the nature of the relationship and the likelihood that the perpetrator will have continued access to the victim.

Two risk factors of particular concern to counselors/advocates are the availability of weapons and threats by the perpetrators of homicide or suicide. These factors can indicate an elevated risk of serious injury or death.

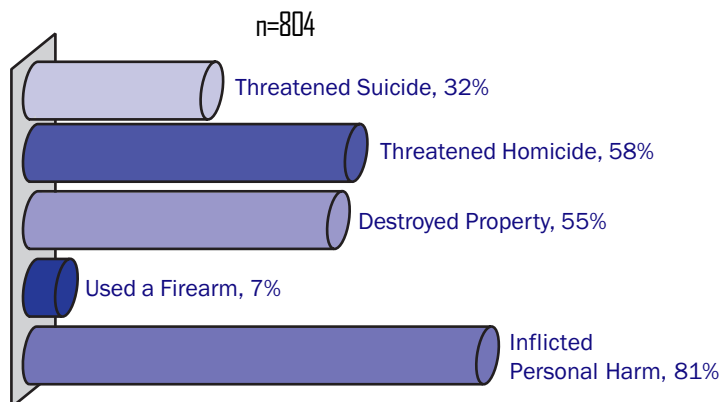
	<b>Hotline</b>	<b>Advocacy Family Violence</b>	<b>Advocacy Sexual Assault</b>	<b>Advocacy Stalking</b>
	Total=26,714 Surveyed=13,476	Total=6,152 Surveyed=4,750	Total=747 Surveyed=592	Total=407 Surveyed=376
<i>Has your partner made threats of homicide or suicide?</i>	63%	58%	62%	80%
<i>Has your partner ever threatened you with a firearm or used one against you?</i>	32%	36%	46%	49%

# Legal Issues for Adult Victims

Reported to Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers

Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers collected specific information about victim experiences with the judicial system. Agencies provide a diverse array of legal advocacy services: some offer support with criminal proceedings; others offer support with Orders of Protection and/or civil issues, including child custody, visitation, and support; a limited number of agencies have attorneys on staff. Following is an overview of victim experiences.

## Cases Where the Perpetrator was Reported to Have:



## Orders of Protection

n=1,647

### Emergency



### Preliminary



### Long-Term



## Victim Satisfaction Reports

n=622

	Family Violence	Sexual Assault	Stalking
With Magistrate response	88%	80%	92%
With Law Enforcement response	80%	78%	66%
With Prosecutor	85%	82%	78%
With Court	82%	67%	74%
With Outcome of Criminal Case	77%	68%	71%

# Violence Perpetrated Against Children

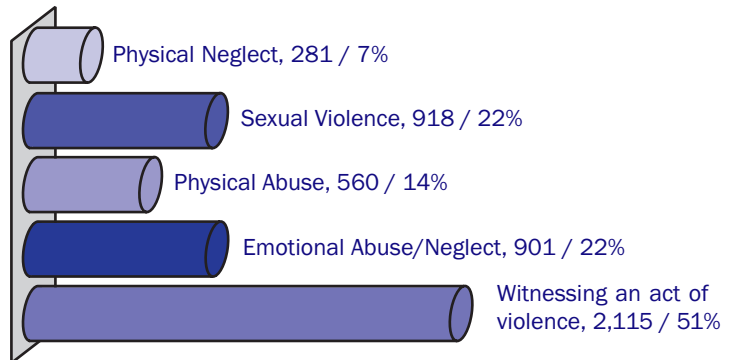
Reported to Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers

Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers provided Advocacy services to more than 4,249 children (under age 18) during the period. These children included primary victims of violence, as well as those whose parents were victims of violence. Some were sheltered, and others received services in the community. These numbers only represent those children who received specialized services; unfortunately, funding is not yet available to provide services to all children whose parents are the victims of violence.

## Child History of Violence

n=4,118

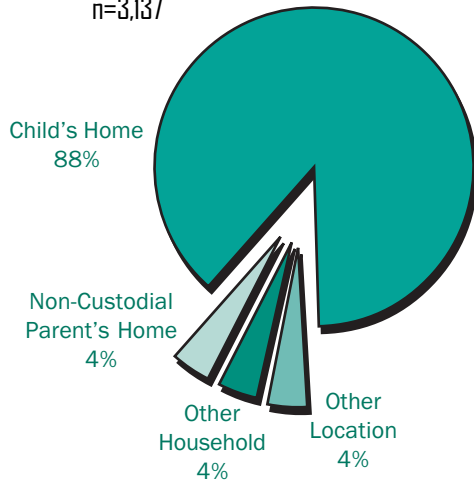
Children may have a history of more than one type of violence and therefore may be counted in more than one category.



## Location

### Family Violence

n=3,137



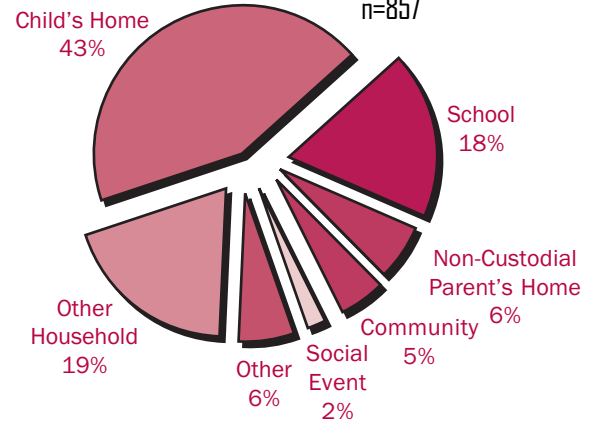
Children's counselors and advocates asked questions similar to those asked about adult victims to assess the ongoing risks to health and safety for children. These risks were reported by parents or by children themselves.

Staff also identified the location where the presenting incident of violence, abuse, or neglect occurred.

## Location

### Sexual Assault

n=857



## Risk Factors

n=3,013 children

% yes

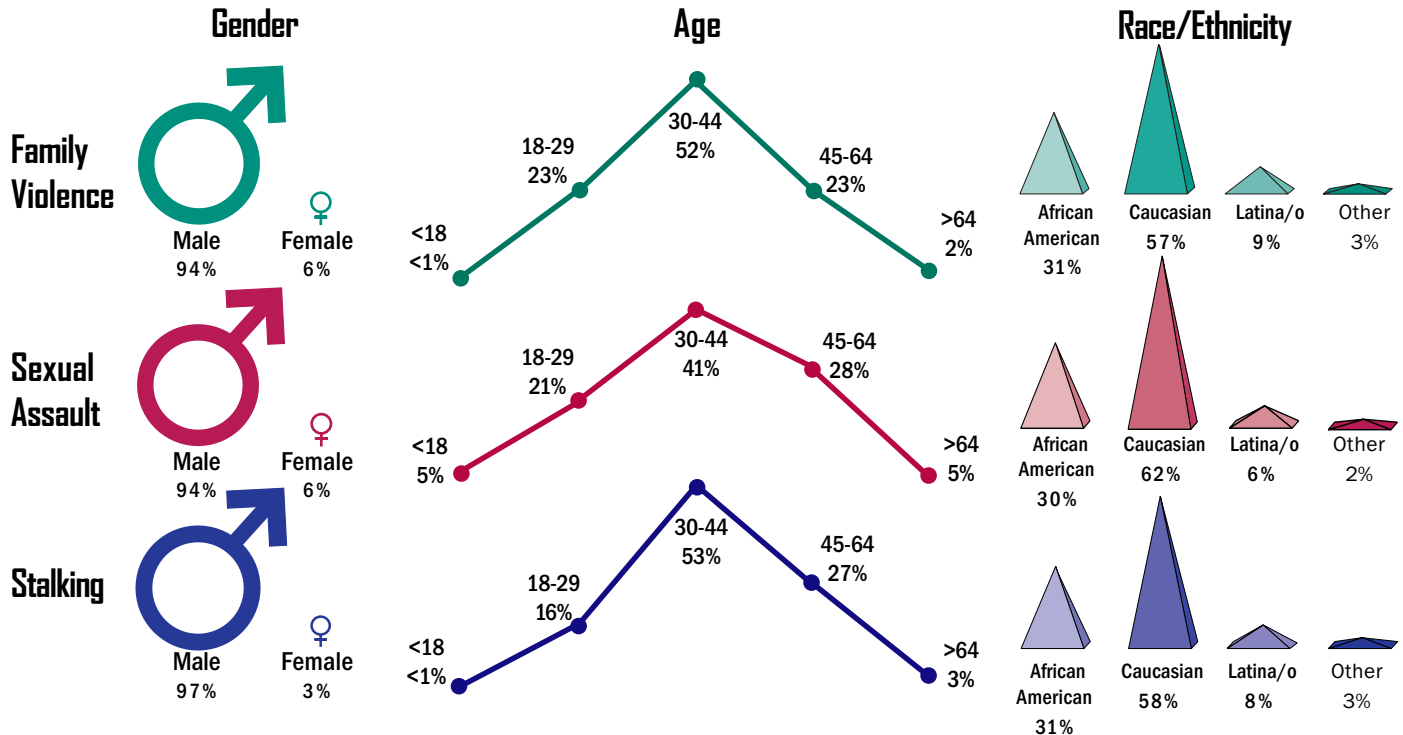
- ❖ Has the perpetrator ever threatened the child with physical harm? ❖ 36%
- ❖ Is a weapon available to the perpetrator? ❖ 31%
- ❖ Has the perpetrator threatened suicide or homicide? ❖ 31%
- ❖ Has the child been injured by the perpetrator? ❖ 23%
- ❖ Has the child ever considered suicide? ❖ 8%

# Perpetrators of Violence Against Adults

Reported to Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers

Adult victims receiving advocacy services were asked to describe the perpetrators of the violence committed against them.

## Description of Perpetrators (n=7,499)



There were notable differences in the perpetrators' relationships to their victims when considering the type of presenting incident.

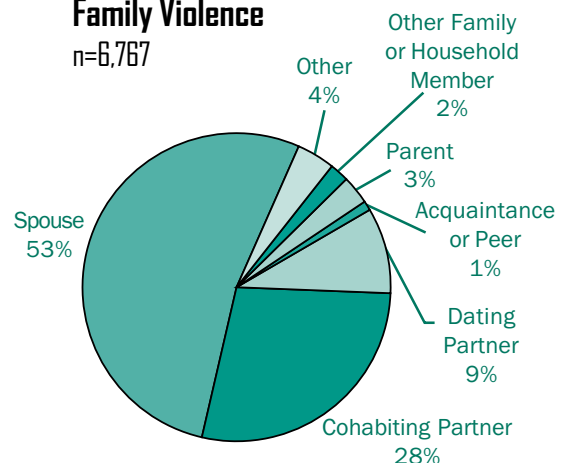
Of all victims whose perpetrators were spouses or partners, 55% of these relationships were former rather than current.

Of all victims whose perpetrators were partners, 2% were the same gender.

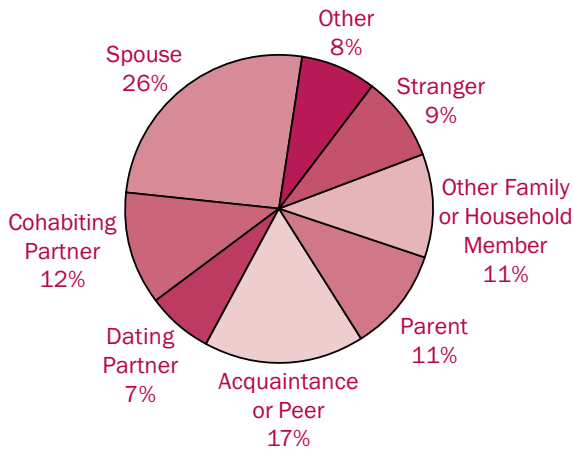
## Perpetrator Relationship to Victim

### Family Violence

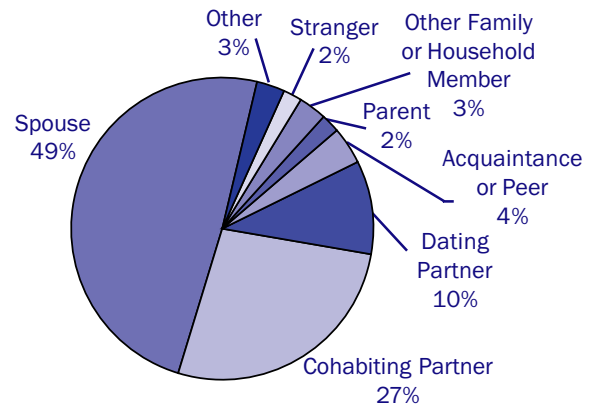
n=6,767



### Perpetrator Relationship to Victim Sexual Assault, n=1,603



### Perpetrator Relationship to Victim Stalking, n=464



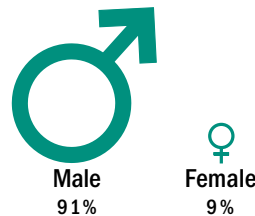
## Perpetrators of Violence Against Children

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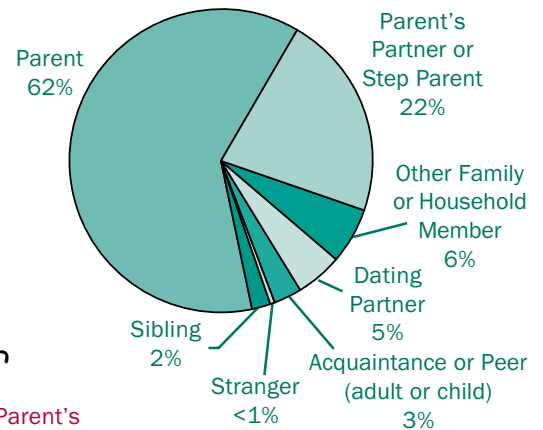
Children under age 18 receive services from Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers when they are secondary victims of violence perpetrated against their parents and when they are primary victims of family or sexual violence.

### Family Violence n=3,115

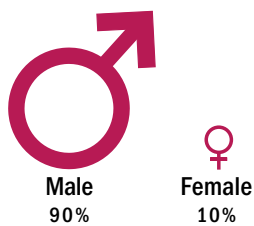
Perpetrator Gender



Relationship to Victim

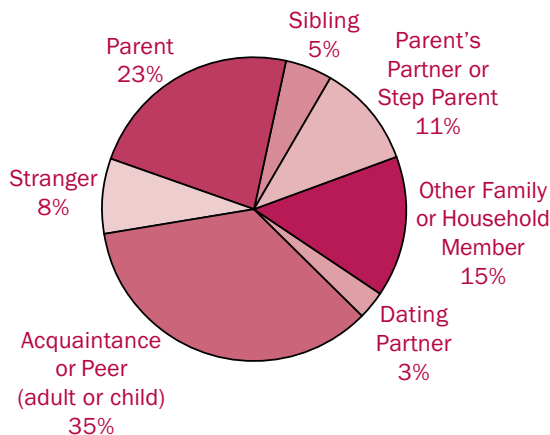


Perpetrator Gender



### Sexual Assault n=880

Relationship to Victim

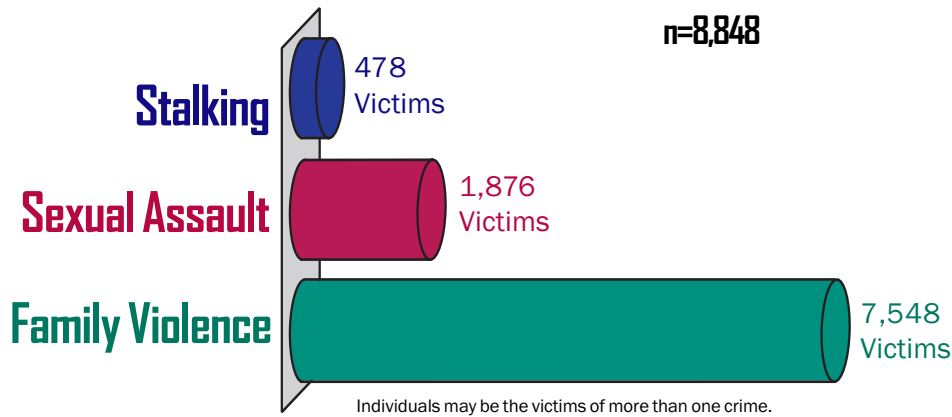


# Adult Victims of Violence

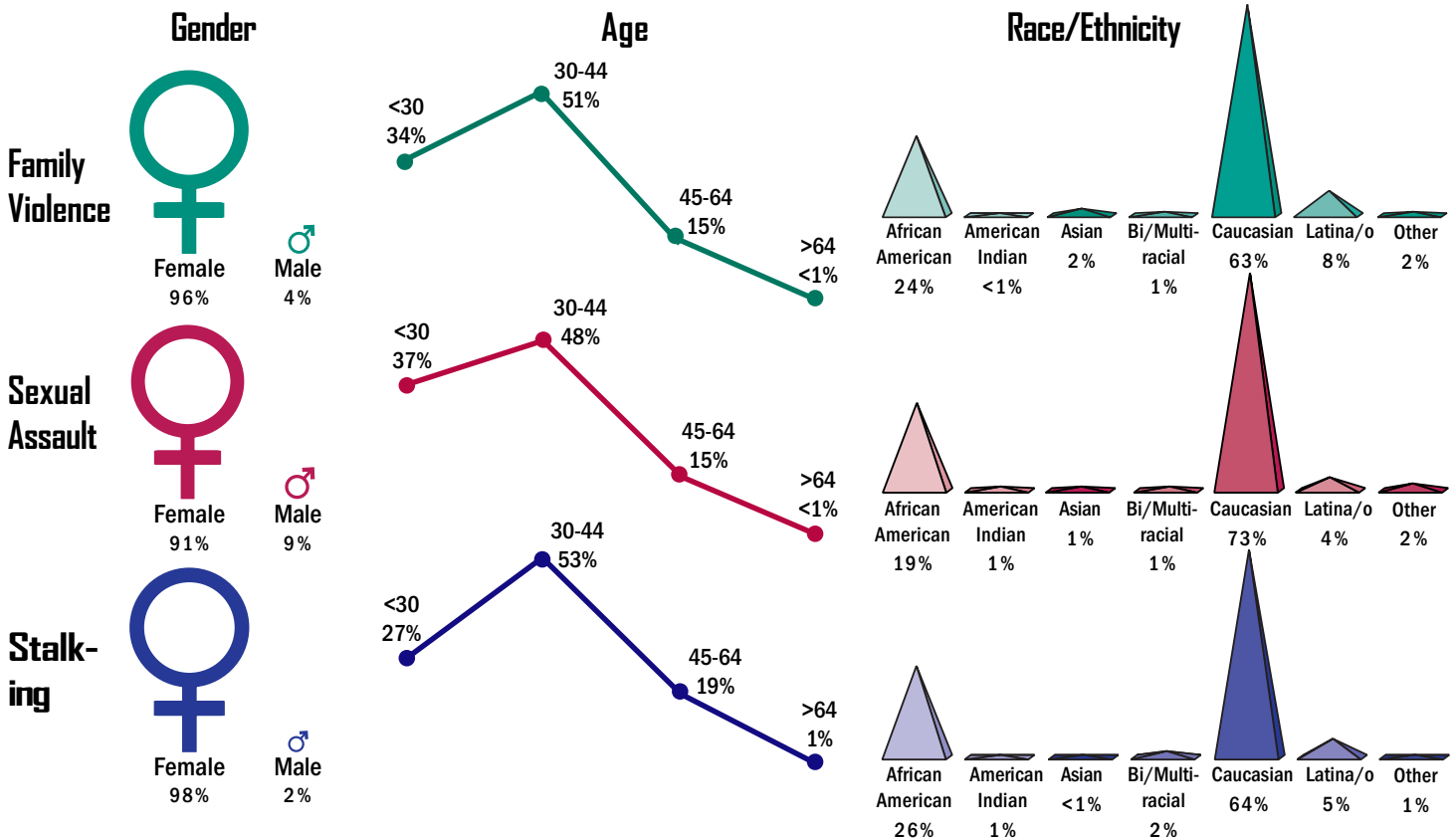
## Receiving Advocacy Services (Legal Advocacy Included)

Reported by Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs & Sexual Assault Crisis Centers

Advocacy records are unique for each individual served by a specific agency, providing a nearly unduplicated count across the Commonwealth (an individual might be a 'unique' service recipient at more than one agency).



## Description of Victims



## Adult Victims Receiving Advocacy Services (Legal Advocacy NOT Included)

Victims of sexual and domestic violence often act on their own behalf prior to and in conjunction with contacting Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers. Counselors/advocates asked victims, “What strategies have you used or are you in the process of using to remove the threat of violence and/or maintain your safety?” The most commonly used strategies include:

### Self Advocacy Family Violence

n=3,445

1. Seeking assistance from family or friends ❖ 74%
2. Relocating ❖ 53%
3. Calling Law Enforcement ❖ 43%
4. Using internal coping mechanisms ❖ 33%
5. Seeking assistance from social services ❖ 31%

### Self Advocacy Sexual Assault

n=871

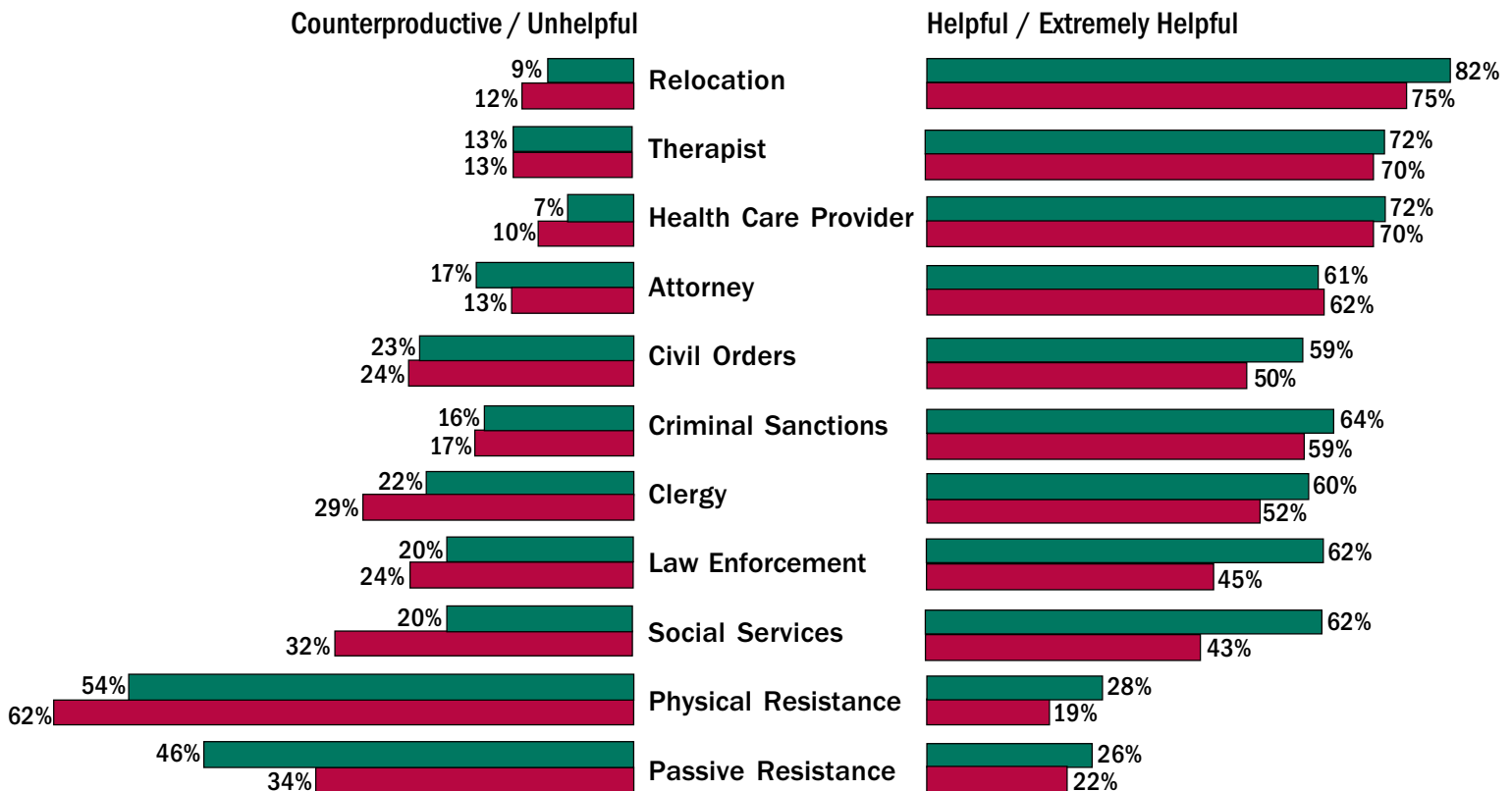
1. Seeking assistance from family or friends ❖ 80%
2. Using internal coping mechanisms ❖ 59%
3. Calling Law Enforcement ❖ 49%
4. Relocating ❖ 45%
5. Seeking Assistance from a Therapist ❖ 37%

Victims who turned to other agencies/professionals or who acted on their own behalf were asked to rate their experiences using the following scale.

1) counterproductive    2) unhelpful    3) neither helpful nor unhelpful    4) helpful    5) extremely helpful

Family Violence: ■

Sexual Assault: ■



## Victim Concerns Most Often Identified

Prompted by the question, “What problems/concerns/fears does the victim express?” counselors/advocates in Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers identify the needs of the victims, including:

**Basic Life Needs:** transportation, childcare, disability-related needs, employment, financial needs, household security, housing, safety planning, spiritual needs

**Family/Relationship Needs:** impact of violence on children, on partner, on extended family

**Health Needs:** acute injury, ongoing physical health concerns, immediate health concerns, ongoing mental health concerns

**Legal Needs:** child custody, criminal, civil, defense

**Trauma-Related Needs:** victimization and recovery

Counselors/advocates then ask victims to identify the needs they consider most important.

While the needs of family violence, sexual assault, and stalking victims are similar in many ways, there are also distinct differences.

<b>Family Violence</b>	n=4,340
1. Housing	❖ 2,457
2. Safety Planning	❖ 2,290
3. Financial needs	❖ 2,234
4. Recovery from victimization	❖ 1,979
5. Impact of violence on children	❖ 1,968

<b>Sexual Assault</b>	n=1,102
1. Recovery from victimization	❖ 712
2. Trauma of victimization	❖ 589
3. Financial needs	❖ 481
4. Impact of violence on children	❖ 437
5. Safety planning	❖ 432

<b>Stalking</b>	n=335
1. Safety Planning	❖ 239
2. Recovery from victimization	❖ 217
3. Housing	❖ 194
4. Impact of violence on children	❖ 182
5. Financial Needs	❖ 179

## Concerns Considered Most Important By Victims

<b>Family Violence</b>	n=4,340
1. Impact of violence on children	❖ 821
2. Housing	❖ 804
3. Safety Planning	❖ 634
4. Recovery from victimization	❖ 500
5. Child custody	❖ 490

<b>Sexual Assault</b>	n=1,102
1. Trauma of victimization	❖ 254
2. Recovery from victimization	❖ 199
3. Impact of violence on children	❖ 194
4. Criminal concerns regarding assault	❖ 141
5. Immediate mental health concerns	❖ 113

<b>Stalking</b>	n=335
1. Impact of violence on children	❖ 101
2. Recovery from victimization	❖ 86
3. Legal needs regarding child custody	❖ 75
4. Safety Planning	❖ 59
5. Ongoing physical health concerns	❖ 59

# Child Victims of Violence

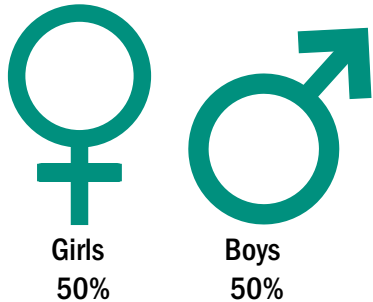
## Receiving Advocacy Services

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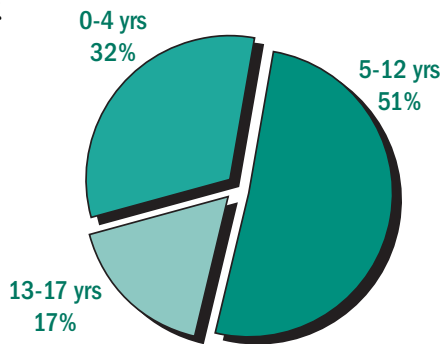
### Family Violence

n=3,431

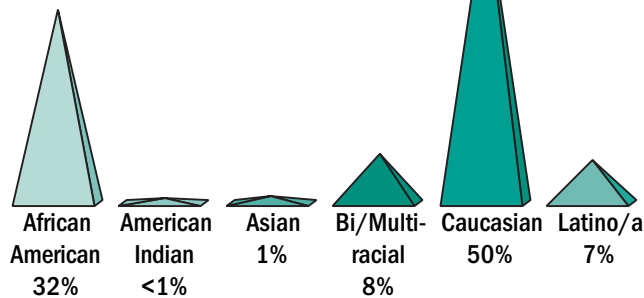
#### Gender



#### Age



#### Race/Ethnicity

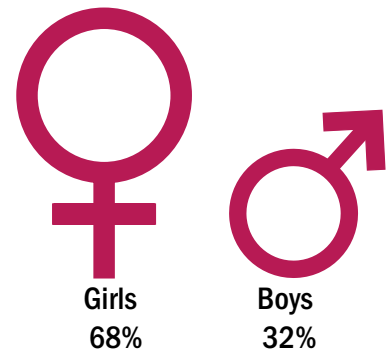


3% of children were reported to have special needs due to physical or mental disabilities.

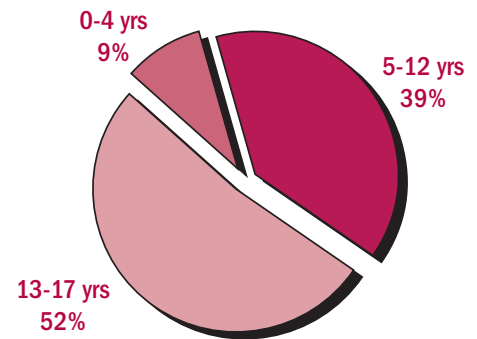
### Sexual Assault

n=880

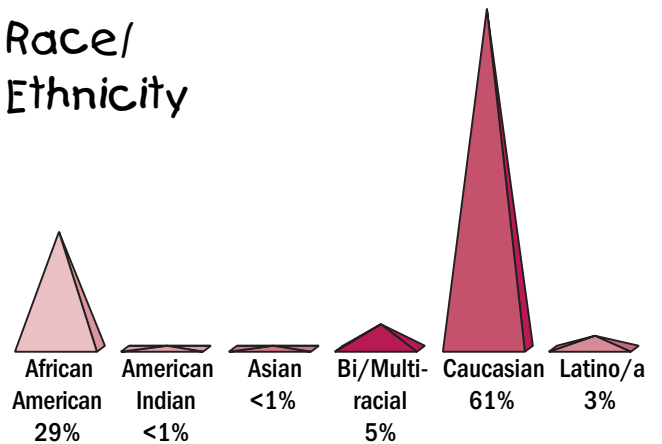
#### Gender



#### Age



#### Race/Ethnicity



5% of children were reported to have special needs due to physical or mental disabilities.

# Services Provided

By Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers

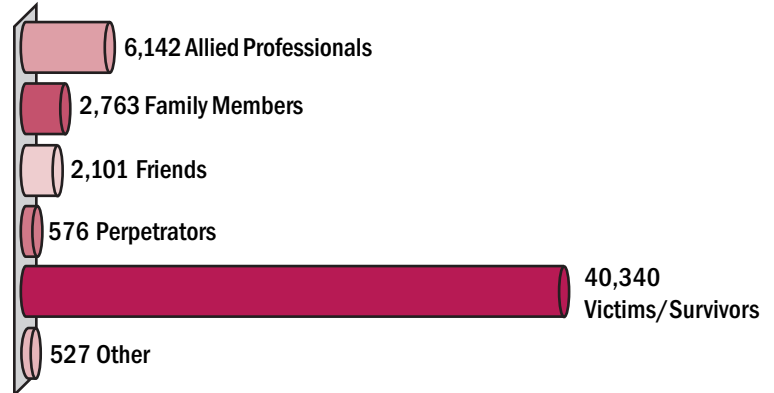
## Hotline

Hotlines are a critical point of contact for victims of sexual and domestic violence as well as their friends and family members and allied professionals. Professional calls are only considered "Hotline" calls when they relate to victims in crisis.

Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers responded to 52,449 callers whose issues included family violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Advocates responded to an additional 28,399 callers who had other types of issues.

On average, advocates responded to 221 Hotline calls daily.

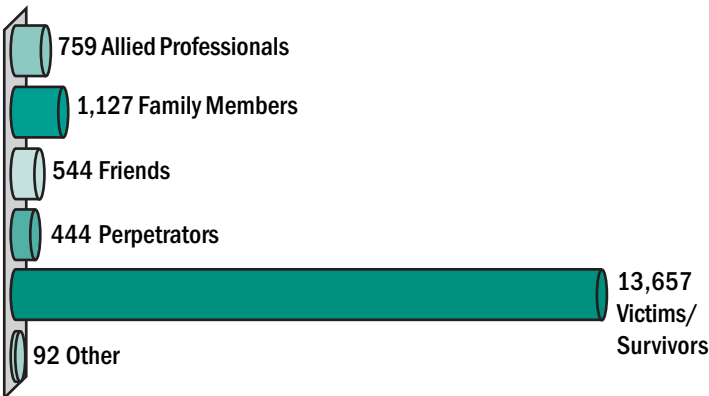
### FV/SA/ST Services Provided To:



## Brief Crisis Intervention Contacts

Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers have many brief, face-to-face contacts with victims, friends and family of victims, and allied professionals who are working with victims in crisis. These contacts may not lend themselves to the extensive record-keeping involved in the provision of ongoing advocacy. Similar to the hotline, Programs and Centers keep a set of records on the services provided, rather than the individual receiving services.

### FV/SA/ST Services Provided To:



### Types of Services Provided:

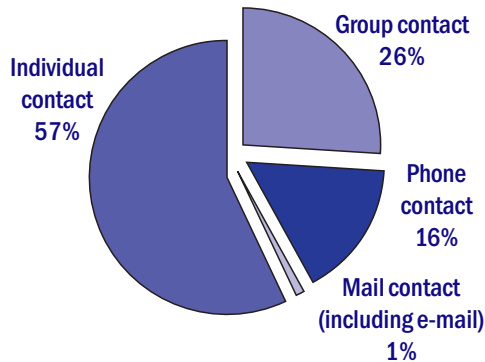
### Total # of Contacts

	FV	SA
Crisis Intervention	5,868	2,114
Advocacy/Counseling/Support	7,543	3,192
Shelter/Safe House Arranged	1,369	217
Emergency Financial Assistance	937	185
Safety Planning	5,705	903
Assistance with Victim Compensation Claims	218	134
Information & Referral	10,496	2,349
Criminal Justice Information and Support	4,869	1,081
Accompaniment / Companion Services	4,596	926
Other Advocacy Support	2,463	649

# Advocacy for Adults

Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers provided 103,882 hours of advocacy services to family violence victims, 26,220 hours of advocacy services to sexual assault victims, and 18,672 hours of advocacy services to stalking victims between January and December 2002.

## Forms of Contact:



## Services Most Often Provided

### Family Violence

n=5,453

1. Educational Services ❖ 77%
2. Advocacy/Counseling/Support ❖ 73%
3. Safety Planning ❖ 59%
4. Crisis Intervention ❖ 58%
5. System Advocacy ❖ 49%
6. Financial Advocacy Services ❖ 42%

### Sexual Assault

n=1,671

1. Advocacy/Counseling/Support ❖ 76%
2. Educational Services ❖ 75%
3. Crisis Intervention ❖ 64%
4. System Advocacy ❖ 50%
5. Safety Planning ❖ 40%
6. Mental Health Advocacy ❖ 30%

### Stalking

n=370

1. Educational Services ❖ 84%
2. Advocacy/Counseling/Support ❖ 82%
3. Crisis Intervention ❖ 75%
4. Safety Planning ❖ 67%
5. System Advocacy ❖ 66%
6. Financial Advocacy Services ❖ 55%

## Number of Victims Served

Family Violence	5,453
Sexual Assault	1,671
Stalking	370

## Advocacy Services Included:

**Accompaniment** - Acting as an informed and supportive companion as services are delivered in the health care, social service, or criminal/civil justice systems.

**Advocacy/Counseling/Support** - Counseling and support delivered in a safe and confidential environment by trained counselor/advocates.

**Crisis Intervention** - Addressing a specific crisis in the aftermath of an assault.

**Education** - Teaching about the dynamics of violence, the impact of trauma and/or the context of violence.

**Financial Advocacy** - Providing credit counseling, housing assistance, help filing for Crime Victim's Compensation or other economic support services.

**Information & Referral** - Informing victims about community resources and assisting in connecting with them.

**Mental Health Advocacy** - Providing clinical services or coordinating those services in the community.

**Safety Planning** - Planning and action to meet a specific victim's safety needs.

**System Advocacy** - Actively helping victims to obtain what they need in community "systems" including the criminal justice, health care, social service, and other systems.

**Transportation** - Transporting victims and their children to access community services and/or safety.

**Legal/Court Advocacy for Adults** - In addition to the broad array of services above, advocates provided 29,929 hours of Legal/Court Advocacy to 2,961 victims. Services may have included: accompaniment, legal representation, and support and information for victims as they explored their legal options in both civil and criminal cases.

## Advocacy for Children

During the year 2002, 4,249 children received services from Virginia Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers.

### Children Receiving Services

#### Family Violence

n=3,487

703

2,710

338

174

1,767

2,055

1,798

TOTAL HOURS  
Individual: 30,066  
Group: 37,829

### Services

#### Academic:

School enrollment, on-site education, tutoring

#### Counseling/advocacy:

Therapy, support groups, family counseling

#### Legal:

Accompaniment, representation, education

#### Medical:

Accompaniment, education

#### Recreation:

Play groups, field trips, special events

#### Skills Development:

Conflict resolution, communication, independent living, stress management, safety planning

#### System Advocacy:

Actively helping victims to obtain what they need in community "systems" including the criminal justice, health care, social service, and other systems.

### Children Receiving Services

#### Sexual Assault

n=985

224

854

235

91

177

627

705

TOTAL HOURS  
Individual: 5,281  
Group: 5,444

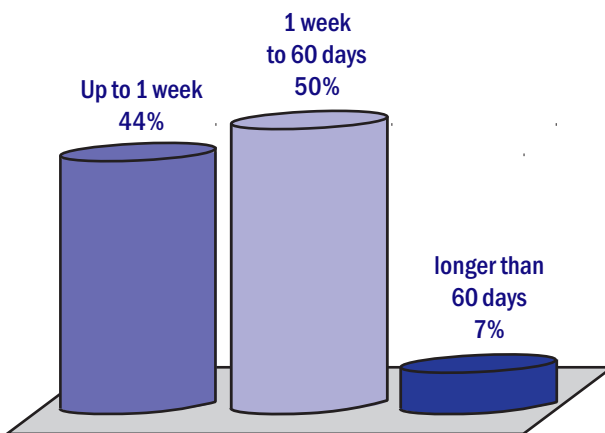
## Shelter

Shelter is a critical, life-saving service provided by many of Virginia’s Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers.

During 2002, shelter was provided for 3,596 families. An additional 1,169 families requested shelter, but the shelter they contacted was “full.”

### Length of Shelter Stay

n=3,583 families



Virginia Domestic Violence Shelters provided shelter to an average of 448 women, children, and men each night during the year 2002.

A total of 163,343 nights of shelter were provided to adults and children who were victims of family violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

3,583 families exited shelter during this time period.

Although many families (23%) leave shelter without informing staff of their future plans, the data about future plans for the remainder illuminate the needs of families post-shelter.

### Family Plans at Shelter Exit

n=3,583 families

Stay with friends/relatives	❖ 23%
Self-supported new housing	❖ 14%
Return home to abuser	❖ 8%
Enter other shelter	❖ 9%
Return home, abuser no longer present	❖ 6%
Leave area	❖ 7%
Transitional housing	❖ 5%
Other	❖ 5%
Plans Unknown	❖ 23%

# Technical Notes

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VAdata was implemented for statewide use on October 1, 1999. Data are only from victims who used the services of Domestic Violence Programs or Sexual Assault Crisis Centers during the report period. *These victims represent only a fraction of the total victims of sexual and domestic violence in Virginia.*

All state-funded Domestic Violence Programs participated, and 95% of state-funded Sexual Assault Crisis Centers participated in VAdata during the report period. Of those agencies who participated, some chose not to report on all services provided.

All numbers in this report are rounded for simplicity.

Very few fields on the data collection forms are required by users. As a result, there are few fields where a 100% response rate was included in this report. Throughout the report, the response rates are included for the particular fields represented. A lack of response does not imply that the information was unknown; where there is no response, the information is considered to be incomplete.

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For more information about domestic violence program services in Virginia, contact VADV (see above).

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The Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline at 1.800.838.8238 (v/tty) offers confidential, 24-hour support, information, and referrals to victims of sexual and domestic violence, as well as their friends, family members, and the professionals who support them. The Hotline is a joint project of VADV and VAASA.

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# VAdata Partners

Virginia's innovative and comprehensive data collection system, VAdata, has been made possible through the vision, hard work, and resources of:

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- The Virginians Against Domestic Violence and Virginians Aligned Against Sexual Assault Boards of Directors and staff.

Abuse Alternatives, Bristol

ACTS\*Turning Points, Dumfries

Alexandria Domestic Violence Program, Alexandria

Amherst County Commission Against Domestic Violence, Amherst

Arlington Community Temporary Shelter, Arlington

Avalon: A Center for Women & Children, Williamsburg

Bedford Domestic Violence Services, Bedford

The Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, Hampton

Citizens Against Family Violence, Martinsville

Citizens Against Sexual Assault, Harrisonburg

Council on Domestic Violence in Page County, Luray

The Crisis Center, Bristol

Domestic Violence Emergency Services, Danville

Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Onancock

Fairfax County Domestic Abuse Program, Reston

Family Crisis Services/Victims of Sexual Assault Program, Tazewell

Family Crisis Support Services, Norton

Family Resource Center, Inc., Wytheville

Family Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention Program, Emporia

First Step, Harrisonburg

Franklin County Family Resource Center, Rocky Mount

Genieve Shelter, Suffolk

Hanover Domestic Violence Resource Center, Ashland

Haven Shelter and Services, Inc., Warsaw

Help and Emergency Response, Portsmouth

Hope House of Scott County, Gate City

James House Intervention/Prevention Services, Hopewell

Laurel Shelter, Inc., Gloucester

Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, Leesburg

New Directions, Inc., Staunton

People, Inc.'s Domestic Violence Program, Grundy

Piedmont Crisis Center, Farmville

Powhatan-Goochland Domestic Violence Program, Powhatan

Project Hope, Charles City

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Response, Woodstock

Safe Harbor, Richmond

Safehome Systems, Covington

Samaritan House, Virginia Beach

Services to Abused Families, Culpeper

Sexual Assault Resource Agency, Charlottesville

Sexual Assault Response Program, Lynchburg

Sexual Assault Response and Awareness, Alexandria

Sexual Assault Victim's Advocacy Services, Woodbridge

Shelter for Abused Women, Winchester

Shelter for Help in Emergency, Charlottesville

Total Action Against Poverty - Women's Resource Center, Roanoke

Transitions Family Violence Services, Hampton

Turning Point (The Salvation Army), Roanoke

Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline

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Virginians Aligned Against Sexual Assault

Warren County Council on Domestic Violence, Front Royal

Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, Radford

YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center, Lynchburg

YWCA Women in Crisis Program, Norfolk

YWCA Women's Advocacy Program, Richmond

VAdata is a data collection system for Virginia's Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers. This report highlights the calendar year 2002 data from 59 participating agencies (50 providing domestic violence services and 34 providing sexual assault services). Between January 1 and December 31, these agencies provided at least:

- 116,178 hours of group and individual counseling to adult victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- 24 hour intervention and referrals in response to 80,848 hotline calls
- 76,855 hours of counseling and advocacy to children
- 163,343 nights of shelter to women, children, and men

The enclosed report includes a brief summary of data describing the sexual and domestic violence experienced by adults and children seeking services from Domestic Violence Programs and Sexual Assault Crisis Centers, the perpetrators of that violence, the strategies victims used to try to escape and heal from the violence, and the services victims received.

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