

Domestic Violence Program

Family Law Article § 4-516(a)

MSAR # 8611
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December 18, 2014

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Governor O'Malley:

As required under Family Law Article § 4-516(a) and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, please accept this letter as fulfillment of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) requirement to produce an annual report on the Domestic Violence Program. Enclosed is the required report.

The report details a summary of agencies funded under this program. The State provided over \$2 million in funding assistance to local jurisdictions to assist in developing and implementing strategies that aid victims of domestic violence. Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact my office at (410) 821-2828.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy M. Brown".

Tammy Brown
Executive Director

Enclosure

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) is a part of the Executive Branch of State Government. GOCCP's mission is to serve as the State Administering Agency in the application for, and administration of, federal and state funds for public safety, crime control and prevention; and to coordinate and promote public safety linkages and partnerships between and among federal, state and local agencies. The office is Maryland's one stop shop for resources to improve public safety and exists to educate, connect, and empower Maryland's citizens and public safety entities through innovative funding, strategic planning, crime data analysis, best practices research, and results-oriented customer service.

During the 2011 Legislative Session, the Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR) proposed legislation to transfer the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis/Sexual Assault Programs, to GOCCP. This transfer became effective July 1, 2011 thru the passage of HB 739.

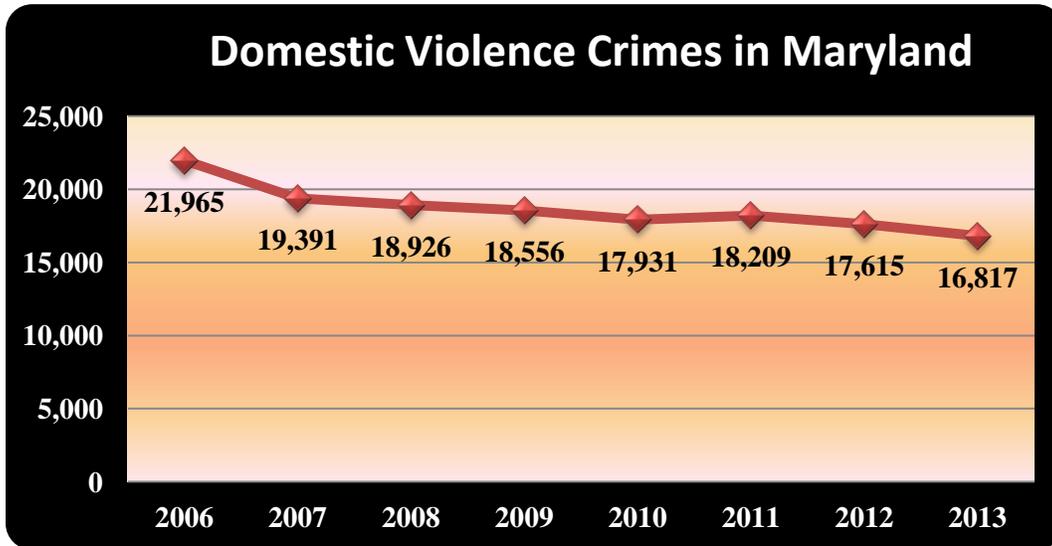
The Maryland Domestic Violence Program is a statewide program that makes temporary shelter environments and supportive services available through a network of local domestic violence services programs. These programs provide comprehensive services to meet the specific needs of domestic violence victims and their families. Providing these services locally increases the likelihood that victims will benefit from these services and that there shall be appropriate linkages to other community based services as needed. Additionally, provision of services fosters a coordinated community approach to serving domestic violence victims that includes partnerships with law enforcement, courts, hospitals, local departments of social services, and other related support agencies.

Services are provided through a network of community based domestic violence programs and are available in every jurisdiction in Maryland. These funds are used to provide safe refuge and support services to victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include 24-hour hotline, safe accommodations and board, therapeutic counseling, legal counseling, and court accompaniment. Funds are also used to support community awareness activities and abuser intervention services. Currently, funds support services in all 24 jurisdictions in Maryland. These programs consist of private and non-profit agencies as well as governmental agencies.

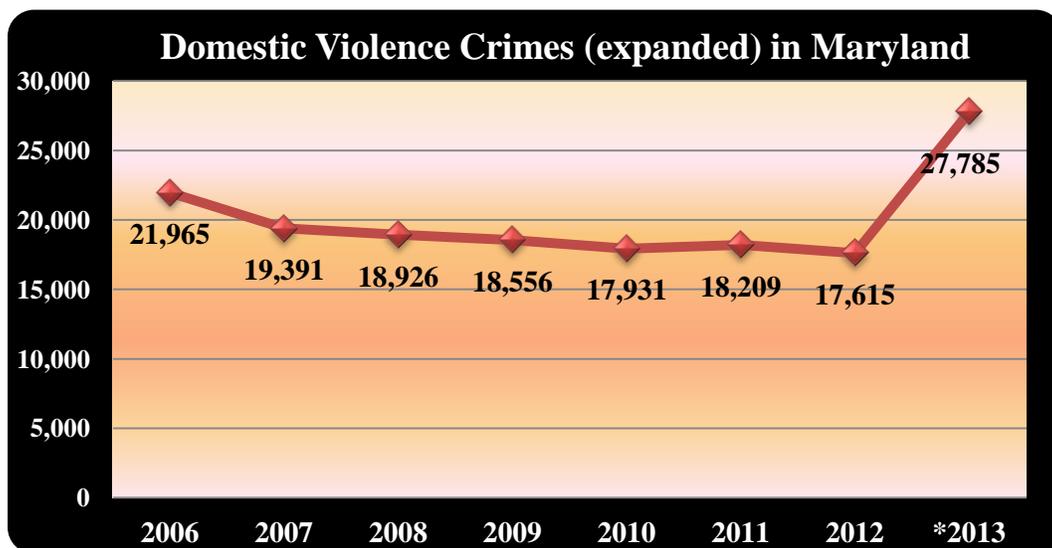
All domestic violence programs funded must provide specialized services that reflect awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of underserved populations and implement their programs in accordance with State and Federal regulations or guidelines. Un-served and underserved victim populations targeted for outreach and services include; individuals with mental health issues and substance abuse issues, older adults, individuals with disabilities, ethnic or racial groups - especially people with limited English proficiency, immigrants, people in same-sex relationships, teens, military families, male victims, and individuals and families living in rural areas of the State where access to services may be limited. Each program develops and implements a plan for outreach to and engagement of underserved populations. While GOCCP requires all domestic violence programs to identify and provide services to un-served and underserved populations, it does not require the programs to adopt one standard approach for outreach and intervention. Programs develop and implement their own outreach efforts as defined by their understanding of the specific needs of their respective jurisdictions.

A Glance at Domestic Violence Crimes in Maryland

- As of October 7, 2013, we have driven down domestic violence homicides in Maryland by 12.9% (Source: Daily Report).
- We've driven down domestic violence crimes by 23.4% since 2006.



- Please note that in 2013, domestic violence data reporting was expanded to include additional relationships and reflect the changes in Maryland Law. This change explains the increase in the total number of Domestically Related Crimes reported. It should also be noted that “Intimate partner” refers to a victim who had a sexual relationship with the suspect within 12 months before the commission of the crime.

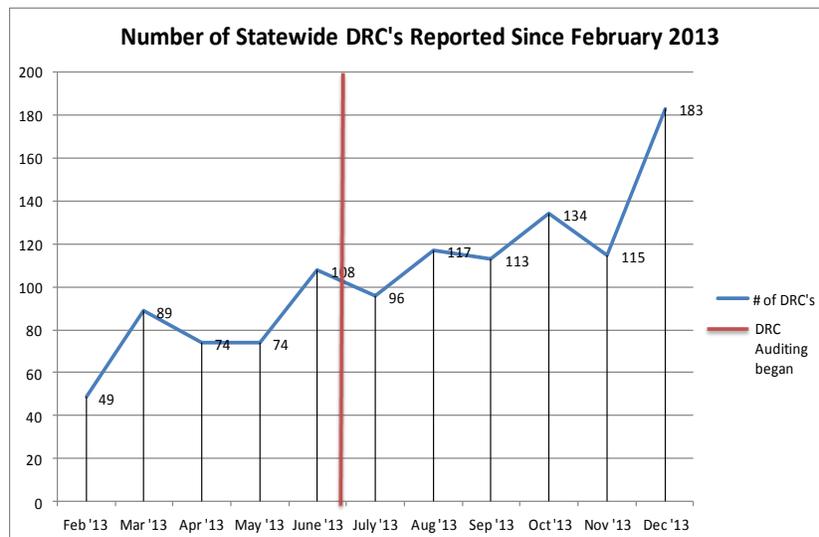


Domestically Related Crimes

In 2012, HB1146/SB647 “Domestically Related Crimes” was signed into law to help improve the recording and tracking of domestic violence crimes. Maryland does not have a distinct crime of domestic violence, therefore, the new law helps law enforcement, advocates, prosecutors and judges better protect domestic violence victims and set more appropriate conditions for abusers. To better align with Maryland Law, the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program expanded the definition of domestic violence to include ten additional relationships in calendar year 2013.

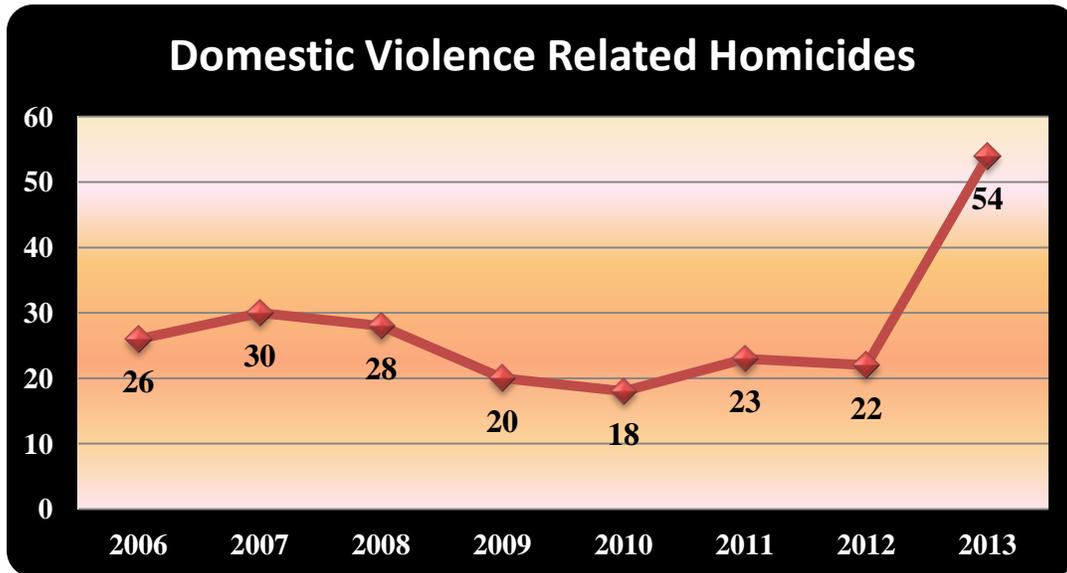
Prior to 2013, the only reported relationships between domestic violence victims and offenders were husband, wife and cohabitant. The title of the reporting program was also changed to the Maryland Domestically Related Crime Reporting Program. Based on the previous definition of domestic violence, there were a total of 16,817 domestic violence crimes reported statewide in 2013, as compared to 17,615 crimes in 2012. This represented a 4.5 percent decrease in the number of domestic violence crimes. Due to the improved recording and tracking made possible by the 2012 legislation, an additional 10,968 domestically related crimes were reported in 2013, representing the inclusion of more types of domestic relationships.

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has created a special Domestically Related Crime “hot file” on Maryland’s Criminal Justice Dashboard so that whenever a police officer searches an offender’s name through the Dashboard, the officer will receive an alert if that offender’s name is in the Domestically Related Crime “hot file”. Since January 1, 2013, 527 offenders have been adjudicated by the court as having committed domestically related crimes. This finding is noted on their RAP sheets. This number is expected to increase in the future as more prosecutors and judges become familiar with the new law.



In 2013, the Maryland State Police (MSP) modified its data collection to specifically record domestically related crimes. GOCCP and the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC) are working closely with the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to ensure the reporting process is progressing efficiently. DPSCS added an alert to the Dashboard for domestically related offenders, so police officers searching the Dashboard know if an offender is on the Domestically Related Crime hot

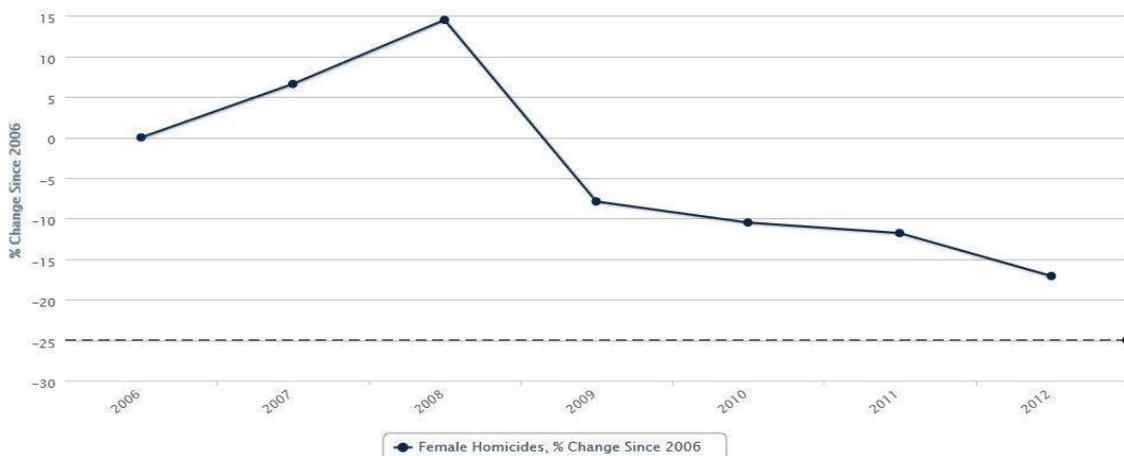
file. The increase in the total number of Domestic Violence Related Homicide data therefore appears “inflated” due to the newly incorporated reporting methodology.

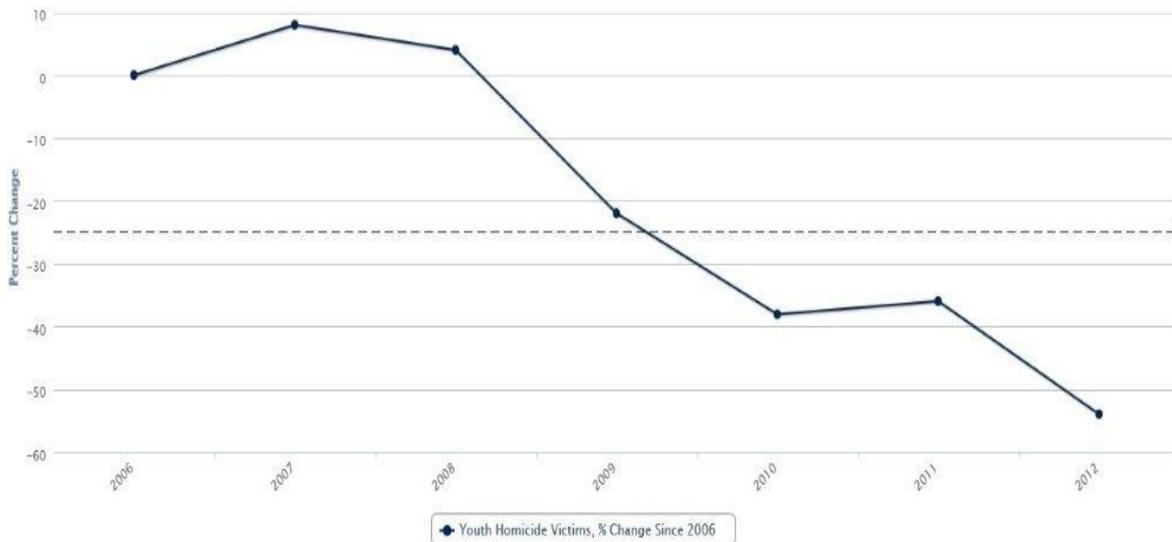


The State of Maryland set a strategic policy goal to reduce Violent Crimes Committed Against Women and Children by 25% by the end of 2012.

- In 2012, we drove down female homicides 17.1% from 76 victims in 2006 to 63 victims.
- In 2012, we drove down juvenile homicides 54% from 50 victims in 2006 to 23 victims.
- Combined, we surpassed our goal last year driving down female and juvenile homicides by 32.5% since 2006.

** UCR 2013 data reflects the change in Maryland Law as mentioned above, and has not been broken down by category to reflect any additional information as shown below.*





Although Maryland does not have a separate crime of domestic violence; due to new legislation effective October 1, 2012; State's Attorneys can now request on the record that domestic violence crimes upon conviction be recorded so the State can better track these cases going forward. This new legislation provides for better offender accountability, in that repeat domestic violence perpetrators are no longer anonymous to the system; and also provides greater system accountability, in that the law creates a new level of accountability for prosecutors, judges, supervising agencies, and law enforcement agencies to increase victim safety. Prosecutors are better equipped to advocate on behalf of victims and public safety, while judges are able to determine sentences with improved data on criminal records.

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, Maryland is ranked 18th in terms of Hotline call volume. Based on the previous definition of domestic violence, there were a total of 16,817 domestic violence crimes reported statewide in 2013, as compared to 17,615 crimes in 2012. This represents a 4.5 percent decrease in the number of domestic violence crimes. Due to the improved recording and tracking made possible by the 2012 legislation, an additional 10,968 domestically related crimes were reported in 2013, representing the inclusion of more types of domestic relationships. See Attachment F. This represents a 3% decrease compared to 2011, and a 23.5% overall decrease from 2006 (Uniform Crime Report).

Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)

The State of Maryland has implemented the Lethality Assessment Program-Maryland Model (LAP), which integrates an evidence-based screening instrument with an accompanying protocol to identify those victims of intimate partner domestic violence that are at the greatest risk of being killed, at the scene of a call for service, and to connect them immediately to the local domestic violence program. Maryland is a national leader for using the lethality assessments to prevent domestic violence.¹ It is a first-of-its-kind initiative in the United States, was created in Maryland, and has won national recognition. The LAP is a two-pronged intervention process that features a research-based lethality screening tool and accompanying protocol referral that provides direction for law enforcement,

¹ [“Vice President Joe Biden extols Maryland as Domestic Violence Prevention Model”](#) Capital News Service, March 2013

medical personnel, clergy, social workers, and others to initiate appropriate action based on the results of the screening process. The LAP was recognized by Harvard University's Ash Institute as one of the "Top 50" Innovations in American Government programs in 2008.

GOCCP has awarded more than \$2 million in federal and state grants to implement LAP programs across the state. As of October 2014, 100% of Maryland's 109 law enforcement agencies and 100% of the 20 comprehensive domestic violence programs in Maryland have been trained and are implementing the LAP. This includes the Baltimore Police Department (BPD), which uses lethality assessments in all nine police districts. LAP is the only program of its kind in the nation that makes use of a screening tool with an accompanying response and referral protocol. Additionally, GOCCP is funding the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) to train staff within the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), the Department of Human Resources (DHR), and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) to strategically implement LAP. This project began in January 2013, and MNADV has drafted policies with each agency. Implementation began in the spring of 2014. In 2013, 12,751 lethality assessments were administered using the MNADV model. In addition to the LAPs administered by law enforcement first responders, during 2013 an additional 249 LAPs were initiated by domestic violence programs from victim-initiated calls, 1,007 initiated following Temporary Protective Order (TPO)/Interim Protective Order (IPO) hearings, and 341 initiated by hospitals, all using the MNADV model. Since its creation, jurisdictions in 32 states including Maryland are currently using LAP.

In addition, a focus has been centered on expanding LAP use in Prince George's County. All 30 law enforcement agencies in Prince George's County have committed to using lethality assessments and partnering with the Prince George's County Family Crisis Center. As part of this process, over 2,000 police officers received specialized training. These agencies include:

- Prince George's County Police Department
- Prince George's County Sheriff's Office
- All 24 of the municipal police departments in the County
- Maryland Capital Park Police of Prince George's County
- University of Maryland Police Department
- Bowie University Police Department
- Prince George's Community College Police Department

Hospital-Based Domestic Violence Programs

The University of Maryland Medical System Foundation program is Maryland's tenth hospital-based domestic violence program to identify victims at an early stage in the cycle of domestic violence and extend comprehensive services to prevent future physical and emotional injury. These programs provide screening and documentation of abuse, mandated reporting, crisis intervention, safety planning, emotional support, dangerous assessments, and referrals to resources in the community, such as shelters and counseling. These programs also assist hospitals in training their medical staff on recognizing domestic violence and proper screening procedures. Screening programs are likely to decrease hospitalizations, workplace costs and liability, misdiagnosis, and the high-cost of specialty care. In addition, hospital staff are more likely to screen all patients for abuse when identification of abuse results in a simple in-house referral. In FY2014, GOCCP provided over \$650,000 to the expansion of these programs:

- Anne Arundel Medical Center

- Mercy Medical Center
- Sinai Hospital
- Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC)
- Meritus Medical Center
- Prince George's County Hospital
- Northwest Hospital
- Howard County General Hospital
- MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- University of Maryland Medical System

Violent Offender Warrant Initiative

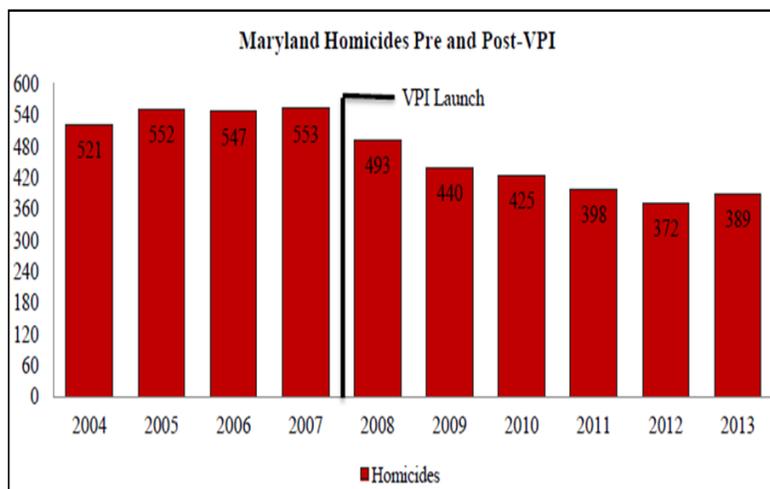
Maryland set in motion an intensified effort to arrest violent offenders wanted on open arrest warrants in Baltimore City and Prince George's County. GOCCP provided the funding for multi-agency teams of local and state law enforcement officers who worked collaboratively to aggressively target and apprehend violent offenders who pose a threat to the safety and security of our neighborhoods. As a result, 1,169 individuals were arrested for charges including murder, rape, sexual assault, child abuse, robbery and aggravated assault. 257 detainees were placed against suspects found to be already incarcerated.

Specialized Caseloads for Domestic Violence Offenders on Parole and Probation

DPSCS's Community Supervision Enforcement Program monitors offenders on home detention and operates the Warrant Apprehension Unit to bring in offenders who have violated the terms of their supervision. The Community Supervision division manages domestic violence cases in dedicated caseloads (solely domestic violence) and concentrated caseloads (domestic violence and mixed cases) in each county in the state.

Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI)

The Violence Prevention Initiative uses a data driven risk assessment tool to identify offenders with a high propensity for committing future violent crime. VPI is designed to identify and track the state's most violent offenders. In 2013, 1,074 warrants were cleared on VPI offenders. The intensive supervision VPI provides has impacted the state's murder rate. Since VPI was launched in 2007, the number of homicides in Maryland has dropped significantly.



A two-year study conducted by the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC) found that VPI has effectively contained the state's most violent offenders, compared to the former system that supervised offenders released on parole/mandatory release.

VINE Protective Order (VPO)

The MD VINE Protective Order (VPO) is a free automated notification system service that allows petitioners to be notified by telephone or email when a protective order has been served. It provides protective order case information to petitioners, victim advocates, and law enforcement. The time immediately after a protective order has been served can be dangerous for the petitioning victim. Knowing when the order has been served can be vital. VPO is a free automated service that notifies the petitioner, victim advocates, and law enforcement when a protective order has been served and keeps them informed throughout the order process. In 2013, VPO notified 3,466 petitioners when protective orders were served. A notice about VPO has now been placed on interim and temporary protective orders.

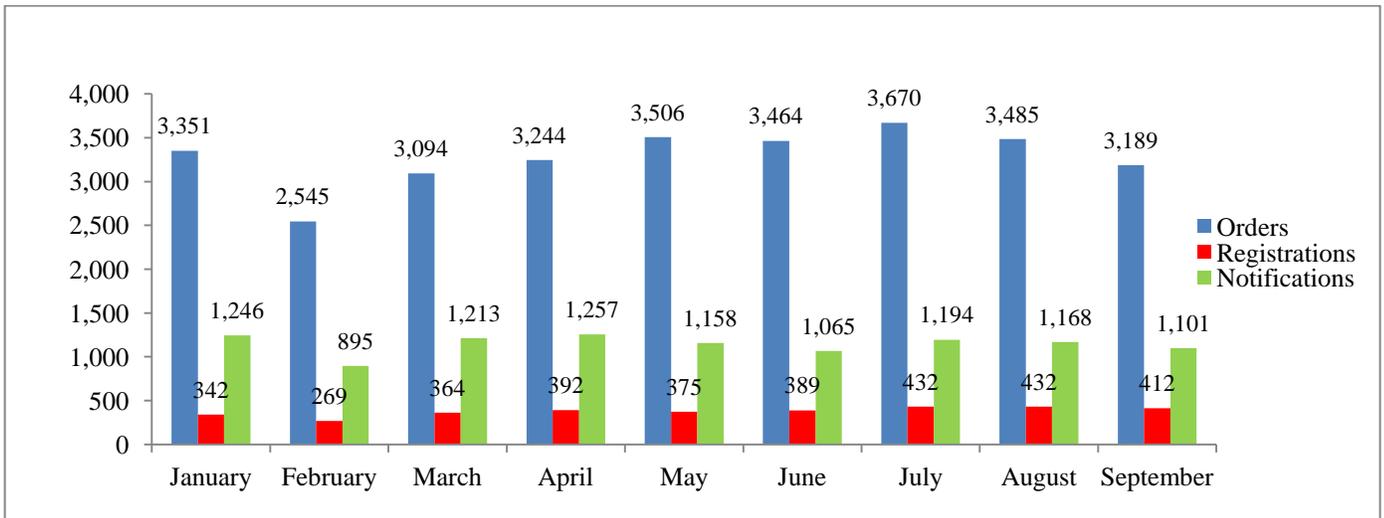
- 8% (3,153 of 36,736) of protective orders issued during the past 12 months have related VPO registrations.

VPO is provided by GOCCP and DPSCS.

VINE Protective Order (VPO) Statistical Review

January 2014 - September 2014

MONTH	ORDERS	REGISTRATIONS	NOTIFICATIONS	Reg %
January	3,351	342	1,246	10.2%
February	2,545	269	895	10.6%
March	3,094	364	1,213	11.8%
April	3,244	392	1,257	12.1%
May	3,506	375	1,158	10.7%
June	3,464	389	1,065	11.2%
July	3,670	432	1,194	11.8%
August	3,485	432	1,168	12.4%
September	3,189	412	1,101	12.9%



Attachments:

- A. Background on Domestic Violence
- B. Maryland's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Centers
- C. Maryland Domestic Violence Directory
- D. Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) for the Domestic Violence Programs
- E. Maryland State Report on DV Hotline calls
- F. 2013 Maryland Domestic Violence Summary
- G. FY2015 Grant Funded Programs

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BACKGROUND

The Domestic Violence Act of 1994 mandated that all law enforcement agencies in Maryland submit copies of incident reports involving domestic violence to the Maryland State Police. The Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program created a revised Domestic Violence (formerly known as Battered Spouse) data collection form. The new form allowed for the collection of more data based upon a revised definition of a domestic violence incident under the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program guidelines.

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Under the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program the definition for a domestically related crime mirrors HB1146/SB647: “any crime committed by a suspect (respondent) against a victim who is a person eligible for relief, as defined in §4-501 of the Family Law Article or who had a sexual relationship with the suspect within 12 months before the commission of the crime. This also includes homosexual relationships.”

A “person eligible for relief”, as defined in §4-501 of the Family Law Article includes:

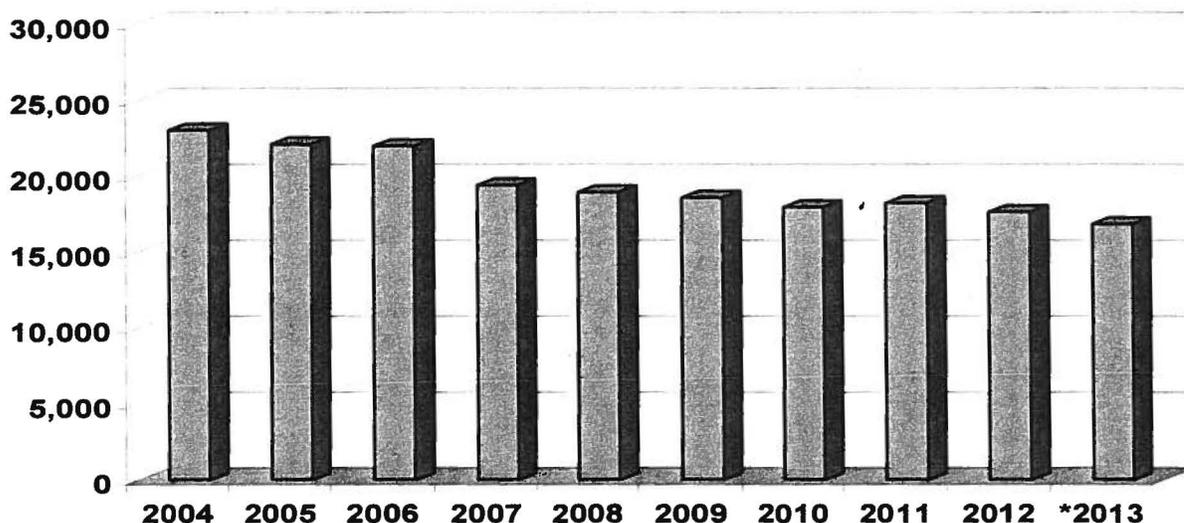
- The current or former spouse of the respondent;
- A cohabitant of the respondent ;
- A person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption;
- A parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person eligible for relief for at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;
- A vulnerable adult;
- An individual who has a child in common with the respondent.

Prior to 1996, the statistical information collected was restricted to assaults to a domestic partner and excluded individuals of the same sex who were in an intimate relationship and who are cohabiting or have cohabited. The additional information now collected provides a more comprehensive report.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Total Number of Domestic Violence Incidents under the
Previous Definition of Domestic Violence



RELATIONSHIPS

Domestic violence reporting includes the nature of the victim's relationship with his or her abuser. The breakdown is as follows:

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
SPOUSE:					
Husband	2,088	2,064	1,974	1,889	1,866
Wife	5,543	5,233	4,843	4,883	4,761
Cohabitant					
Heterosexual Male	2,478	2,532	2,727	2,537	2,460
Heterosexual Female	8,086	7,754	8,261	7,868	7,342
Homosexual	361	348	404	438	388
SUBTOTAL	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615	*16,817

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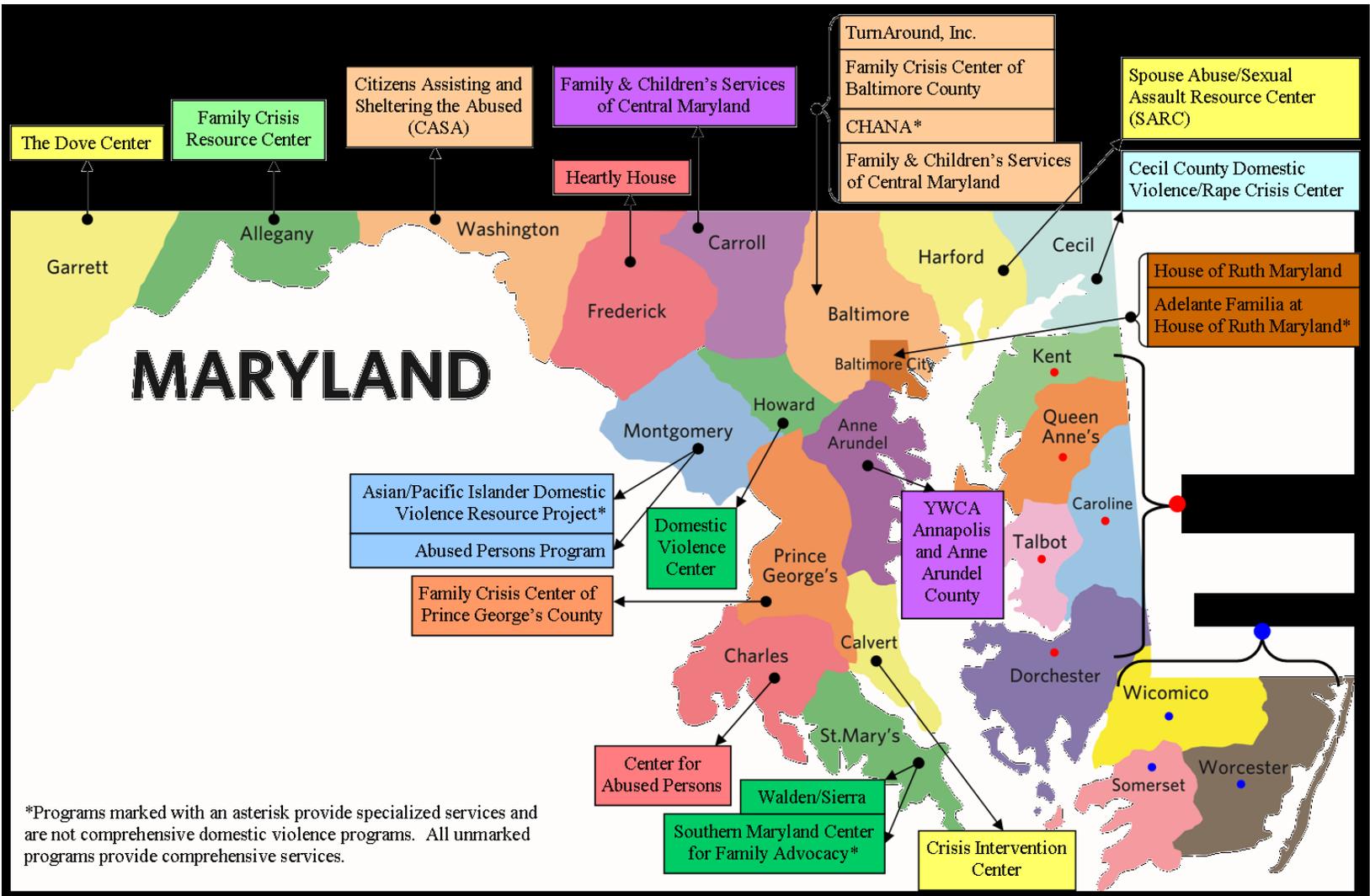
RELATIONSHIPS**REPORTED AS OF 2013**

Sibling (brother or sister)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,636
Niece, Nephew, Aunt, Uncle	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	562
Cousin, In-law					
Grandchild or Grandparent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	232
Child (son or daughter) or Stepchild	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,149
Parent or Stepparent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,533
Vulnerable Adult	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47
Individual with a child in common	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,378
Heterosexual Male Intimate Partner**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	630
Heterosexual Female Intimate Partner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,651
Homosexual Intimate Partner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	150
GRAND TOTAL	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785

CRIME

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Homicide	20	18	23	22	54
Rape	41	53	36	39	98
Robbery	128	166	190	146	280
Assaults	17,343	16,513	16,846	16,269	25,188
Burglary	46	52	65	88	122
Larceny-Theft	73	103	113	91	236
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	16	19	28	20
Arson	7	7	7	4	14
Forgery	3	3	3	1	13
Fraud	2	2	1	7	12
Embezzlement	0	1	0	0	0
Malicious Destruction Of Property	118	118	149	155	377
Illegal Weapons	1	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses	4	9	7	3	2
Drug Abuse Violation	1	0	1	1	136
Offenses Against Family & Children	514	624	526	484	906
Disorderly Conduct	3	2	2	4	1
All Other Offenses	242	244	221	273	325
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Maryland Domestic Violence Directory

County	Services Include	County	Services Include
Allegany Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc. Contact Information Phone: 301-759-9246 Hotline: 301-759-9244 Fax: 301-759-4934 website info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counseling• Safe House/Shelter• Information and Referral	Harford Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc. Contact Information Phone: 410- 836-8431 Phone: 410- 879-3486 (Balt. Line) Hotline: 410- 836-8430 Fax: 410- 838-9484 website info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counseling• Safe House/Shelter• Hotline
Anne Arundel YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Contact Information Phone: 410-626-7800 Ext. 202 Hotline: 410-222-6800 Fax: 410-757-0908 website info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counseling• Safe House/Shelter• Information and Referral	Howard Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc. Contact Information Phone: 410-997-0304 Hotline 410-997-2272 or 800-752-0191 Fax: 410-997-1397 website info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counseling• Safe House/Shelter• Hotline
Baltimore City House of Ruth, Inc. Contact Information Phone: 410 -889-0840 Hotline: 410 -889-7884 Fax: 410 -889-9347 website info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counseling• Safe House/Shelter• Legal Services	Kent Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence Contact Information Phone: 410-479-1149 Hotline: 1-800-927-HOPE (4673) Fax: 410-479-2064 website info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe House/Shelter• Crisis Intervention• Legal Accompaniment
(West) Baltimore County Family & Children Services of Central Maryland Contact Information Phone: 410-281-1334 Hotline: 410-828-6390 Fax: 410-298-4326 website info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counseling• Referrals to Shelter• Advocacy	Montgomery Montgomery Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services Abused Persons Program Contact Information Phone: 240-777-4195 Hotline: 240-777-4673 Fax: 240-777-4860 website info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counseling• Safe House/Shelter• Crisis Intervention• Advocacy
(North/Central) Baltimore County TurnAround, Inc. Contact Information Phone: 410-377-8111 Hotline: 410-828-6390 Fax: 410-377-6806 website info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counseling• Advocacy• Referrals to Shelter		

(East) Baltimore County

Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, Inc.

Contact Information

Phone: 410-285-4357
Hotline: 410-828-6390
Fax: 410-285-4361

[website info](#)

- Counseling
- Safe House/Shelter
- Information and Referral

Prince George's

Family Crisis Center of Prince George's Co.

Contact Information

Phone: 301-779-2100
Hotline 301-731-1203 or
866-DVCRISIS

Fax: 301-779-2104

[website info](#)

- Counseling
- Safe House/Shelter
- Information and Referral

Calvert

Calvert County Health Department Crisis Intervention Program

Contact Information

Phone: 410-535-5400 x 384
Hotline: 410-535-1121 or
301-855-1075

Fax: 410-414-3962

[website info](#)

- Counseling
- Safe House/Shelter
- Advocacy

Queen Anne's

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence

Contact Information

Phone: 410-479-1149
Hotline: 1-800-927-HOPE (4673)
Fax: 410-479-2064

[website info](#)

- Safe House/Shelter
- Crisis Intervention
- Legal Accompaniment

Caroline

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence

Contact Information

Phone: 410-479-1149
Hotline: 1-800-927-HOPE (4673)
Fax: 410-479-2064

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- Safe House/Shelter
- Crisis Intervention
- Legal Accompaniment

Somerset

Life Crisis Center, Inc.

Contact Information

Phone: 410-749-0632
Hotline 410-749-4357 or
410-641-4357

Fax: 410-548-9496

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- Counseling
- Safe House/Shelter
- Information and Referral

Carroll

Family & Children's Services of Central Maryland

Contact Information

Phone: 410-876-1233
Hotline: 410-857-0077
Fax: 410-876-4791

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- Counseling
- Referrals to Shelter
- Advocacy

St. Mary's

St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners – Walden-Sierra, Inc.

Contact Information

Phone: 301-997-1300
Hotline: 301-863-6661 or
301-863-6664

Fax: 301-997-1321

[website info](#)

- Counseling
- Referrals to Shelter
- Crisis Intervention

Cecil

Cecil County Department of Social Services Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Center

Contact Information

Phone: 410- 996-0333
Hotline: Same as above
Fax: 410-996-0820

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Center for Abused Persons

- Counseling

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CASA, Inc.

- Counseling

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 Hotline: 301-645-3336 or
 301-843-1110
 Fax: 301-645-8342
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- Referrals to Shelter
- Advocacy

Contact Information

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 Hotline 301-739-8975 or
 301-739-1012 TTY
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[website info](#)

- Safe House/Shelter
- Information and Referral

Dorchester

Mid-Shore Council on Family
 Violence
Contact Information
 Phone: 410-479-1149
 Hotline: 1-800-927-HOPE (4673)
 Fax: 410-479-2064
[website info](#)

- Safe House/Shelter
- Crisis Intervention
- Legal Accompaniment

Wicomico

Life Crisis Center, Inc.
Contact Information
 Phone: 410-749-0632
 Hotline 410-749-4357 or
 410-641-4357
 Fax: 410-548-9496
[website info](#)

- Counseling
- Safe House/Shelter
- Information and Referral

Frederick

Heartly House, Inc.
Contact Information
 Phone: 301-662-8800
 Hotline: Same as above
 Fax: 410-996-4334
[website info](#)

- Counseling
- Safe House/Shelter
- Information and Referral

Worcester

Life Crisis Center, Inc.
Contact Information
 Phone: 410-749-0632
 Hotline 410-749-4357 or
 410-641-4357
 Fax: 410-548-9496
[website info](#)

- Counseling
- Safe House/Shelter
- Information and Referral

Garrett

Domestic Violence/Sexual
 Assault Resource Center, Inc.
 (DOVE Center)
Contact Information
 Phone: 301-334-6255
 Hotline: 301-334-9000
 Fax: 301-245-4525
[website info](#)

Title 01 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Subtitle 04 OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTIION

Chapter 01 Domestic Violence Program

Authority: Family Law Article, §§4-501 and 4-513—4-516, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Purpose.

The Maryland Domestic Violence Program is a State-wide program to make available a temporary sheltered environment and supportive services to meet the special needs of victims of domestic violence and their children through a network of local domestic violence service programs.

.02 Definitions.

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

(1) "Abuse" means:

(a) An act that causes serious bodily harm;

(b) An act that places an individual in fear of imminent serious bodily harm;

(c) Battery or assault and battery;

(d) Rape or sexual offense as defined by Criminal Law Article, §§3-303—3-306, Annotated Code of Maryland, or attempted rape or sexual offense; or

(e) False imprisonment.

(2) "Batterer" means an individual who has abused a current or former spouse, or current or former cohabitant.

(3) "Nonshelter services" means those services provided to the victim of domestic violence and any immediate family while not residing at the safe accommodation.

(4) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

(5) "Program" means a local domestic violence service program, in a specific area of the State, designed to meet the needs of a victim of domestic violence and the family.

(6) "Safe accommodation" means that location where the victim of domestic violence and children may take refuge from the batterer.

(7) "Shelter" means a specific facility operated by a domestic violence program designed to be a safe accommodation.

(8) "Shelter services" means those services provided to the victim of domestic violence and any children while they reside at the safe accommodation.

(9) "Victim of domestic violence" means an individual who has received deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical injury or is in fear of imminent deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical injury from a current or former spouse, or a current or former cohabitant, as defined in Family Law Article, §4-501, Annotated Code of Maryland.

.03 Eligibility.

A. A victim of domestic violence who is a resident of Maryland and any children are eligible for shelter services from a program.

B. A victim of domestic violence and any immediate family are eligible for nonshelter services from a program.

.04 Application Procedure.

A. A victim of domestic violence or a batterer may apply directly to a program for service, or be referred from another source.

B. Program staff shall assess the application and determine whether services are available and appropriate for the applicant. When the program is at capacity or when the service is not appropriate to the applicant's needs, the staff shall refer the applicant to other appropriate resources.

C. For the applicant who is accepted for shelter services, staff shall explain the services available and obtain the applicant's written agreement to abide by the shelter rules.

D. Within the first 3 working days from the date of admission to a shelter, staff, with the applicant, shall develop and begin to implement a written comprehensive service plan.

.05 Program Services.

A. The program shall include the following services:

- (1) Receipt and response to crisis calls on a 24-hour basis;
- (2) Safe accommodation and board for the victim of domestic violence and any children;
- (3) Counseling services for the victim of domestic violence to alleviate the immediate crisis;
- (4) Counseling services for the batterer; and
- (5) Information and referral service as needed to other community resources.

B. The program may include the following services:

- (1) Continuing counseling after the immediate crisis;

- (2) Legal services and counseling as provided by attorneys or paralegal personnel;
- (3) Specialized services designed to help children of a victim of domestic violence or a batterer;
- (4) Accompaniment for legal and medical services; and
- (5) Supportive services to help meet the need for:
 - (a) Housing,
 - (b) Employment,
 - (c) Education,
 - (d) Parenting skills,
 - (e) Child care,
 - (f) Health care,
 - (g) Transportation.

C. The program may offer education and training to the community.

.06 Duration of Services.

A. The program shall terminate services when:

- (1) The goal set in the service plan is reached;
- (2) The recipient requests termination of services;
- (3) A shelter services recipient fails to abide by the shelter rules; or
- (4) The shelter staff decides with the recipient that the service is no longer appropriate.

B. Residence in the shelter may not continue beyond 2 months unless a reevaluation of the service plan confirms that continuing residency is required and the shelter has available space.

.07 Requirements for a Shelter Provided by a Program.

A. The shelter shall have available:

- (1) Room and board capacity for the resident victim of domestic violence and any minor children;
- (2) Counseling; and
- (3) Paid staff or volunteers trained to assess need, establish eligibility, and develop comprehensive service plans.

B. The shelter shall meet the physical requirements of applicable State and local fire codes and applicable State and local health codes.

C. The program shall make available to the Office upon request a copy of the shelter rules, including the grievance procedure.

.08 Requirements for the Domestic Violence Program Staff.

A. Professional, paraprofessional staff and volunteers shall be trained to provide crisis intervention and continuing counseling and supportive services.

B. Paraprofessional staff and volunteers shall have experience in interviewing persons under stress and shall be supervised by professional staff.

.09 Requirements for Program Documentation and Records.

A. Fiscal Recording. The program shall:

(1) Maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence of all expenditures and income;

(2) Maintain records according to generally acceptable standards of accounting; and

(3) Present upon receipt of reasonable notice all books, records, documents, and other evidence for inspection, review, or audit by State auditors or others authorized to monitor the performance of the program.

B. Case Record. For each:

(1) Applicant for service, the program shall collect and retain basic identifying and demographic data concerning the applicant, and the nature of the request for service;

(2) Recipient of service, the program shall collect and retain data concerning the services rendered, including the service plan, and disposition of the case.

C. The program is responsible for compilation and transmittal of statistical data as required by the Office.

D. The program shall retain all records for a period of 3 years following the completion of services.

.10 Confidentiality.

A. The program may not disclose any identifying information regarding an applicant or recipient of service to any agency or individual without written authorization from the applicant or recipient except:

(1) As required by State law regarding the reporting of cases of suspected child abuse or neglect; or

(2) To Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention employees authorized to monitor or audit the program.

B. The program shall maintain all written records regarding applicants and recipients of service in a securely locked location.

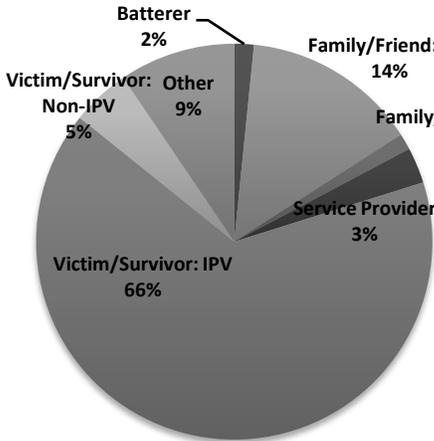
.11 Grievance Procedure.

A. The program shall make available to any applicant or recipient of service aggrieved by a decision, action, or inaction of the program, a procedure by which the grievance may be heard. The procedure shall include a notice of the grievance rights and the steps to take to initiate the grievance process, an opportunity to be heard, and a written decision by the program director or the director's designee that affirms or reverses the program's action. The written determination shall include the basis for the decision.

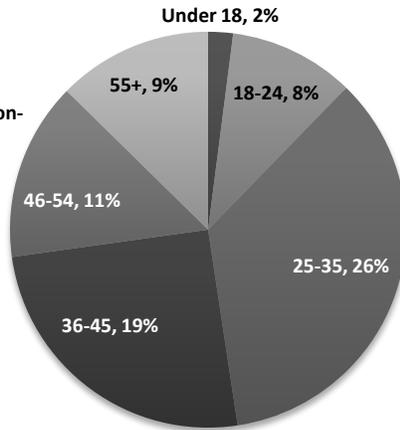
B. The program shall make available to the Office upon request a summary of each decision rendered, including findings of fact concerning each grievance heard.

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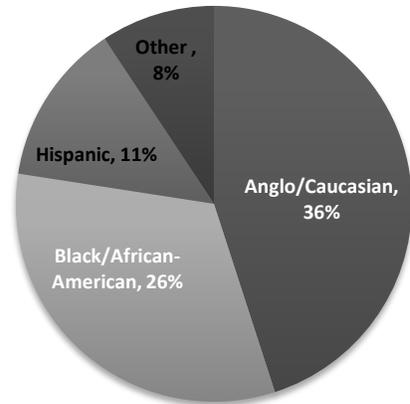
Who is contacting the Hotline from MD?



Contact Type



Victim Age



Contact Ethnicity

The category of "other" includes: Arab/ Middle Eastern/ Iranian, Asian (East/ Southeast/ South), Multiracial, and Native American/ Alaskan Native.

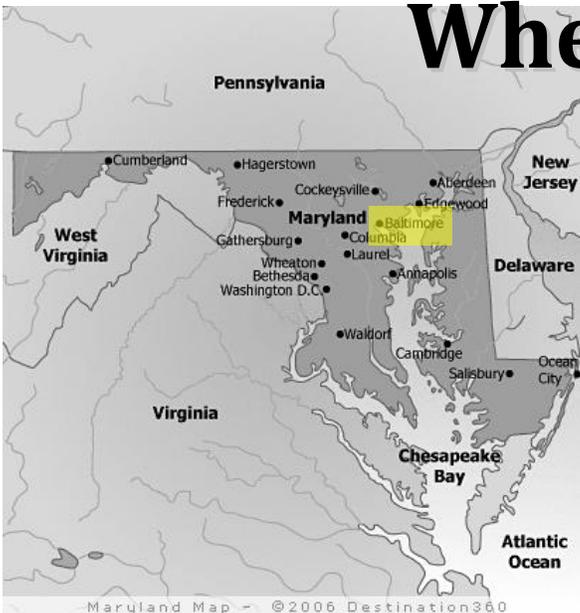
CONTACT TYPE DEFINITIONS:

- Victim/Survivor: IPV** (Intimate Partner Violence) – a victim or survivor of abuse from his/her partner or spouse
- Friend/Family: IPV** (Intimate Partner Violence) – a friend or family member of a victim/survivor of IPV
- Victim/Survivor: Non-IPV** – a victim or survivor of abuse by anyone else: parent, sibling, caretaker, etc.
- Friend/Family: Non-IPV** – a friend or family member of a victim of any other type of abuse, such as child or elder abuse
- Service Provider** – a contact from any agency, including other domestic violence agencies, which provides social services
- Batterer** – a contact who identifies as abusive or who an Advocate believes to be a batterer
- Other** – any contact about whom an Advocate is able to gather info, but who does not fit into an above category; this might include contacts like law enforcement or medical professionals

Hotline Contact Volume

In the first half of 2014, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented **1,131 contacts** from Maryland. The state ranks eighteenth in terms of Hotline contact volume.

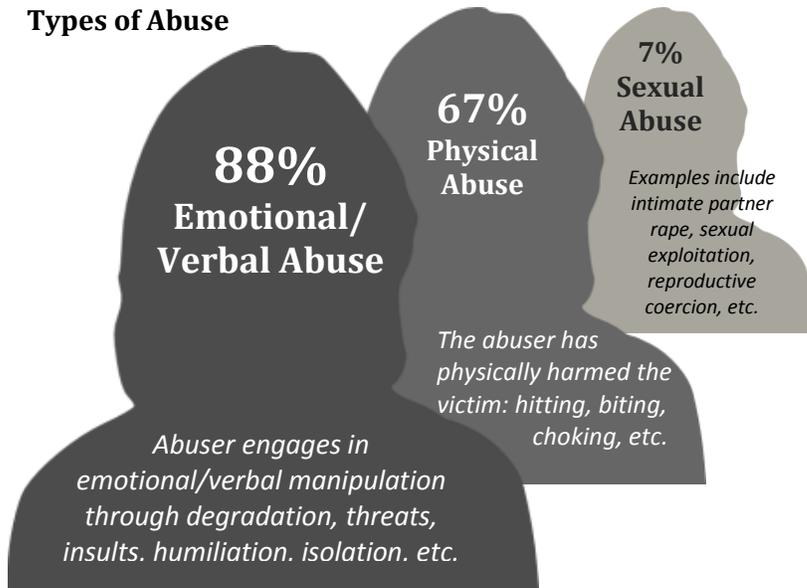
Where are they located?



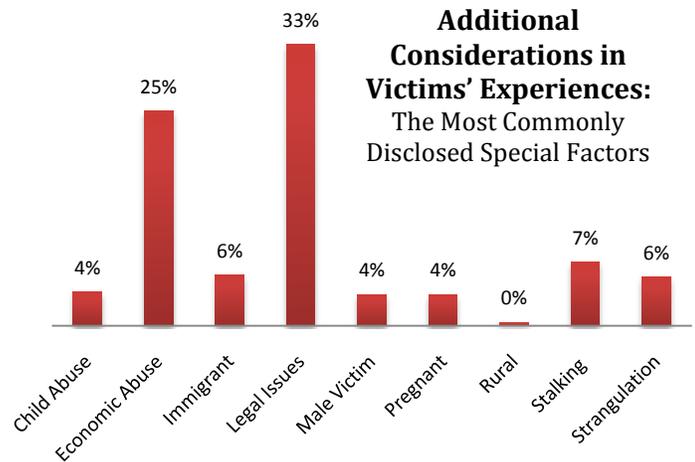
Top 10 MD Cities in Contact Volume		
Rank	City	% of Total
1	Baltimore	27%
2	Silver Spring	5%
3	Rockville	3%
4	Laurel	2%
5	Columbia	2%
6	Annapolis	2%
7	Hyattsville	2%
8	Frederick	2%
9	Easton	2%
10	Gaithersburg	1%
	Total	49%

What are victims experiencing?

Types of Abuse



*This represents the experiences disclosed by contacts who are victim/survivors of intimate partner violence.

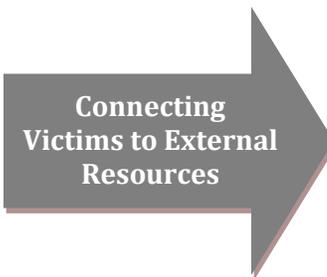


Of those who disclosed Legal Issues, this is what they were seeking: protective orders (60%), custody/visitation (35%), divorce (29%), immigration assistance (10%), and other (12%).

How are victims' needs being met?

Most Commonly Requested Services:

On top of services provided by the Hotline (seen to the right), the external services below are also frequently requested by contacts. Hotline Advocates refer contacts to external providers to meet these needs.



Legal Representation 10%

This category indicates when a contact is seeking an on staff attorney who takes individual DV

DV Advocacy 19%

This category includes non-residential services offered by a DV program, like: case management, advocacy, or crisis hotlines.

DV Support Groups 21%

This category encompasses group counseling provided by trained staff or therapists.

Individual Counseling 25%

Contacts are often seeking counseling for victims provided by a therapist.

Legal Advocacy 25%

This category is marked when a contact is seeking protective/restraining order assistance, advocacy at court, or help with other legal agencies.

DV Shelter 29%

Though Advocates may sometimes offer homeless shelters and other community resources to certain contacts, this number only represents victims who are seeking domestic violence related residential services.



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Domestic Violence Counts Maryland Summary

On September 17, 2013, 20 out of 23 (87%), of identified local domestic violence programs in the Maryland participated in the 2013 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 20 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,063 Victims Served in One Day

376 domestic violence victims (179 children and 197 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

687 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 17
Emergency Shelter	80%
Transitional Housing	30%
Legal Representation	30%
Court Advocacy/Legal Accompaniment	80%
Transportation	45%
Bilingual Advocacy	45%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults	55%
Therapy/Counseling for Children	45%

392 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 392 calls, averaging more than 16 hotline calls every hour.

176 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 176 individuals in communities across Maryland attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

215 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 42% (91) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 200 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and nonresidential services, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently requested non-residential services that couldn't be provided were legal representation, followed by housing advocacy, counseling and financial assistance.

Impact of Unmet Requests for Help

Domestic violence programs do not always know what happens when a survivor courageously calls a stranger to ask for a bed or other help and the services aren't available; however 60% of programs report that victims return to their abuser, 25% report that victims become homeless, and 15% report that the families are end up living in their cars.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 35% reported reduced government funding.
- 20% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 15% reported not enough staff.
- 5% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Maryland 22 (5%) staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most of these positions were direct services, such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Survivors with limited work history, young children, and who can't afford childcare are chronically homeless because they can't afford housing. We shelter families for up to 60 days, but few resources are available once they leave shelter. Many get 30 more days of placement through Emergency Services until they are homeless again. This is a recurring cycle of homelessness and domestic violence."

— Advocate



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DOMV/FVPS grants starting 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015

Award Number: DOMV-2015-0001 **Applicant Agency:** Prince George's General Hospital (Dimensions Healthcare System)
Implementing Org: Prince George's General Hospital (Dimensions Healthcare System)

Project Title: Sexual Assault Services - VO

Project Start Date: 10/1/2014

County: Prince George's

Project Summary:

The Prince George's General Hospital's (Dimensions Healthcare System) Sexual Assault Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of crime in the State of Maryland. The program provides sexual assault victims with medical/forensic exams and a feasibility study for a mobile response program where Forensic Nurse Examiners (FNEs) travel to two other DHS facilities to conduct exams on-site. Program funds provide salary support.

Award Amount: \$0.00

Matching Funds: \$0.00

Project End Date: 9/30/2015

Municipality: Cheverly

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1014 **Applicant Agency:** Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County
Implementing Org: Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County

Project Title: Lethality Assessment

Project Start Date: 10/1/2014

County: Prince George's

Project Summary:

The Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County Inc.'s (FCC) Lethality Assessment (LAP) program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of crime in the State of Maryland. The program works collaboratively with law enforcement and other 1st responders through the 24-hour crisis intervention hotline to connect victims of domestic violence with services provided by the FCC, including emergency shelter, counseling, case management, support groups and access to other community resources. The goal of the LAP is to reduce the occurrence of homicides or serious injuries related to DV. Program funds provide salary support and operating expenses.

Award Amount: \$78,477.00

Matching Funds: \$20,480.00

Project End Date: 9/30/2015

Municipality: Brentwood

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1401 **Applicant Agency:** Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc. (SARC)
Implementing Org: Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc. (SARC)

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services

Project Start Date: 7/1/2014

County: Harford

Project Summary:

The Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc.'s (SARC) Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the State of Maryland. The program provides a 24-hour helpline, crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, and legal advocacy and representation. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, and contractual services.

Award Amount: \$162,985.00

Matching Funds: \$0.00

Project End Date: 6/30/2015

Municipality: Bel Air

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Award Number: DOMV-2015-1402 **Applicant Agency:** Life Crisis Center, Inc.
Implementing Org: Life Crisis Center, Inc.

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Wicomico **Municipality:** Salisbury

Award Amount:	\$128,972.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project Summary:

The Life Crisis Center, Inc.'s Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. LLC provides 24-hour hotline, shelter services, safety planning, crisis counseling, legal services, abuser intervention, information and referral, continuing counseling, legal and medical accompaniment, specialized services for children, and supportive services to victims and their children in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, travel, and insurance costs.

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1403 **Applicant Agency:** TurnAround, Inc. (Baltimore County)
Implementing Org: TurnAround, Inc. (Baltimore County)

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Baltimore County **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount:	\$113,000.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project Summary:

TurnAround, Inc.'s Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to domestic violence victims in the State of Maryland. Services provided to adult and child victims/witnesses include advocacy, crisis response, trauma therapy, Abuser Intervention Program, and safe placement. All services are available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, and stipends for volunteer advocates.

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1406 **Applicant Agency:** CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.
Implementing Org: CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Washington **Municipality:** Hagerstown

Award Amount:	\$126,919.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project Summary:

CASA's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the State of Maryland. The program provides 24 hour hotline services, safe accommodations, crisis counseling, abuser intervention services, information and referral, continuing counseling services, legal services, specialized services for children, legal and medical accompaniment, supportive services, and education and training. Program funds provide salary support, transportation, contractual services, and shelter essentials.

DOMV/FVPS grants starting 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1407

Applicant Agency: Family & Children's Services of Central MD

Implementing Org: Family & Children's Services of Central MD

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services - West Baltimore C

Award Amount: \$70,000.00

Project Start Date: 7/1/2014

Project End Date: 6/30/2015

Matching Funds: \$0.00

County: Baltimore County

Municipality: County-wide

Project Summary:

The Family and Children's Services of Central MD's (West Baltimore County) Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the state of Maryland. The program provides an array of services to domestic violence victims in Baltimore County. Services include a 24-hour hotline, 24-hour lethality response line, information and referral services, emergency shelter, crisis and long-term counseling, legal advocacy and court accompaniment, and supportive services to assist with resources, community education/training, and victims' outreach services. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, travel, and program expenses.

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1409

Applicant Agency: Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, Inc.

Implementing Org: Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, Inc.

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services

Award Amount: \$171,543.00

Project Start Date: 7/1/2014

Project End Date: 6/30/2015

Matching Funds: \$0.00

County: Baltimore County

Municipality: County-wide

Project Summary:

The Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, Inc.'s Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in Maryland. Services include Safe Shelter, case management services (housing advocacy, employment preparation, education, parenting skills, health care advocacy and transportation), crisis and ongoing counseling, victim advocacy (legal advocacy, victims support groups), Lethality Assessment Program (safety planning, police accompanied home visits), information and referral, children's services (individual counseling, parent/child counseling, support groups), Abuser Intervention services, and 24-hour hotline services to adult and child victims. Program funds provide personnel and operating expenses.

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1410

Applicant Agency: Walden Sierra, Inc.

Implementing Org: Walden Sierra, Inc.

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services

Award Amount: \$88,158.00

Project Start Date: 7/1/2014

Project End Date: 6/30/2015

Matching Funds: \$0.00

County: St. Mary's

Municipality: County-wide

Project Summary:

The Walden Sierra, Inc.'s Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the State of Maryland. The program provides services to adult and child victims in St. Mary's County. Services include a 24-hour hotline, crisis services, counseling, referrals, coordinated services, and access to ongoing therapy while also supporting engagement efforts designed to create and sustain community partnerships toward domestic violence prevention. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, local travel, and emergency shelter.

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Award Number: DOMV-2015-1422 **Applicant Agency:** Heartly House, Inc.
Implementing Org: Heartly House, Inc.

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Frederick **Municipality:** Frederick

Award Amount:	\$207,711.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project Summary:

Heartly House Inc.'s Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the State of Maryland. The program supports victims in Frederick County and their families with immediate support through a 24-hour hotline, crisis intervention and advocacy, emergency shelter, short-term individual and group counseling, safety planning, and referral to other Heartly House and/or community services. Community education and outreach services are available for under-served and at risk populations. Program funds provide salary support, contractual services, and supplies.

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1423 **Applicant Agency:** Montgomery County, Maryland
Implementing Org: Montgomery County, Maryland

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Montgomery **Municipality:** Rockville

Award Amount:	\$182,000.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project Summary:

Montgomery County's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the State of Maryland. The Abused Persons Program provides victims with emergency shelter, advocacy, crisis and on-going counseling, Abuser Intervention Program counseling, outreach, and information on legal protections, human services, civil/criminal justice, and law enforcement resources. Grant funds provide salary support.

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1427 **Applicant Agency:** Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)
Implementing Org: Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Garrett **Municipality:** Oakland

Award Amount:	\$114,854.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project Summary:

The Dove Center's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the State of Maryland. The program provides shelter, counseling, hotline, information and referral, advocacy and accompaniment, and Abuse Intervention Services. Program funds provide salary support and operating expenses.

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Award Number: DOMV-2015-1436 **Applicant Agency:** Center for Abused Persons
Implementing Org: Center for Abused Persons

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Charles **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount: \$92,160.00
Matching Funds: \$0.00

Project Summary:

The Center for Abused Persons' Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the state of Maryland. The program provides crisis intervention, individual, family and group counseling in addition to 24-hour outreach and accompaniment for victims of domestic violence in Charles County. The program also provides individual and group counseling for abusers. Program funds provide salary support.

Award Number: DOMV-2015-1561 **Applicant Agency:** Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)
Implementing Org: Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 10/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 9/30/2015
County: Garrett **Municipality:** Oakland

Award Amount: \$53,450.00
Matching Funds: \$13,461.00

Project Summary:

The Dove Center's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of crime in the State of Maryland. The program provides vital services including crisis intervention, education, support, counseling, advocacy and accompaniment, assistance with filing victim compensation, shelter, and hotline for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Grant funds provide salary support and contractual expenses.

Award Number: DOMV-2015-4001 **Applicant Agency:** Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.
Implementing Org: Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Allegany **Municipality:** Cumberland

Award Amount: \$134,778.00
Matching Funds: \$0.00

Project Summary:

The Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.'s Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the state of Maryland. The program provides 24 hour hotline, safe shelter, crisis intervention and supportive services, information and referrals to other community resources, individual and group counseling, legal and medical advocacy and accompaniment, advocacy with other systems, Abuse Intervention Program, community and outreach training, and outreach location support. Program funds provide salary support, travel, and operating costs.

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Award Number: DOMV-2015-4005 **Applicant Agency:** YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
Implementing Org: YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Anne Arundel **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount:	\$164,305.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project Summary:

The YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to domestic violence and sexual assault victims in the State of Maryland. The program provides crisis intervention services to victims and their families through a continuum of care. Comprehensive services include counseling, domestic violence safe house, legal representation, victim support groups, and outreach and education services. Program funds provide salary support and operating expenses.

Award Number: DOMV-2015-4011 **Applicant Agency:** HopeWorks of Howard County, Inc.
Implementing Org: HopeWorks of Howard County, Inc.

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Howard **Municipality:** County-wide

Award Amount:	\$172,648.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project Summary:

HopeWorks of Howard County, Inc.'s Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and their families in Howard County, Maryland. The program promotes holistic, evidence-based healing strategies to reflect the individual needs of domestic violence victims by providing a variety of therapeutic counseling services. Program funds provide salary support and operating expenses.

Award Number: FVPS-2014-1401 **Applicant Agency:** Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County
Implementing Org: Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services
Project Start Date: 7/1/2014 **Project End Date:** 6/30/2015
County: Prince George's **Municipality:** Brentwood

Award Amount:	\$254,394.00
Matching Funds:	\$63,600.00

Project Summary:

The Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the State of Maryland. The program's main function is to provide safe housing and supportive services to women and their children fleeing domestic violence situations. Available services include a 24-hr crisis hotline, counseling, case management, and programs to benefit the children and abusers to ensure wraparound services aimed at eliminating DV in families. Program funds provide salary support.

DOMV/FVPS grants starting 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015

Award Number: FVPS-2014-1404

Applicant Agency: Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence

Implementing Org: Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services

Project Start Date: 7/1/2014

County: Caroline

Project Summary:

The Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services project assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in Kent, Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties, located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The project provides crisis services including 24-hour hotline, shelter, crisis response, advocacy, counseling, legal counseling, court accompaniment, Abuser Intervention Program, and implement public awareness and educational activities. Services are provided in English and Spanish. Program funds provide personnel, operating expenses, travel, and contractual services.

Award Amount: \$219,046.00

Matching Funds: \$0.00

Project End Date: 6/30/2015

Municipality: Denton

Award Number: FVPS-2014-1408

Applicant Agency: Cecil County, Maryland

Implementing Org: Cecil County Department of Social Services

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services

Project Start Date: 7/1/2014

County: Cecil

Project Summary:

The Cecil County Government's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide crisis and support services to meet the needs of domestic violence victims and their families. Through the Cecil County Department of Social Services, the program provides temporary safe shelter accommodations, individual, group, and crisis counseling, case management, 24-hour hotline services, legal services, court and hospital accompaniment, transitional housing, children's services, information and referral, education, advocacy, and outreach. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, training, and contractual services.

Award Amount: \$130,000.00

Matching Funds: \$0.00

Project End Date: 6/30/2015

Municipality: Elkton

Award Number: FVPS-2014-1429

Applicant Agency: House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.

Implementing Org: House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services

Project Start Date: 7/1/2014

County: Baltimore City

Project Summary:

The House of Ruth Maryland's (HRM) Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in the Baltimore Metropolitan Region. The program provides comprehensive crisis and ongoing support services to victims of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and their families in addition to providing available resources and assisting with safety, stability, and understanding of IPV. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, contractual services, and local travel.

Award Amount: \$461,997.00

Matching Funds: \$0.00

Project End Date: 6/30/2015

Municipality: Baltimore

DOMV/FVPS grants starting 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015

Award Number: FVPS-2014-1438

Applicant Agency: Family & Children's Services of Central MD

Implementing Org: Family & Children's Services of Central MD

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services - Carroll County

Project Start Date: 7/1/2014

County: Baltimore City

Project Summary:

The Family and Children's Services of Central MD's Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies that aid victims of domestic violence in the State of Maryland. The program provides an array of services to domestic violence victims in Carroll County and their children as well as abusers to support them in living violence-free lives. Services include emergency sheltering and direct services. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, travel, contractual services, and program expenses.

Award Amount:	\$294,000.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project End Date: 6/30/2015

Municipality: Baltimore

Award Number: FVPS-2014-1577

Applicant Agency: Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County

Implementing Org: Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County

Project Title: Safe Passage Emergency Shelter

Project Start Date: 10/1/2014

County: Prince George's

Project Summary:

The Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County, Inc. Emergency Shelter program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of crime in the State of Maryland. The program is a domestic violence support program whose primary function is to provide a safe, confidential and therapeutically supportive residential environment for women and their children fleeing domestic violence. Services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling & education, case management, and trainings and outreach services with specific programs targeted at children and abusers. Program funds provide salary support.

Award Amount:	\$159,985.00
Matching Funds:	\$58,112.00

Project End Date: 9/30/2015

Municipality: Brentwood

Award Number: FVPS-2014-3022

Applicant Agency: Calvert County Health Department

Implementing Org: Calvert County Health Department

Project Title: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services

Project Start Date: 7/1/2014

County: Calvert

Project Summary:

The Crisis Intervention Center's Domestic Violence Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies that aid victims of domestic violence in the State of Maryland. The CIC, at the Calvert County Health Department, is the only agency providing comprehensive services for adult and child victims in Calvert County. The program provides 24-hour helpline services, individual and group counseling, victims' advocacy services, outreach, and education services to the community, as well as sheltering at the Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter. Program funds provide salary support and operating expenses.

Award Amount:	\$137,212.00
Matching Funds:	\$0.00

Project End Date: 6/30/2015

Municipality: County-wide

Total Awards: 24

Total Funds **\$3,718,594.00**