

# ADVOCACY IN VIRGINIA 2019

## SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS

Survivors' needs are diverse, and they vary from individual to individual. Advocates in Virginia are supporting survivors across a broad spectrum of tangible, informational, and emotional needs.

### SUPPORTING SURVIVORS

**90%**  
wanted and received help with financial needs

**95%**  
had help addressing emotional needs

**96%**  
felt more hopeful about their lives

**95%**  
developed more ways to plan for safety

**99%**  
felt welcome and respected

### ADVOCACY SERVICES

**68,669** hotline calls

**29,152** adults  
**7,340** children

**203,996** nights of shelter

**141,047** received legal help

"Without this shelter I wouldn't be able to bring my soon-to-be-born little boy home, because I would not have had a safe, clean home to bring him to. It's because of this shelter... that I'm gonna be a mommy."  
-survivor

#### Domestic violence:

**22,230** adults served  
**5,246** youth served

#### Sexual violence:

**6,922** adults served  
**2,094** youth served

### BUILDING CONNECTIONS

**92%**  
wanted and received help accessing healthcare services

**92%**  
received help with immigration concerns

**94%**  
gained awareness of community resources

**92%**  
wanted and received legal help

**86%**  
received help finding safe and affordable housing

"Wherever they are in their process, they will find a place where they will not be judged. There is someone to help them. No matter what stage, the service will be available."  
-advocate

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