

ADVOCACY IN VIRGINIA 2020



70,252
survivors
received help
from hotline services



25,061 adults
and **6,406**
children received
advocacy services



5,762
adults + children
received shelter



216,968
nights of shelter
were provided

**DURING
COVID-19**

Stay-at-home orders and wide-spread closures left many survivors of violence isolated or trapped at home, meaning that discreet and stealth methods for accessing crisis services became vital.

contact via email
increased by



contact via text/chat
increased by



contact via mail
increased by



Throughout the pandemic, agencies and shelters remained open. Advocates quickly adapted to meet survivors' needs, providing virtual support, safety planning, and emergency hotel stays.

Some of the unique challenges from this time:



**longer
shelter stays**



**court
closures**



**funding
losses**



**shelter-in-place
orders**

**SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AGENCIES DO
MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE.**

