

Fairfax County Department of Family Services

DSVS

Domestic & Sexual
Violence Services



FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
FAMILY SERVICES



Vision

Peaceful, thriving, powerful communities where all people are safe and free from oppression, fear, and violence.

MISSION

We work with communities to transform society's response to domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and stalking by challenging oppression, collaborating to inform policy and providing all persons impacted by violence with equitable access to trauma informed support, advocacy, education, and a space for healing .

Just a refresher

WHAT IS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE?



Public Health and Public Safety issues



Deeply rooted in historical oppression, gender inequality and toxic norms of masculinity



Most pervasive form by intimate partners



Can include physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, reproductive and psychological, economic abuse



Perpetuated by lack of justice, dearth of resources, and lack of economic opportunities



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Programs and Services

- ADAPT
- Advocacy Services (DVAC)
- Exam Accompaniment
- 24-Hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline
(703) 360-7273
- Counseling Services
- County-wide coordination
- Liaison for Artemis House
- Community Prevention, Education, Outreach.
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Volunteer Services
- Liaison and staff support for Commission for Women

Six Priorities

Integrate equity
and social justice

Improve and
elevate services
(SV, HT, stalking)

Assess, improve,
deepen
partnerships

Become more
data-informed

Update technology,
systems, processes

Streamline services
to focus on
greatest impact



43%

Emergency DV shelter residents who were children 12 years and younger

\$3.7M

FY22 costs for Sexual Assault Forensic Exams (SAFE) in Virginia (1,926 submitted/1,477 approved claims)

900 (793 children)

Families Served at DVAC

168 (32% increase)

Arrests due to strangulation (a predictor of lethality)

FY22
Data
indicators

155/ month (23% increase from FY 21)

The average number of calls to the DSVS hotline

3, 257 (8% increase)

The number of domestic violence calls PD responded to

120

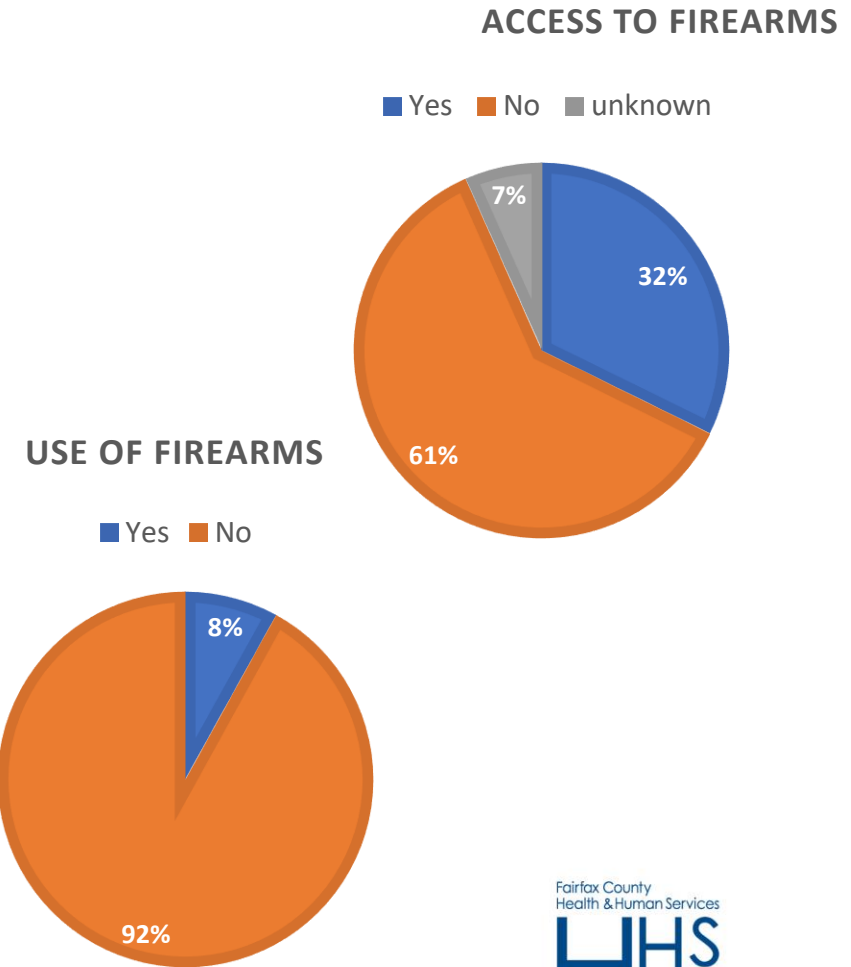
The number of families placed in hotels because of bed shortage, family size, location, etc.

62

Homeless due to domestic violence (Point In Time)

Aggregate Number of Clients Served

| Clients Served | Avg/ mo FY 21 | Avg/mo (FY 22-Oct) |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| ADAPT | 75 | 56 |
| Advocacy | 149 | 125 |
| Counseling | 187 | 167 |
| Hotline | 126 | 155 |
| LAP | 29 | 30 |
| Hosp. Accompaniments | 3 | 3 |
| Total Served* | 568 | |
| | Total Events | |
| Community Engagement, Outreach and Education | 72 | 14 |
| Countywide Coordination Events | 131 | 33 |



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Lethality Assessment Program (LAP):

Multi-disciplinary team coordinating effective implementation of county-wide program & reviewing data and trends on victims in high risk

Step Up For Kids Coalition (SU4K):

Diverse membership of county, FCPS, and non-profit leadership building a response to children who experience DV

DV Network:

Multi-disciplinary network of service providers & justice professionals coordinating a consistent & comprehensive response to domestic violence

Fairfax County's Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence & Stalking

Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV):

Senior-level decision-makers reviewing policy & practice and advising the Board of Supervisors

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART):

Co-chaired by the Commonwealth Attorney's office & Fairfax County DV/SV Services in coordination on SV policy & legislative issues

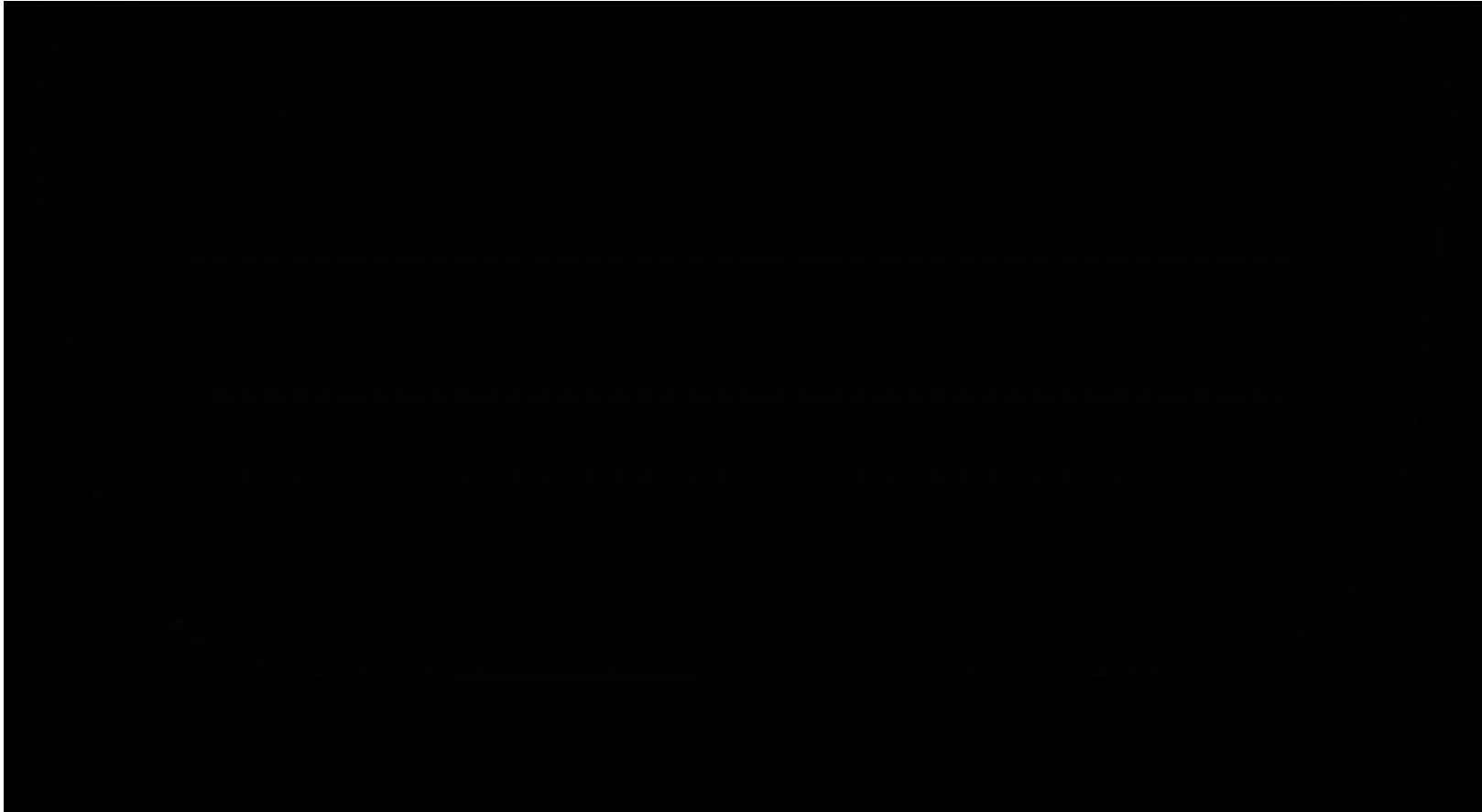
Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC):

Public/private partnership providing holistic services to victims and offenders of domestic violence & stalking

DV Fatality Review Team:

Multi-disciplinary group charged with identifying community gaps opportunities for systems and policy change

DSVS works alongside community partners to address interpersonal violence in Fairfax County



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703-360-7273
TTY 711

- **Counseling**
- **Crisis
Intervention**
- **Information &
Referral**
- **Support**