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In just one day, 35,323 victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

Many survivors of domestic violence have told us that if we had not been there for them, they would have:

In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, domestic violence programs offer a variety of critical and comprehensive services to victims and survivors.

More than three out of four survivors who used support groups, counseling, supportive services and legal advocacy rate these services as "very helpful." The vast majority of other survivors using these services rate them as "helpful."

After seeking and receiving help, 95% of survivors are more knowledgeable about planning for their safety and more hopeful about the future.

Our program provides a variety of support services to domestic violence survivors such as:

What types of services and supports are offered to victims of domestic violence?

Civil protective orders do work for many domestic violence victims and cost very little in comparison to the suffering and costs of victims.

The vast majority of victims in a study thought the protective order was fairly or extremely effective (77%-95%) 6 months after the order was issued.

Overall, protective orders saved one state at least \$85 million each year in costs that would have been incurred if the protective order had not stopped or reduced the violence and abuse.

Monthly, our programs provide legal advocacy for _____ victims and assist with securing approximately _____ protective orders. With the additional legal protection, survivors are able to:

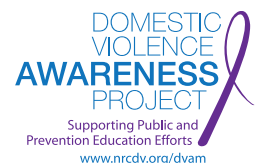
Survivor story or anecdote to illustrate your point:

Program Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



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References and Citations

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