

**Domestic violence is an alarming and pervasive problem in our country.**

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In just one day, across the US and its territories, NNEDV Census Counts 2011 report more than 67,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters.

**At this program, we provide an average of \_\_\_ safe shelter nights and respond to \_\_\_ crisis calls each month from victims needing our help. Other support services include:**

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One in 4 women is the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner while 1 in 7 men experiences severe physical violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime, as reflected in NISVS data.

Most recent DOJ stats note in 2010, the percentage of female victims (22%) of intimate partner violence was about 4 times that of male victims (5%)

**This past year in our state/program, we served \_\_\_ women, \_\_\_ children and \_\_\_ men.**

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**How prevalent is domestic violence?**

**Despite its prevalence, the patterns of domestic violence are not fully understood by many bystanders. Individuals want to help but don't know what to do.**

A 2006 Liz Claiborne survey reports approximately 2/3 of Americans say it is hard to determine whether someone has been a victim of domestic abuse. Moreover, more than 90% of Americans fail to define repeated emotional, verbal, sexual abuse and controlling behaviors as patterns of domestic violence and abuse.

In this same survey, more than half of Americans (54%) say they may have been in situations where they believed domestic violence had occurred, but they didn't act because they were not sure what to do.

**There are several ways to be involved in ending domestic violence. Concerned citizens in our community can help by:**

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**Survivor story or anecdote to illustrate your point:**

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## How prevalent is domestic violence?

### References and Citations

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**Source:** Black, M.C., Basile, K.C., Breiding, M.J., Smith, S.G., Walters, M.L., Merrick, M.T., Chen, J., & Stevens, M.R. (2011). *The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010 Summary Report*. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Available at [http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS\\_Report2010-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf).

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**Source:** National Network to End Domestic Violence. (2012). *Domestic Violence Counts 2011. A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services*. Washington, DC. Available at [http://nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2011/DVCounts11\\_NatlReport\\_BW.pdf](http://nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2011/DVCounts11_NatlReport_BW.pdf).

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- In 2010, the percentage of female victims (22%) of intimate partner violence was about 4 times that of male victims (5%).

**Source:** Truman, J. (2011, September). *Criminal Victimization, 2010*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Available at <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv10.pdf>.

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#### Additional statistic -

#### For a large number of families, home is not a safe place.

- The majority of nonfatal intimate partner victimizations occur at home; on average, approximately two-thirds of females and males are victimized at home.

**Source:** Catalano, S. (2007). *Intimate partner violence in the United States*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Available at <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/intimate/ipv.cfm>.

- On average, children have been found to be residents of the households experiencing intimate partner violence in 38% of the incidents involving female victims and 21% of the incidents involving male victims.

**Source:** Catalano, S. (2007). *Intimate partner violence in the United States*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Available at <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/intimate/ipv.cfm>.