

From Fortress to Sanctuary

Community Impact 2016-2017 Fiscal Year

MISSION STATEMENT:

Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County is dedicated to ending domestic abuse by providing a wide range of services for victims and facilitating social change.



"I have never known acceptance and support like this. I was able to be transparent, honest, myself. You will never know what a profound difference you all made in my life. I will draw on this strength for the rest of my life. From the bottom of my heart I thank all of you!"



If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County can help. Please call the 24-hour crisis hotline:

425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873)

If you would like to help by being informed, getting involved, making a donation or giving your time, call the DVS Administrative Office at 425-259-2827.



52 bed Confidential Emergency Shelter: Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County (DVS) helped **233** children and **140** adults be safe through the only confidential emergency shelter in Snohomish County. This equals **12,073** bed nights in a family-together setting.



24-Hour Crisis Hotline: **4,679** calls from victims, concerned family, friends and citizens



Supportive Care: **6** support groups weekly, serving **216** individuals.



Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing: **61** adults, **108** children, and **32,219** bed nights transitioned from homelessness to permanent housing.



Legal Advocacy: **2,735** victims of abuse received legal info., education and support. DVS is also active in efforts to improve the legal system's response to DV and provides training to law enforcement and attorneys.



Education & Prevention: **6,614** students participated in teen dating violence education.



Children's Programs: providing intervention and enrichment activities for children within DVS programs: **403** children served.



Community Impact: **218** volunteers donated **9,035** hours in legal advocacy, housing, development, and at the New & Again Thrift Shoppe (3010 Grand Avenue, Everett, WA). The New & Again Thrift Shoppe also provides clothing, furniture, and household items to clients for free.