

Programs 2014-2015

Emergency Shelter Service

Emergency shelter is provided for up to 30 days to victims of domestic violence who are in imminent danger. The exact location of the 52 bed shelter is kept confidential to protect the safety of the residents. All residents receive lodging, food, clothing, crisis counseling, legal advocacy and emotional support.

People Sheltered: 388
 Total Bed Nights: 12,642
 Households turned Away: 948 (1702 Individuals)

Housing

Domestic Violence Services (DVS) has 20 Supportive Housing units and 6 Transitional units throughout Snohomish County, to be used for shelter residents who face particular barriers to self-sufficiency. Residents receive ongoing case management throughout their stay. The DVS Rapid Re-Housing program provides rental subsidies for up to 36 families, and focuses on employment, increasing income and eventual self-sufficiency.

People Housed: 97 Households Provided Prevention: 164
 Total Bed Nights: 18,876

Legal Advocacy Program

Domestic Violence Services (DVS) Legal Advocacy Program offers legal information, support and advocacy both to shelter/transitional residents and non-resident clients. Additionally, the Legal Advocacy Department is active in efforts to improve the legal system's response to domestic violence and provides training to law enforcement, prosecutors, attorneys and others interested in expanding their knowledge of domestic violence.

Clients served: 1,002

Crisis Hotline (425-25-ABUSE or 425-252-2873)

Domestic Violence Services (DVS) offers a 24-hour crisis intervention, information and referral counseling service to victims of domestic violence, their friends, families, and concerned citizens and professionals

Calls: 5,814

Children's Program

The Children's Program provides intervention and enrichment activities for children within DVS's program. Additionally, the program provides education and parenting skills, support and referrals. The Children's Program Support Groups are offered throughout the community.

Children Served: 375

Community Support Groups/Advocacy

Support groups and advocacy are available for those who are or have experienced domestic violence. Groups are provided throughout Snohomish County, including some specialized groups in collaboration with other agencies. (Children's Groups are available at some locations.) Please call the hotline 425 25-ABUSE for additional information.

Number of Weekly Support Groups: 6
 People Served: 224

Thrift Shoppe

New & Again Thrift Shoppe was created to provide the best available used clothing, home furnishing and furniture free of cost to shelter and transitional clients in an organized retail location. Additionally, New & Again provides quality used goods to the general public to support the operations while striving to foster a positive experience for the community.

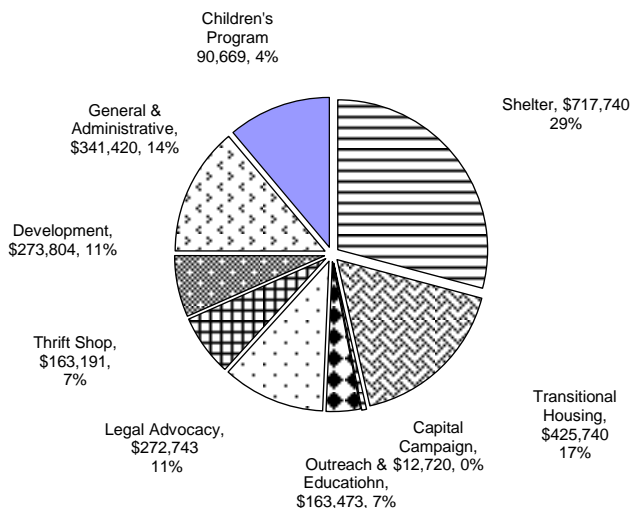
All Shelter/ Transitional Clients Are Served- Value: \$14,943

Teen Education Classes

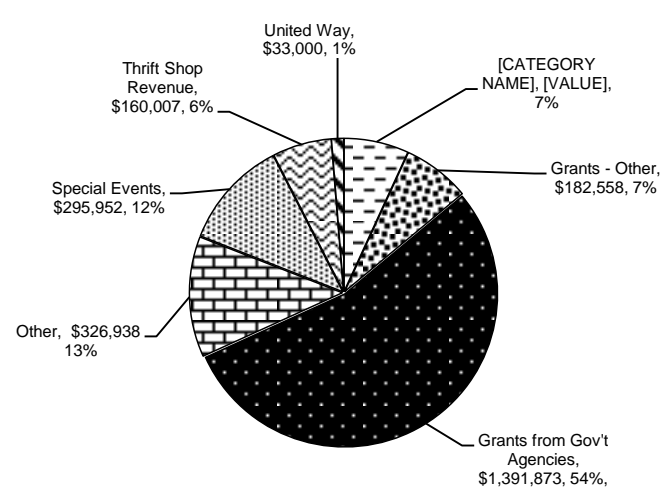
DVS offers classes on healthy relationships and the warning signs of abuse to schools and other agencies throughout Snohomish County.

Attendees: 4,563

EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



FUNDING BY SOURCE



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A Message from the Board President



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County (DVS), our clients, volunteer and staff, we want to thank you for a great 2014/2015 year. Over the past year, we have watched residents blossom as they and their beautiful children entered our premises and prepared for often the first safe sleep that they have had in months. To this date we still cannot believe how absolutely healing it is to have a new warm and protective home for our clients.

“Now that I am out from the dark of my husband I will never look back. I will do everything in my body and soul to move forward, to heal with my children, to protect them and to love myself so that we are all safe.” Notes like this are often sent to staff as residents and clients throughout the agency find the strength, security and peace of mind to leave their uncontrolled abusive situation.

With our larger facility in full operation, the number of shelter residents has increased significantly. However, the true agency growth can be seen throughout our many other comprehensive programs as well. Legal advocacy services, support groups, prevention, outreach and education have all expanded, but it is our Supportive Housing Department which has skyrocketed. The department has increased tremendously this past year as we began to offer new housing opportunities, including supportive housing, rapid rehousing, permanent housing and flex funds, which can assist those families who just need a small lift to avoid homelessness.

Each year our Board of Directors, staff and volunteer teams work diligently to determine the community needs for our agency. Continually we strive to reach out to those in need, offering support and care to those we serve. Every soul that enters our doors is respected for who they are and what they have to offer. To hear and see their stories can be truly heartbreaking, but for those who reach that day of liberation it is awe inspiring.

Please know how we appreciate our volunteers, donors, and our community as a whole, for we know it truly “takes a village.” We appreciate your compassion, your belief of our mission and for your ongoing work as we, together, speak against violence in our world and in our homes.

Jeff N. Olsen
President, DVS Board of Directors

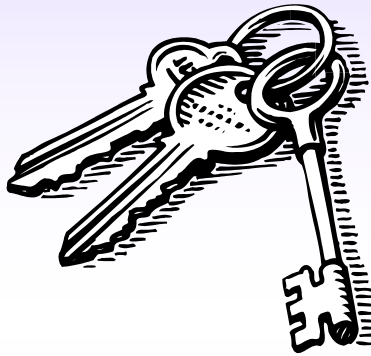
Vision...

Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County...

An agency working within the community to create an environment which is safe, responsive and supportive of domestic violence victims and their children and fosters dignity, respect, hope and self-determination.

Crisis Hotline Number 425 25-ABUSE or 425 252-2873

Free and Confidential- 24 hours per day-7 days a week



The Keys To A New Future For DVS
Have Arrived

Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County

P.O. Box 7

Everett, WA 98206-0007

Administration Office: 425 259-2827

www.dvs-snoco.org

“Wow! Three weeks and I feel like a brand new person....I know it’s your job to help, but...I believe you all have gone above and beyond the call of duty. I truly thank you for all you have done for me.”

*Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish
County Client*

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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.