

# Programs 2015-2016

## 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: 312  
 Total Bed Nights: 11,780  
 Households turned Away: 924 (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: 148 Households Provided Prevention: 210  
 Total Bed Nights: 33,131

## 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: 957

## 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: 5,407

## 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: 374

## 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: 268

## 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.

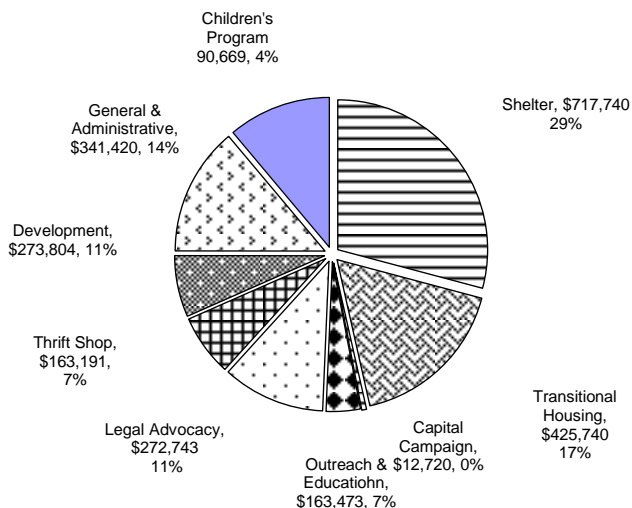
All Shelter/ Transitional Clients Are Served- Value: \$14,943

## Teen Education Classes

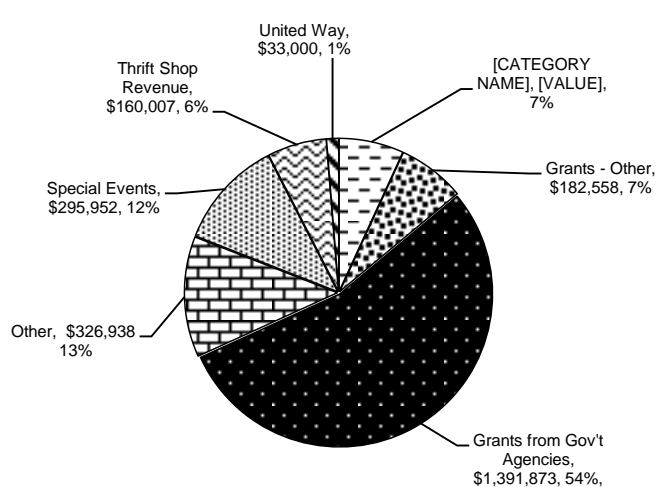
DVS offers classes on healthy relationships and the warning signs of abuse to schools and other agencies throughout Snohomish County.

Attendees: 6,393

### EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



### FUNDING BY SOURCE



## A Message from the Board President



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Dear Friends,

What an exciting year 2015/2016 was for Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County (DVS) and the many clients we serve! Over the past year our Housing Department doubled in size, we reached a record number of teens through our “Healthy Relationship” classes in schools throughout the county, and we began developing a new prevention department.

It has been nearly three years since we moved into our beautiful new shelter/service center. Daily we are privileged to see families as they transition from fear to the beginning stages of safety, from confusion to a current of calmness, and from anger to feelings of love and support.

Recently a shelter resident wrote, *“I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for showing so much compassion and understanding from the start. I came here scared, helpless and without a clue, but you showed me I was worth saving, and how to stand on my own. For this, my thanks goes out to all of you.”*

Every day our staff, volunteer teams and Board of Directors work side-by-side to determine the needs for our agency. We reach out to those in our community who are victimized, to those who are survivors and to our community partners. We listen to their thoughts on what we currently do well and what we can do to assist in making the world a better place: one without violence. One thing that *never* changes is that every person who comes through our doorway is listened to and treated with absolute respect and support.

We know that it will take time to create a world where every home is safe...but we know that it *can* happen! Please know how much we appreciate your compassion and your belief in our mission. On behalf of our clients, their precious children, volunteers, Board of Directors and staff, we thank you for making it all possible

Sonya Kraski  
President, DVS Board of Directors

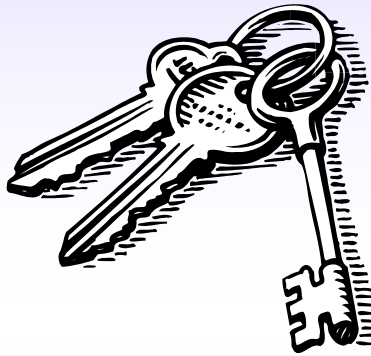
# Vision...

**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](http://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*

# ANNUAL REPORT

*July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016*



## *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.