

From Fortress to Sanctuary

Community Impact 2017-2018 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, and 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 **235** children and **138** adults be safe through the only confidential emergency shelter in Snohomish County. This equals **11,420** bed nights in a family-together setting.



24-Hour Support Hotline: **3,053** calls from victims, concerned family, friends and citizens



Supportive Care: **6** support groups weekly, serving **187** individuals.



In our Housing programs: **62** adults, **143** children, and **39,717** bed nights helped individuals transition from homelessness to permanent housing.



Legal Advocacy: **837** people received legal info., education/support totaling 4,172 service hours. 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: **11,122** students participated in teen dating violence education.



Children's Programs: providing intervention and enrichment activities for children within DVS programs: **418** children served.



Community Impact: **243** volunteers donated **6,911** 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.