

Programs 2019-2020

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: 280
Total Bed Nights: 8,822

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: 114
Total Bed Nights: 27,694

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: 593

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: 3,432

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: 696

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: 58

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.

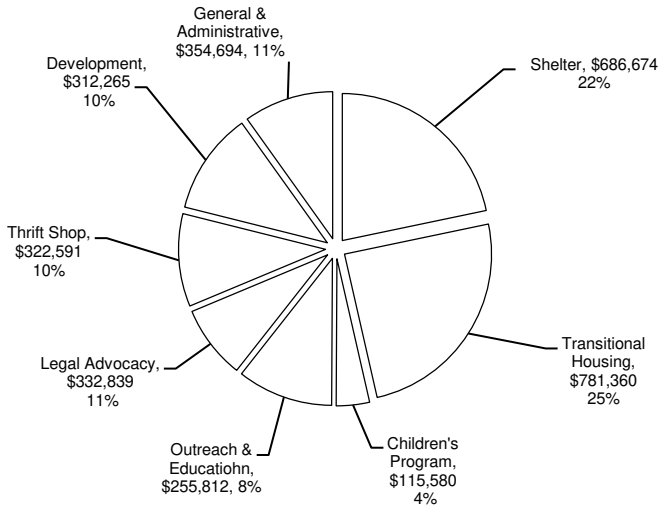
All Shelter/ Transitional Clients Are Served

Teen Education Classes

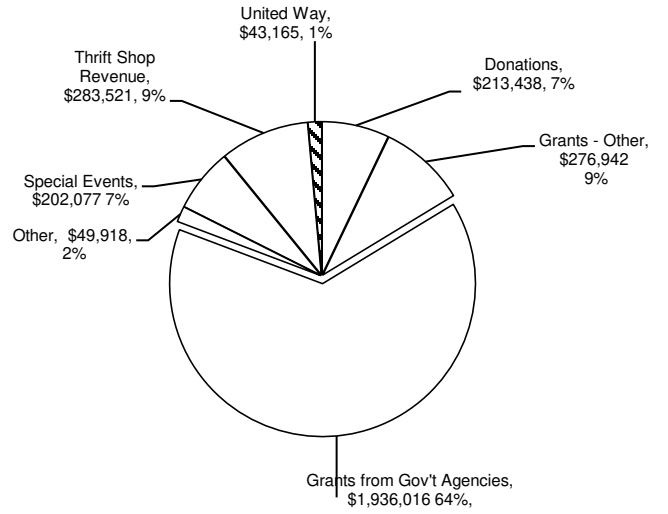
DVS offers classes on healthy relationships and the warning signs of abuse to schools and other agencies throughout Snohomish County.

Attendees: 1,849

EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



FUNDING BY SOURCE



A Message from the Board President



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Dear Friends,

What a year it has been. The world experienced unbelievable loss, challenges, heartaches, opportunities, racial injustices, untold fear and insurmountable love. This, too, was true for Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County (DVS). Over the past year our support line has gone from silent to hectic; our support groups from no meetings to zoom meetings; our housing department has balanced between working with families via zoom to assisting moves while social distanced, wearing shields and masks.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought many issues to the surface and domestic violence was no exception. As our world went into lockdown, our clients and their children found themselves locked in with anger, anxiety and often overstressed, abusive partners. The time that they had in the past to step out, walk away and breathe was taken away. They found themselves constantly facing brutality and fear.

This year, like every year, required a dedicated and passionate staff, strong and resilient volunteer teams and a supportive and caring Board of Directors to navigate us through. With their help and the incredible community support we received, we successfully adapted with few missteps. We operated shelter full speed, rethought support groups, redirected our prevention programs and put everything we had into assisting those in need with housing, rental assistance, legal advocacy and much more. Daily we listened to our clients while trying to focus on keeping our staff safe and emotionally taken care of.

As challenging as the pandemic has been, we learned a few wonderful lessons: we realized we ARE as tough as we thought we were. We are resilient. We are nimble. We can, and do, dedicate ourselves daily to survivors. In addition, this year confirmed to us all that we want and need justice and equity for all people. A safe world for all is possible, and it begins with us. On behalf of our clients, their precious children, volunteers, Board of Directors and staff, we thank you for making it all possible.

Lacey Harper
President, DVS Board of Directors

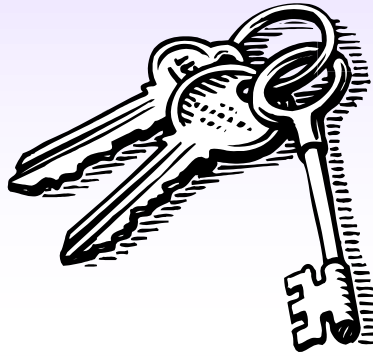
Vision...

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

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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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July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020



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.