

VIRGINIA'S SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS CENTERS ARE STRUGGLING TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR SERVICES.

The Action Alliance urges policy makers to invest an additional \$18 million to effectively fund crisis and safety services for victims of sexual and domestic violence across the Commonwealth.

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VIRGINIA'S CRISIS CENTERS CLOSING THE GAP

Sexual & Domestic Violence Agencies provide a wide range of services, including:

- 24-Hour Hotlines
- Emergency Accompaniment to Hospital/Magistrate/Court Services
- Emergency Shelter
- Trauma Counseling for Adults and Children
- Legal Advocacy and Court Accompaniment
- Transitional and Rapid Rehousing
- Community Coordination (e.g. SARTs, Fatality Review Teams, MDTs)
- Prevention Programs for Youth

CURRENT
\$5.4M

CRISIS PROGRAMS ARE IN JEOPARDY

Can only meet:

- 1 of 3 requests for shelter;
- 7 of 10 requests for emergency accompaniment;
- Limited requests for all other services and programs.



STOPGAP
+\$10.6M
(+\$16M TOTAL)
(50% increase in capacity)



Able to meet:

- 2 of 3 requests for shelter;
- 9 of 10 requests for emergency accompaniment;
- More of the demand for trauma counseling and advocacy.

GOAL
+\$18M
(+\$23.4M TOTAL)
(100% capacity)



Able to fulfill 100% of requests for emergency services.

Able to provide a full range of trauma response and prevention programming.



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In 2013 nearly \$5.4 million was included in Virginia's budget to provide services to victims of sexual and domestic violence through grants to community Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies (SDVAs). The designated funds include general and non-general funds, with the source of the funds varying across the last several budgets.

At this level of funding, sexual and domestic violence services are in jeopardy. Access to services is inconsistent across the state. Tremendous growth in demand for services (35% over 5 years) accompanied by reductions in local and federal funding have strained capacity.

Reversing this trend will require a significant investment. The Action Alliance estimates that an additional \$10.6 million is required to stabilize crisis services and ensure that SDVAs can meet the majority of requests for services. Another \$7.4 million (for a total of \$18 million in additional funding) is required to build a system that can respond to 100% of the requests for crisis services.

CURRENT \$5.4M

Hotline, Shelter, Crisis Services

- Majority of centers cannot provide 24/7 hotline services;
- 3 of 10 crisis calls cannot be answered;
- 2 of 3 victims requesting shelter denied because no bed is available;
- 3 of 10 victims requesting a victim advocate at the hospital, magistrate, or court services denied because no advocate available.

Legal & Court Advocacy

- Approximately 50% of victims requesting legal advocacy and/or accompaniment during criminal or civil proceedings are denied services because no advocate available.

Trauma Counseling & Services

- Approximately 50% of adult victims requesting trauma counseling denied because no advocate available.

Child/Youth Services & Prevention

- Majority of centers unable to provide trauma counseling to children exposed to sexual and domestic violence;
- Majority of centers unable to provide prevention programming for youth in their community.

CENTERS CONTINUE TO SHUT DOWN.

STOPGAP +\$10.6M (\$16M TOTAL)

Hotline, Shelter, Crisis Services

- Approximately 50% of centers restore capacity to provide 24/7 hotline services;
- 1 of 3 victims requesting shelter will still be denied because no bed is available;
- 1 of 10 victims requesting an advocate at the hospital, magistrate, or court services will still be denied because no advocate available.

Legal & Court Advocacy

- Approximately 25% of victims requesting legal advocacy and/or accompaniment during criminal or civil proceedings are denied services because no advocate available.

Trauma Counseling & Services

- Many adult victims requesting trauma counseling will still be on waiting lists because no advocate available.

Child/Youth Services & Prevention

- Approximately 50% of centers provide trauma counseling to children exposed to sexual and domestic violence;
- Approximately 50% of centers provide prevention programming for children and youth in their community.

MORE CENTERS CAN REMAIN OPEN.

GOAL +\$18M (\$23.4M TOTAL)

Hotline, Shelter, Crisis Services

- 100% of crisis calls answered;
- 100% of victims' requests for shelter met;
- 100% of victims requesting an advocate at the hospital, magistrate, or court services served.

Legal & Court Advocacy

- 100% of victims requesting legal advocacy and/or accompaniment during criminal or civil proceedings served.

Trauma Counseling & Services

- 100% of adult victims requesting trauma counseling served.

Child/Youth Services & Prevention

- 100% of centers provide trauma counseling to children exposed to sexual and domestic violence;
- 100% of centers provide prevention programming for children and youth in their community.

CENTERS REMAIN OPEN AND CAN EXPAND SERVICES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

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