

National Alliance to End Homelessness

- ◆ Between 5 and 7.7% of youth experience homelessness each year.
- ◆ Domestic violence is the immediate cause of homelessness for women and children. In November 2006, over 22,000 victims of domestic violence including 12,000 children - received housing services across the United States.
- ◆ 600,000 families with 1.35 million children per year experience homelessness.
- ◆ 43% of homeless children are under the age of 6.ⁱ
- ◆ Of those Homeless Families in Fairfax County the number one cause of homelessness was fleeing Domestic Abuse. (2008 Point in Time Survey)

The National CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey 2005

- ◆ In households with incomes under \$15,000 per year: 35.5% of women and 20.7% of men suffered violence from an intimate partner.
- ◆ 43% of women and 26% of men in multiracial non-Hispanic households suffered partner violence.¹

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: - Domestic Violence Facts-Virginia

- ◆ Between 2000 and 2006, the number of women and children staying in domestic violence shelters has doubled
- ◆ In 2006, 51,652 individuals in crisis situations contacted Virginia domestic violence programs.ⁱⁱ
- ◆ 30% to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the householdⁱⁱⁱ

In Virginia: (Statistics from the Domestic and Sexual Violence Action Alliance)

- ◆ Domestic Violence service providers responded to 51,652 crisis situations
- ◆ Sheltered 6,796 individuals (3,646 adults and 3,150 children) in emergency residential service programs
- ◆ Turned away 1,898 individuals because programs were full
- ◆ Provided services to 3,267 children
- ◆ Provided advocacy services to 5,812 adults.

American Institute on Domestic Violence: Statistics on DV in the Workplace:

- ◆ 85-95% of all domestic violence victims are female
- ◆ 5.3 million Women are abused each year.
- ◆ Women are more likely to be attacked by someone they know.¹

Domestic Violence Frequently Asked Questions

- ◆ Nearly a third of all women in the U.S. will report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend in their lifetime
- ◆ 1.5 million woman in the U.S. are physically assaulted by an intimate partner
- ◆ Every 15 seconds one woman is abused in the U.S.^{iv}

In Fairfax County:

Fairfax County Police Department, 2008 data:

- ◆ Police responded to 10,099 domestic violence related calls for service:
- ◆ 7,108 domestic dispute
- ◆ 2,991 domestic violence incidents
- ◆ 1,863 arrests were made for domestic violence

Fairfax County Magistrate's Office, 2008 data:

- ◆ 2,187 emergency protective orders were issued
- ◆ 2,168 domestic violence assault and battery misdemeanor warrants issued¹

Family Violence Prevention Fund: The Facts on Children and Domestic Violence

- ◆ Children who have been exposed to family violence suffer symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, such as bed-wetting or nightmares, and are at greater risk than their peers of having allergies, asthma, gastrointestinal problems, headaches and flu.
- ◆ Children who witness incidents of domestic violence, are at a greater risk of having serious adult health problems including tobacco use, substance abuse, obesity, cancer, heart disease, depression and a higher risk for unintended pregnancy.^v

Break the Cycle: - Statistics on Youth & Teen Domestic Violence

- ◆ Young women ages 16 to 24 are most vulnerable to domestic violence, experiencing the highest per capita rates—nearly triple the overall average.
- ◆ 92% of girls who enter the correctional system report being victims of physical or sexual abuse.
- ◆ Boys who witness domestic violence are *twice as likely* to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.
- ◆ Teen victims of domestic violence are more likely than their classmates to bring guns or other weapons to school.
- ◆ Teen victims are three times more likely to be involved in a physical fight.¹

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- ⁱ **The National Alliance to End Homelessness.** www.naeh.org
- ⁱⁱ **National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.** <http://www.ncadv.org/>
Fact Sheet: <http://www.ncadv.org/files/Virginia%20new%20%28same%29%202.09.pdf>
- ⁱⁱⁱ **American Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Fact Sheet:**
[http://www.ncadv.org/files/DomesticViolenceFactSheet\(National\).pdf](http://www.ncadv.org/files/DomesticViolenceFactSheet(National).pdf)
- ^{iv} **Fairfax County: Domestic Violence Frequently Asked Questions.**
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/dviolence/faqs.htm>
- ^v **Family Violence and Prevention Fund.** <http://endabuse.org/> . **The Facts on Children and Domestic Violence.** http://endabuse.org/userfiles/file/Children_and_Families/Children.pdf