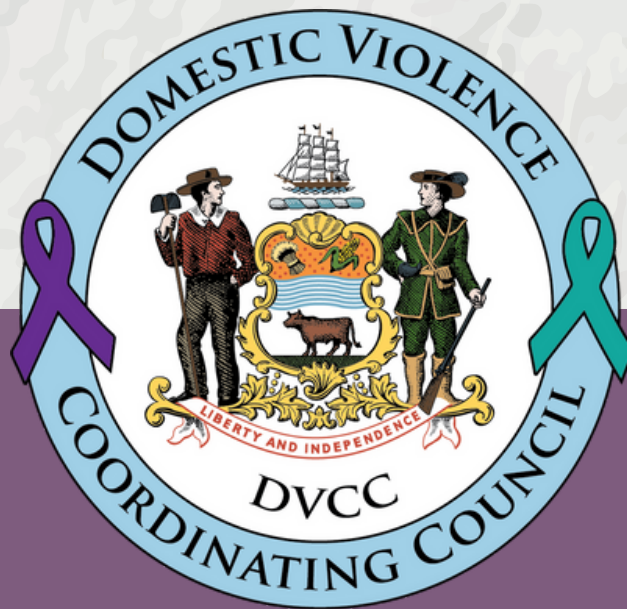


# ANNUAL REPORT

- FISCAL YEAR 2025 -



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
COORDINATING COUNCIL

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025. As we all have said, there is still much work to be done if we are going to win the battle against domestic violence. When you read this report, you will see that all of the committees were very busy during the past fiscal year. There was community outreach, education, and training that occurred over the year.

The highlight of FY 2025 was the signing of HB 340 into law by former Governor John C. Carney creating statewide Family Justice Centers for Delaware and the Family Justice Center Council. Governor Carney signed the legislation at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation ceremony. As I said last year, this seismic legislation will significantly improve the coordination of services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and child abuse. The DVCC started working towards this goal in 2021 with the establishment of the Family Justice Center Steering Committee and has worked diligently to see Family Justice Centers in Delaware become a reality. Planning is ongoing to do the necessary work before the first center opens its doors but, we are now closer to our goal.

The Annual Report also includes statistical information on incidents of domestic violence, a breakdown of court dispositions, and services offered for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. This annual report contains a wealth of statistical information that will inform the DVCC's work as we progress through the next fiscal year and will guide the policy decisions of Delaware. We need to remain steadfast in our commitment to end domestic violence.

On behalf of the members and staff of the DVCC, we thank you for all that you do to improve the lives of the citizens of our wonderful state.

Sincerely,  
Michael K. Newell, Chair

# 2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

## CHAIR

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Chief Judge, Family Court

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Honorable Kevin O'Connell, Chief Defender, Office of Defense Services

Honorable Terra Taylor, Commissioner, Department of Correction

Honorable Steven Yeatman, Secretary, Department of Services for Children, Youth & Their Families

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Professor Jennifer Naccarelli, At-Large Member

Melissa Pennachi, At-Large Member

Denise Grabowski, At-Large Member

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Debra Pierce, Administrative Specialist

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Timothy Valeski, DV High Risk Team Coordinator

Libby Neuner, Family Justice Center Project Coordinator

# MISSION STATEMENT

The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) is a state agency legislatively created to improve Delaware's response to domestic violence and sexual assault. The DVCC brings together all stakeholders including service providers, policy-level officials, and community partners to eradicate domestic violence. The DVCC is committed to leading the nation through innovative legislative action, community education, and an outstanding coordinated system response to violence in families and the community.

## STATUTORY DUTIES

### 13 Del.C. § 2103

The Council shall:

1. Continuously study court services and procedures, law-enforcement procedures and protocol, and criminal justice data collection and analysis as it relates to domestic violence;
2. Effectuate coordination between agencies, departments and the courts with victims of domestic violence and abuse;
3. Promote effective prevention, intervention and treatment techniques which will be developed based upon research and data collection;
4. Recommend standards for treatment programs for perpetrators of domestic violence to the Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families and the Department of Correction;
5. Review and comment upon legislation relating to domestic violence introduced in the General Assembly at the request of any member of the General Assembly or on its own initiative; and
6. Improve the response to domestic violence and abuse so as to reduce the incidents thereof.



# DVCC COMMITTEES

Much of the work done by the DVCC is accomplished through committees made up of Council members, DVCC staff, first responders, service providers, policy-level officials, and community members. This collaborative approach has helped establish supportive ties in the community for victims of violence, identify areas of need, and implement policies and procedures beneficial in combatting domestic violence in Delaware.

## Aging & Domestic Violence

**Chair** Honorable Vaughn Bond  
**Designee Chair** Kimberly Chandler

## Public Awareness/Education

**Chair** Honorable Carl Danberg

## Animal Abuse & DV Link

**Chair** Honorable Michael Newell  
**Designee Chair** Honorable Jennifer Ranji

## Training

**Chair** Honorable Michael Newell  
**Designee Chair** Eleanor Torres, Esquire

## Children and Domestic Violence

**Chair** Honorable Steven Yeatman

## Treatment

**Chair** Honorable Terra Taylor

## Criminal Justice

**Chairs** Melissa Pennachi and  
 Master Corporal Andrea Warfel

## Domestic Violence Intervention Certification Panel

## Immigration

**Chair** Laura Graham, Esquire

## Family Justice Center

### Steering Committee

**Chair** Laura Graham, Esquire

## Legislative Drafting & Review

**Chair** Honorable Krista Griffith

## Fatal Incident Review Team (FIRT)

**Chairs** Deputy Attorney General  
 Jenna Milecki,  
 Professor Dana Harrington Conner,  
 and Lisa Hudson

## Medical

**Chair** Josephine Mokonogho, MD



# AGING & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

The Aging and Domestic Violence Committee continuously reviews data and information about the prevalence of domestic violence against aging Delawareans, the unmet needs of elderly victims, existing services and programs, and the experiences of elderly victims. The Committee is made up of representatives from the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, law enforcement, advocates, and community partners.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

After thoughtful discussion, members voted to change the name of the committee to “Aging and Domestic Violence.” This was due to the recognition of changing language around the population that the committee aims to support. Through benchmarking of other state agencies and federal agencies, the committee agreed that this change was the most appropriate for the committee’s purpose.

Building on the momentum gained from the Elder Abuse Awareness Day Webinar held in June 2023, the committee developed an Elder Abuse Webinar series for this fiscal year. After analyzing the data from the initial webinar, three topics rose to the top: Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia, Financial Empowerment, and Interview Techniques. The first webinar, “Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia,” was held on January 29, 2025, in collaboration with the Alzheimer’s Association of Delaware Valley. The second webinar, titled “Understanding Caregiver Roles: Managing Money With Those Who Have Dementia,” also hosted in collaboration with the Alzheimer’s Association of Delaware Valley, was held on June 11, 2025. The DVCC engaged with providers in these webinars, which were both overwhelmingly received positive evaluations. The final webinar in this series, “Tips for Interviewing Older Adults Who May Have Experienced Abuse,” is being held on September 24, 2025. The presenters for this third webinar are Candace Heisler, J.D., and Christopher Dubble, MSW, who are both experts in this subject.

The committee decided to host an Elder Abuse Awareness Day Webinar annually and present a webinar series every other year.





# ANIMAL ABUSE & DV LINK COMMITTEE

The Animal Abuse & Domestic Violence LINK Committee brings together representatives from Family Court, Animal Welfare, Child Welfare, the General Assembly, the Department of Justice, advocates and community partners to examine the link between animal abuse and domestic violence, the ways that these intersections can be recognized by service providers in each area, and ways to more effectively address these issues.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In FY2025, the Committee was primarily focused on planning for the multi-disciplinary symposium covering both basics about the link and offering more topic-focused sessions (see next page).

The Committee discussed issues that arise when animals are abused by children under age 12. Because delinquency charges relating to animal cruelty cannot be issued to children under 12, the Office of Animal Welfare cannot currently remove the animal from the home as they can when deemed appropriate in other cases of animal cruelty. In addition, treatment services for the youth cannot generally be mandated if a family is unwilling to cooperate. The Committee discussed ways to address this gap to allow removal for the safety of the animal in these incidents and ensure appropriate treatment for the child.

A Bench Card on the LINK for Delaware is being drafted in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). The Bench Card was shared with the Committee for input and is in the final stages of drafting.

The Committee began working with The CAUSE Production Crew to develop a public service announcement (PSA) about the LINK. In February, Judge Ranji and Angela Seguin met with The CAUSE to provide information about the link between animal abuse and abuse of humans and to hear their ideas for PSAs. A script was developed and filming was scheduled for July 2025. The PSA will be finalized for use during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2025.

In FY2026, the Committee plans to review the animal abuse code to pursue needed updates and to continue with cross-sector education initiatives and completion of the Bench Card.

# ANIMAL ABUSE & DV LINK COMMITTEE

## Animal Abuse & Human Violence Symposium

The Committee sponsored the Animal Abuse and Human Violence Symposium, held on April 7, 2025. The Symposium was offered free of charge and had 135 attendees. Three plenary sessions were presented by nationally known experts. Three breakout sessions were presented by a mix of local and national experts on the topics of: Prosecution of Animal Cruelty; Animal Welfare in Family Law; and Pets and Domestic Violence. Eleven agencies had resource tables. Brandywine Valley SPCA brought 7 puppies on site, 5 of which were adopted and taken home that day. Evaluations of the event were overwhelmingly positive.



Officer Donna DiClemente with Courthouse Facility Dog Officer Vinn & Judge Jennifer Ranji





# CHILDREN & DV COMMITTEE

The Children and Domestic Violence Committee brings together representatives from the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families (DSCYF), the General Assembly, Family Court, the Department of Justice, law enforcement, advocates, and community partners to examine services and system gaps for children experiencing domestic violence.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Throughout FY2025, the Children & Domestic Violence Committee made strides in addressing the needs of children exposed to intimate partner violence and trauma. The Committee's work was primarily guided by a Fatal Incident Review Team (FIRT) recommendation to enhance awareness of interventions for affected children among service providers, child welfare professionals, law enforcement, and other key stakeholders.

The Committee engaged in efforts to respond to the FIRT recommendation, including reviewing and compiling resources and information related to available interventions, updating the DVCC website's "Resources for Victims and Survivors" and "Children Resources" pages to ensure accurate and current information on services for children exposed to IPV, and collaborating on updates to key informational materials, including the "Children and Domestic Violence" chapter of the DVCC Manual for Healthcare Professionals and the "How DV Affects Children" brochure.

In April 2025, the Committee received an update on a new FIRT recommendation assigned to the Division of Family Services (DFS), which aims to more directly address the needs of children impacted by domestic violence. Following this, Committee members agreed to conclude their focused discussion on the original recommendation while continuing to monitor and support DFS's efforts on the new recommendation.

The Committee also prioritized conversations on emerging challenges impacting children and families affected by domestic violence, including the barriers minors face in accessing mental health services, and navigating parental rights and access to medical records in cases involving court actions or custody disputes. The Committee plans to continue addressing these critical topics in FY2026.





# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The focus of the Criminal Justice Committee is to continuously review the justice system's response to domestic violence and sexual assault in order to identify and implement improvements to the criminal justice system through policy development. This committee brings together law enforcement, the courts, the Office of Defense Services, the Department of Justice, the Department of Correction, Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS), advocates and community partners to resolve issues specific to the needs of those affected by domestic violence.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During FY2025, the Criminal Justice Committee made steady and meaningful progress across several key initiatives related to domestic violence response and policy development. The Committee convened quarterly to receive updates, advance ongoing projects, and collaborate with stakeholders on systemic improvements.

A focus throughout the year was the continued rollout of the Strangulation Protocol across Delaware. DVCC staff and partners have trained over 1,300 police officers from at least 34 departments statewide. Although the supporting grant has concluded, training will continue on an as-needed basis both in person and through a virtual module version of the training that DVCC staff developed. To support law enforcement in the field, a pocket card summarizing the Protocol and strangulation-specific questions was created and is being distributed to officers across the state.

In response to a Fatal Incident Review Team (FIRT) recommendation, the Committee established a workgroup to explore potential legislative changes related to domestic violence misdemeanor cases outside the exclusive jurisdiction of Family Court. The workgroup began meeting in FY2025, and by year-end, DVCC's Legislative Committee was working on draft legislation that remains with that Committee for further action. The Criminal Justice Committee also focused on improving the clarity and enforceability of No Contact Order language in sentencing orders. The Committee continues to collaborate with the Judicial Information Center (JIC), the Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS), and other stakeholders to address this.

Throughout the fiscal year, the Committee also monitored emerging trends and systemic issues, including the substitution of anger management in place of domestic violence-specific treatment, data around breach of release and criminal contempt, challenges associated with violations of protection orders and VOP (violation of probation) charges, and more.



# IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

Working with non-U.S. Citizen victims of domestic violence and sexual assault presents additional barriers and challenges. Non-Citizen victims often feel trapped in abusive relationships because of immigration status or lack thereof, language barriers, social isolation, and lack of financial resources. In addition, non-Citizens are less likely to report violence out of fear of law enforcement and deportation. The Immigration Committee, made up of service providers, law enforcement, advocates, and survivors of domestic violence, collaborate to identify the additional barriers confronting non-Citizen victims, and work to coordinate resources and effectuate change.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

According to the most recent Census data for Delaware, approximately 13.9 percent of Delawareans speak a language other than English at home. Access to services and information about domestic violence and sexual assault for Limited English Proficient (LEP) survivors is paramount for safety; survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault need to be able to communicate effectively with system-based partners and community providers.

Additionally, in FY2025, the Committee focused on addressing a Fatal Incident Review Team (FIRT) recommendation regarding addressing language access for LEP survivors. The Committee conducted a survey of service providers and system partners to assess the needs and gaps with implementing effective Language Access Plans. This survey was used to assist with strategizing and planning initiatives to address language access for survivors.

The Committee continues to review and discuss policy changes and law updates impacting non-Citizen survivors in Delaware.

# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Drafting and Review Committee reviews proposed legislation addressing domestic violence and sexual assault and considers legislative initiatives to be supported by the DVCC. Participation on the Committee includes representatives from the General Assembly, the Department of Justice, the courts, law enforcement, civil legal professionals, victim advocates, and community partners.



Signing of SS1 for SB17 and SB139 by Governor Meyer on August 20, 2025, with Sponsors and Victim Advocates

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On October 25, 2024, Governor Carney signed **HB340** establishing the first statewide system of Family Justice Centers in the nation, and the Family Justice Center Council.

During FY2025, the Committee tracked and sponsored several bills, which the DVCC voted to support. In addition to the bills below, the Committee sponsored multiple bills addressing the needs of survivors that were filed and will continue through the legislative process.

**SS1 for SB17** – revised Delaware’s Victims’ Bill of Rights and the Victims’ Compensation Assistance Program based on the recommendations in the February 27, 2024, Victims’ Bill of Rights Committee Final Report. The work of this Committee represented the first major review of the Victims’ Bill of Rights since its enactment in 1992.

**HB167** - expanded the composition of the Family Justice Center Council by removing a single member that previously represented the health care community including both mental health providers and sexual assault nurse examiners, and instead adding: one member representing the mental health care provider community, one member representing the sexual assault nurse examiner community, and one member representing system-based police or prosecution victim service specialists.



# MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Domestic violence is a serious public health concern that affects the well-being of millions of people each year. Domestic violence can lead to adverse health outcomes that can be a direct result of the violence experienced or can be exacerbated by the trauma from the abuse. Healthcare providers who are knowledgeable about domestic violence and sexual assault play a critical role in educating about resources for safety and improving health outcomes for survivors.

This Committee is made up of health care providers, advocates, preventionists, community health workers and behavioral health providers. The Medical Committee acknowledges the medical community as vital participants in a coordinated community response to domestic violence and seeks to provide accessible information and training to health care providers in Delaware regarding evidence-based responses to domestic violence.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Medical Committee developed a partnership with the Chaplain Residency Program at ChristianaCare to conduct an annual training on “Responding to Domestic Violence in the Medical Setting” with incoming Chaplains.

In 2024, a Fatal Incident Review Team (FIRT) recommendation was made to the Medical Society of Delaware that recommends that healthcare providers and administrators strengthen domestic violence screenings, with an emphasis on trauma-informed care in all healthcare settings, to best protect survivors of domestic violence. Members of the Medical Committee have been in communication with the Medical Society of Delaware with recommendations for training to support the implementation of this recommendation.

In partnership with Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Medical Committee supported the creation of an online training module for medical providers that complements the *Resource Manual for Medical Providers*.



# PUBLIC AWARENESS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee brings together representatives from the courts, law enforcement, healthcare, Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families, advocates, and community partners to promote awareness and education about domestic violence, sexual assault, and resources available to victims.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In FY2025, 13 educational workshops were facilitated. The populations reached at these workshops include 176 teens and 218 members of the general public. The 2024 Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) theme was “Connecting the Dots: Together Against Domestic Violence.” DVCC Intern Abigail Hoffman conducted 10 interviews with various domestic violence advocates throughout the state of Delaware. Eight of those interviews were edited and posted to the DVCC’s Instagram and Facebook pages. The videos were well-received, garnering 4,356 views and 3,000 new profile views on Instagram, with 55% of the views coming from non-followers. The videos also received positive engagement from other organizations.

The Committee organized a statewide Teen Dating Violence Poster Contest for middle and high school students, which received a total of 51 submissions. Two first-place winners were selected: Madalin from Sussex County for middle school and Jhamiya from Kent County for high school. Both winners were honored at the 2025 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation signing on February 14th, where they had the opportunity to meet Governor Matt Meyer and other stakeholders. The submitted posters were displayed at Legislative Hall on the ground floor throughout January.

During the March DVCC Quarterly Meeting, the winners, along with the second-place and third-place high school winners, were recognized. The second-place winner for middle school is Tamica from Sussex County, and the third-place winner is Zylah, also from Sussex County. The second-place high school winner is Nathaly from New Castle County, while the third-place winner is Evan, also from New Castle County. Each winner received a certificate and prizes: the first-place winners received \$350 gift cards, one sponsored by the DVCC and the other by the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV). The second-place winners received \$200 gift cards sponsored by the DVCC, and the third-place winners received \$100 gift cards.



# PUBLIC AWARENESS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## 2025 Teen Dating Violence Posters

Pictured below are the final versions of the 2025 Teen Dating Violence Posters. To request prints of either poster, please email [DVCC.Trainings@delaware.gov](mailto:DVCC.Trainings@delaware.gov) with the number of posters you need and a shipping address.

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**Know the Signs: Recognizing Green & Red Flags**

**1 in 3 U.S. teens** will experience abuse from someone they are in a relationship with. (loveisrespect.org)

**There are no "perfect relationships"...**  
Here are some red (and green) flags that you might want to look into while dating.



Labels in illustration: a gut feeling, trust your instincts!; Ashamed and/or embarrassed to be with you; Little-to-no doubtful thoughts about the relationship; Not scared to show that they love you; Neglectful behavior; Constant boundary crossing; Love you be yourself; Neither "loves" org... more "both" show love to one another, equality.

**...But there are some that won't work out.**

**JHAMIYA, HIGH SCHOOL WINNER, KENT COUNTY**

**NEED HELP? GET IN TOUCH NOW.**

**CALL**  
1-866-331-9474 | 800.877.3224 (TTY)

**TEXT**  
Text 'LOVEIS' to 22522

In 2024, the DVCC asked students across the state of Delaware to show what green and red flags look like in relationships.

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Labels in illustration: They actively listen to you!; Roses are red, so are red flags. What does your relationship mean to you?; boundaries; Jealousy; Narcissism; Possessive; Controlling; anger control; controlling behavior; physically hurting you; RESPECT.

In 2024, the DVCC asked students across the state of Delaware to show what green and red flags look like in relationships.

**NEED HELP? GET IN TOUCH NOW.**

**CALL**  
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**MADALIN, MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER, SUSSEX COUNTY**

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# TRAINING COMMITTEE

The Training Committee was established to identify domestic violence and sexual assault training needs throughout the State and to develop specific and multidisciplinary training. The goals of the Committee include offering evidence-based instruction about domestic violence and sexual violence, serving as a referral source for anyone seeking instruction on responses to domestic violence or organizational training requests, collaborating within systems to effectively disseminate information, best practices, research and trends in the field, and to be a space where professionals can collaboratively create, explore and share training technologies, methods, and opportunities for professional development.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Training Committee provided recommendations and assistance for the DVCC's training initiatives throughout FY2025. During FY2025, the DVCC facilitated 38 trainings and trained 3,105 people. In January, the Committee conducted a needs assessment by surveying the DVCC subcommittees. This assessment identified two major themes: the availability of online training modules and the need to increase accessibility for DVCC training. Additionally, the DVCC's training initiatives were informed by recommendations from the Fatal Incident Review Team (FIRT).

Throughout FY2025, DVCC staff traveled across the state of Delaware to train law enforcement officers on the Strangulation Protocol, funded by the Law Enforcement Training Grant. During this grant period, DVCC conducted 50 training sessions, successfully training 1,305 officers, which included 1,290 police officers, nine fire marshals, three dispatchers, and three other professionals from all three counties. Furthermore, a virtual training module was created for officers who could not attend the in-person sessions. This online module will be available on the Delaware Learning Center and is approved by the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) for certified training hours.

# TRAINING COMMITTEE

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The DVCC also organized three workshops focused on stalking, following the 2022 FIRT recommendation for law enforcement training on stalking dynamics and related legal charges. In 2024 and 2025, the DVCC hosted the “Collaborative Approaches to Stalking” session, led by DOJ Deputy Attorney General Jenna Milecki. This session included an overview of stalking, relevant charges in Delaware, and a case study on a domestic violence fatality involving stalking. The training featured a panel discussion on collaboration among various partners. Additionally, in 2025, the DVCC offered a full-day virtual training titled “Identifying and Responding to Stalking,” presented by the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC). This training covered stalking dynamics, their intersection with domestic violence, technology use, risk assessments, and victim safety planning.

Finally, the DVCC updated the Student Misconduct training based on feedback from the Department of Education (DOE) and input from participants in 2024. The DVCC is required by law to develop this training per the Student Misconduct Model Policy and submit the modules to the DOE. This training is mandatory for teachers, administrators, school employees, school volunteers, and anyone else required by schools to complete it. The training will be launched for the 2025-2026 school year.



**PRIDE**  
SPEAKER SERIES

**INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN THE LGBTQIA COMMUNITY**

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025**  
7PM

**FRANCISCA MORENO**  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

**JEN KUTNEY**  
DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**JOE MYERS**  
DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**DCADV**  
DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Orgullo**  
DELAWARE

**CAMP Rehaboth**  
Community Center



**WEBINAR** **SPARC**  
STALKING PREVENTION, AWARENESS, AND RESOURCE CENTER

**IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO STALKING**

**9 AM-1 PM** **FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

Stalking is a prevalent, dangerous, and often misunderstood crime. This full-day training explores the dynamics of stalking, focusing on the highly contextual nature of the crime by discussing common tactics used by perpetrators, stalking's co-occurrence with domestic violence, the use of technology to stalk, and the use of risk assessments in stalking cases, as well as tools to plan for victim safety.

**OBJECTIVES**  
By the end of the seminar, participants will be better able to:

- Identify stalking behaviors and dynamics
- Recognize the intersection of stalking with domestic violence
- Identify common technologies used by offenders
- Identify the 14 risk factors in stalking cases
- Apply strategies for working with victims of stalking

[tinyurl.com/Feb25SPARC](https://tinyurl.com/Feb25SPARC)

**REGISTER**

**Natalie Ivey**  
Training & Criminal Justice Specialist  
Stalking, Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC)

Questions? Contact us at [DVCC.Trainings@delaware.gov](mailto:DVCC.Trainings@delaware.gov)



# TREATMENT COMMITTEE

Ensuring the quality and effectiveness of offender treatment is essential to promoting violence-free behavior and enhancing victim safety. The Treatment Committee develops and reviews Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) policies and procedures (Domestic Violence Intervention Standards) which mandate specific credentials, education, and training for treatment service providers as well as outlines the components required for program content. The Domestic Violence Intervention Standards seek to increase victim safety by eliminating violence in intimate relationships. Interventions focus on holding offenders accountable for their behavior by teaching new skills and monitoring behavior while participating in intervention programs. The Committee continuously monitors changes in the field and is committed to providing the best intervention programs possible.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In partnership with the Government Information Center (GIC), the Certification Panel enhanced the certification process for DVI providers through the creation of an electronic application process.

Members of the Treatment Committee participated in legislator-led stakeholder roundtable meetings to review and make recommendations regarding proposed legislation.

In partnership with Family Court, the Treatment Committee created an informational video on the basics of Domestic Violence Intervention to enhance public awareness of the process and model of DVI in Delaware.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION CERTIFICATION PANEL

The Domestic Violence Intervention Certification Panel is a subcommittee of the Treatment Committee. The Panel is responsible for ensuring that DV Intervention programs for people who cause harm meet all specified requirements of DVCC's Domestic Violence Intervention Standards prior to being added to the referral list of Certified Programs for courts and supervising agencies.



# FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

In September of 2021, the DVCC established the Family Justice Center Steering Committee to explore the feasibility, impact, and steps needed to establish one, or more, Family Justice Centers in Delaware to support victims of interpersonal violence.



Signing of HB340 to establish Family Justice Centers and the FJC Council, October 25, 2024.

## FY2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On October 25, 2024, Governor John Carney signed HB340, establishing Family Justice Centers and a Family Justice Center Council (FJCC) that will oversee the centers and operate independently under the Criminal Justice Council. The bill included a fiscal note that provided the funds to hire an Executive Director and a full-time staff member. On August 20, 2024 the last FJC Steering Committee was held and on November 19, 2024, the inaugural meeting of the Family Justice Center Council was held, and the Council continues to meet regularly.

FJC staff and key stakeholders attended the FJC Leadership Summit in March 2025, and the 24<sup>th</sup> annual FJC Conference and site visit at One Safe Place in San Diego in May of 2025, to continue to enhance the knowledge on the background of FJCs and best practices. Previously the team visited eight FJC sites in 2023 and 2024.



# FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

In January 2025, Tevebaugh Architecture completed a Feasibility Study that assessed potential site locations and facilities, staffing, and operational needs for the Family Justice Centers. Viable sites were identified in New Castle and Sussex Counties.

On June 30, 2025, the Bond Committee included \$750,000 for the Family Justice Center Council to allow work to begin on design plans for the Stockley Center in Sussex County. Additional funding applications have been submitted for federal funding programs to begin site renovations. Funding decisions for these programs will be made late summer/early fall 2025.

Future plans include reengaging the FJC Committees, previously known as Work Groups of the FJC Steering Committee, in fall of 2025. The Committees and their objectives include:

- Funding and Sustainability - Ensure that consistent funding is available to support capital, operational and personnel costs.
- Governance and Facilities - Establish guiding principles, mission and vision of the Family Justice Centers.
- Service Delivery and Operations - Establish a vibrant service offering that ensures the best possible service to survivors.
- Community Engagement and Outreach - Develop an outreach strategy that drives internal and external education and awareness.
- Law Enforcement - Create and implement an effective law enforcement presence within each center.
- Research and Data Analysis - Create a reliable method for collecting and analyzing data to measure success.

Additional plans are to continue working with the State Bond Committee to utilize Bond Funds for the FJC capital projects and to explore other means of funding to establish FJCs in all counties.

Starting this year, the Family Justice Center Council will publish an Annual Report.



# OUTREACH TO FAITH COMMUNITIES

Faith leaders and faith communities are vital stakeholders in a community coordinated response to domestic violence. As part of a strategic planning process in 2022, DVCC received technical assistance from the Center for Justice Innovations to enhance statewide coordination of domestic violence by identifying focus areas. As a result, a survey was conducted with local faith communities to understand needs and opportunities for collaboration.

Most respondents to the faith-based response survey indicated that staff/clergy at their organizations are not specifically trained to recognize and respond to signs of domestic violence, however more than half indicated that they are somewhat familiar with local resources for domestic violence victims. Furthermore, when asked about what would strengthen responses to domestic violence, respondents identified that they would like a current online resource manual, fostering systems within the community for families experiencing domestic violence, and more opportunities for training on the dynamics of domestic violence.

In FY2025, DVCC engaged in outreach to faith leaders from Riverfront Ministries in Wilmington, the Delaware/Maryland Presbyterian Church Conference, and the Newark Interfaith Committee (which includes faith leaders from a variety of religions) to better understand their training and resource needs. Faith leaders expressed their desire to be involved in domestic violence efforts and continued to express the need for training and resources. As a result of these connections, in FY2025, DVCC staff:

- in collaboration with DVCC Medical Committee efforts, facilitated a training for ChristianaCare's Chaplain Residency Program in August 2024;
- trained Clergy of the local Presbytery Church Conference in November 2024;
- provided a training session at the Women's Missionary Society Regional Conference at Mt. Zion AME Church in Dover in March 2025; and
- distributed resource packets to Newark area faith communities.

## Future Goals

To expand our efforts, DVCC staff plan to develop a resource guide specific to faith leaders on domestic violence response in faith communities and accessing resources for survivors and people who cause harm.

# OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The DVCC Outstanding Service Award for 2024 was presented to an individual and a group. The individual award was presented to Barbara Benezet, and the group award was given to the Probation Parole Domestic Violence Supervision Unit.

The Council annually recognizes individuals or programs that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. The individual winner, Barbara, has worked for the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program (DVAP) at the New Castle County Courthouse for two decades. She handles each case with great detail and professionalism, helping clients develop safety plans, supporting them in filing Protection From Abuse Orders, and preparing them for mediation and court hearings. She provides them with referral information for additional services that they may need. Navigating the courts is challenging, but Barbara's advocacy helps make the process more manageable for survivors. Jacquelyn A. Chacona, Esquire of Delaware Volunteer Legal Services (DVLS), notes that "[Barbara] is a bridge and a beacon from the past and toward the future."

The group award winner, the Probation Parole Domestic Violence Supervision Unit, is a team of dedicated officers working to keep victims safe and help guide probationers toward making better choices and leading productive lives. The 22 Probation Officers assigned to these units exclusively handle 946 domestic violence offenders. They are specially trained to address the unique needs and challenges of domestic violence cases. Officers employ practices such as swift action in response to non-compliance, proactive victim engagement and intervention, and active collaboration with treatment providers and local law enforcement. Commissioner Terra Taylor says "[the unit has] demonstrated thinking 'outside the box' and going above and beyond to accomplish their mission."



Barbara Benezet, the 2024 individual Outstanding Service Award Winner  
Photo credit Quinn Kirkpatrick



The 2024 agency award was presented to Probation and Parole's Domestic Violence Supervision Unit.



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

## Proclamation Signing

Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the agencies and organizations that provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims. Governor Carney signed the Proclamation on October 25, 2024.



From left to right: Judge Jennifer Ranji, Delaware Attorney General Kathleen Jennings, Chief Judge Michael Newell, Governor John Carney, Angela Seguin, Rep. Krista Griffith. Photo credit Quinn Kirkpatrick

# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

## Proclamation Signing

Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month provides an opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence among adolescents, promoting healthy dating practices, and providing services and assistance to victims. Governor Meyer signed the Proclamation on February 14, 2025. At the Proclamation Signing, the DVCC also honored the winners of the TDVAM Poster Contest, Madalin from Sussex County, the middle school winner, and Jhamiya from Kent County, the High School Winner.



Gov. Matt Meyer at the 2025 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation signing. Advocates from various disciplines are gathered around the Governor and the 2025 Teen Dating Violence Poster Contest Winners.

## Year In Review

# FAMILY VISITATION CENTERS

In FY2024, for the first time, Governor Carney signed a proclamation recognizing May as Supervised Family Visitation Awareness Month. In FY2025, on May 20, 2025, Governor Matt Meyer and Lt. Governor Kyle Evans Gay signed a proclamation and held a signing event to recognize the critical nature of these programs for Delaware families and the wonderful staff who operate them.



Representatives of Delaware's Family Visitation Centers, Child, Inc., People's Place II, Delaware State Service Centers, DVCC, DCADV, and Family Court with Governor Matt Meyer and Lt. Governor Kyle Evans Gay.





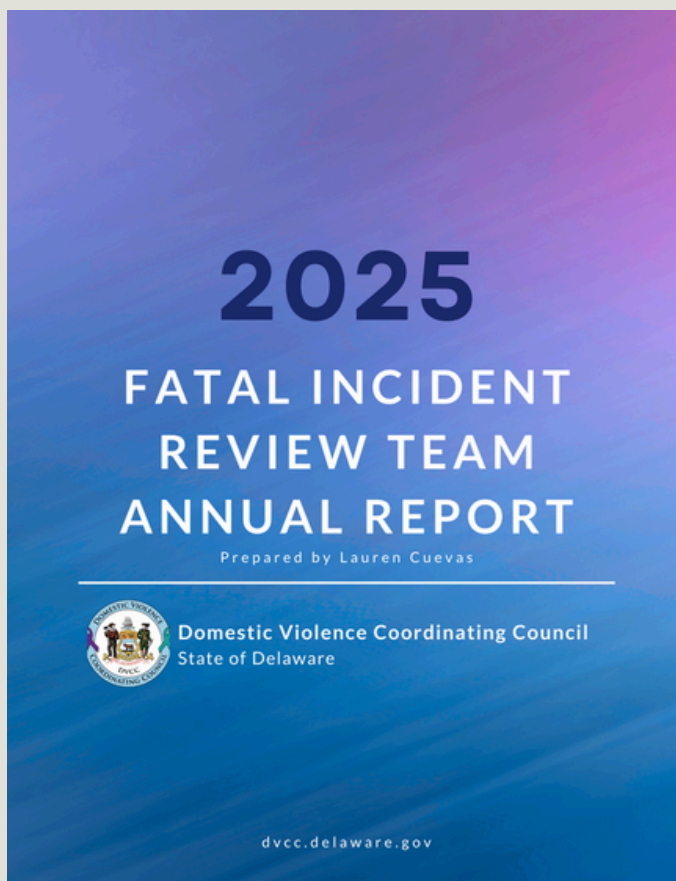
# FATAL INCIDENT REVIEW TEAM

The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council's Fatal Incident Review Team (FIRT) was established by statute in 1996 and became the first statewide team in the country. FIRT members are dedicated professionals who conduct system audits of state agencies and private organizations that had contact with the victim and/or perpetrator to assess the system's response.

Although domestic violence fatality reviews are retrospective in nature, their purpose is prospective, focusing on identifying trends, patterns and obstacles in services, assessing agency interventions, and developing practical recommendations aimed at improving the system and preventing future injury and death.

In 2009, the General Assembly granted FIRT the authority to conduct near-death reviews. These reviews enhance the Team's ability to improve Delaware's response to domestic violence with the knowledge that can be gained from speaking directly with the domestic violence survivor about the incident, the history of violence, system involvement, and awareness of resources.

The 2025 FIRT Annual Report is available online at the DVCC website (scan the QR code to view). This report provides a summary of the Review Team's activities and accomplishments over the last year; statistical data for the domestic violence fatalities that occurred in calendar year 2024; and information and recommendations from the death and near-death cases that were previously reviewed.



## Year in Review

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH RISK TEAM

Research has shown that intimate partner domestic violence homicides are often predictable; and if they are predictable, they are preventable. The DVHRT Model leverages that predictability by incorporating an evidence-based risk assessment into a community's domestic violence response system to identify and intervene in the most dangerous cases. The Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) recognizes the DVHRT Model as a "leading promising practice" in intimate partner homicide prevention.

The DVHRT manages critical information in high-risk cases to identify and close the systemic gaps where homicides occur. Delaware's DVHRT utilizes the Lethality Assessment Protocol and the Danger Assessment Protocol to identify which cases pose the greatest risk of serious re-assault or lethal violence to domestic violence victims. Victim advocates, officers at the scene, and probation officers all regularly conduct these assessments to identify high risk cases, providing a formalized process for communication across disciplines. Team members work in consultation to develop individualized intervention plans that will interrupt the cycle of escalating violence. Customized interventions (either through cases retained by DVHRT or services already rendered through partner agencies) will be offered to victims to alleviate the risk of future harm.

Since implementation of the program, the DVHRT has operated with a Coordinator who receives referrals of Kent County cases identified as high risk through the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) and then conducts a secondary assessment to prepare cases for a monthly review by the DVHRT. From 2020 - 2024, 9,407 statewide cases were identified as high risk through the LAP, conducted by police officers on the scene. Of those, 2,413 were Kent County cases. In July 2023, a second Coordinator was added to begin a review of Sussex County high risk cases. From July 2023 through 2024, there were 777 Sussex County cases reviewed. However, funding has not yet been secured to operate a Sussex team.

## Year in Review

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH RISK TEAM

During FY2025, the DVHRT Coordinators received **1,956** statewide referrals of high risk cases: 488 in Kent County, and 528 in Sussex County. Of those **488** Kent cases reviewed, **153** met the threshold to go to the Team for consideration with **32** cases being retained for continued status updates. During the same time frame, **202** Sussex cases met the threshold and would have gone to a team for review if a team existed in Sussex County.

Retained cases are monitored for six months during which time team members report on case activity, follow-up actions, and other relevant information. Further, the Coordinators check the criminal history status of the offenders each month. If there are no further incidents during the six months of monitoring, the case will be closed. If new incidents occur during the six months of monitoring, the case will continue to remain open with the Team.

The DVCC continues this project in Kent County with funding support of a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – Victims Assistance Formula Grant awarded as a subgrant by the Criminal Justice Council. The DVCC will continue to pursue funding opportunities with the goal of expanding the High Risk teams to operate in all three counties.

**Total Number of High Risk Cases by County**

	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Total Statewide
2021	1,050	477	510	2,037
2022	977	490	441	1,908
2023	990	477	493	1,960
2024	902	492	513	1,907
Jan 1 - June 30, 2025	478	230	249	956

Data on the table, by calendar year, represents cases that assessed as high risk when the Lethality Assessment Protocol was conducted by police responding to a call.

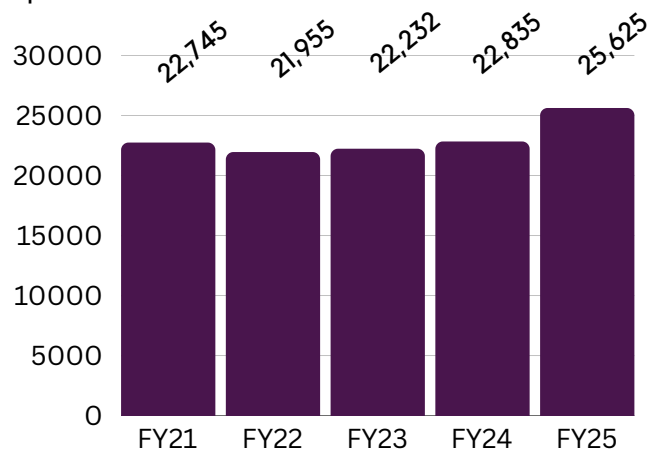
## Year In Review

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS

Criminal domestic violence incidents are those in which a crime is committed or alleged. Non-criminal domestic violence incidents are those in which there is police contact, but no crime was alleged, e.g., a verbal argument without any reported threats. Incidents of domestic violence can be perpetrated against an intimate partner or a family member. The data on pages 26 through 28 reflect incidents involving a family member, which can include an intimate partner.

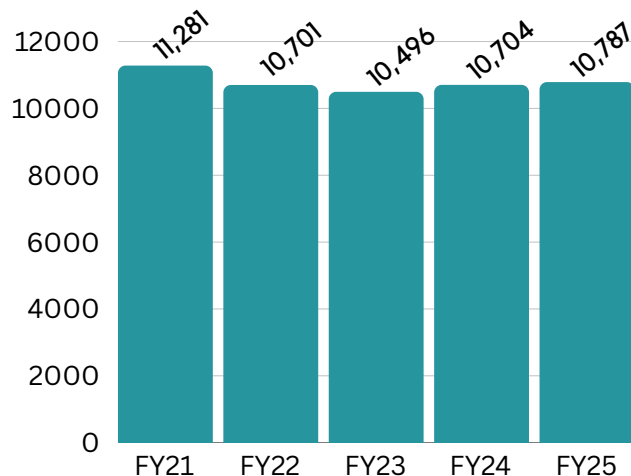
### Criminal and Non-Criminal DV Incidents

In FY2025, there were a total of **25,625** combined criminal and non-criminal domestic violence incidents reported in Delaware.



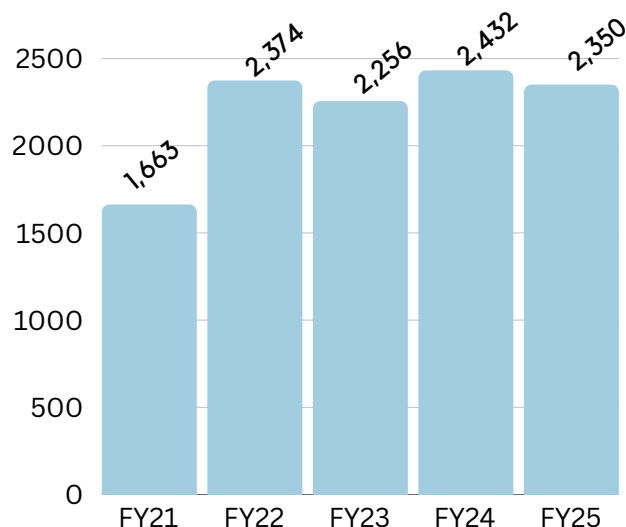
### Criminal DV Incidents

In FY2025, there were a total of **10,787** criminal domestic violence incidents reported in Delaware.



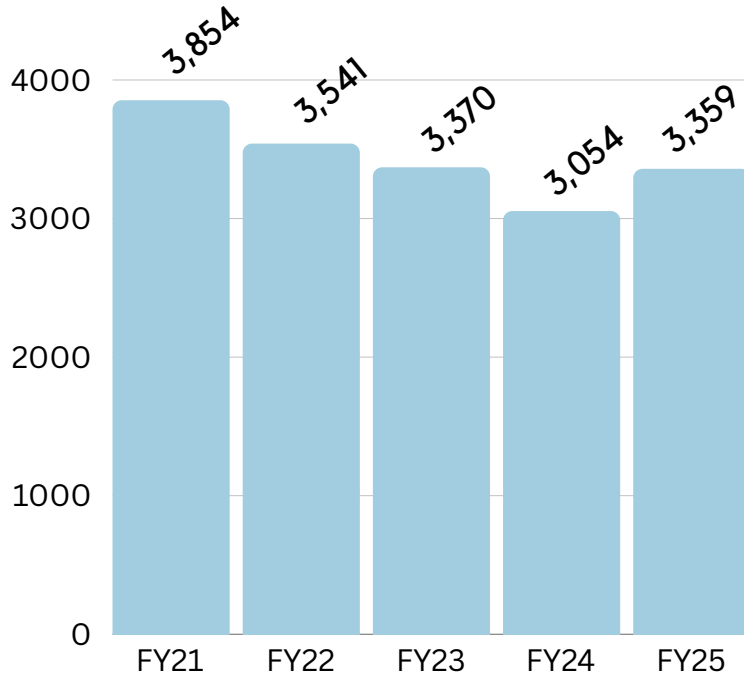
### Criminal DV Incidents with Injury

Of the 10,787 reported criminal domestic violence incidents in FY2025, **2,350 (21.7%)** resulted in physical injury to the victim.

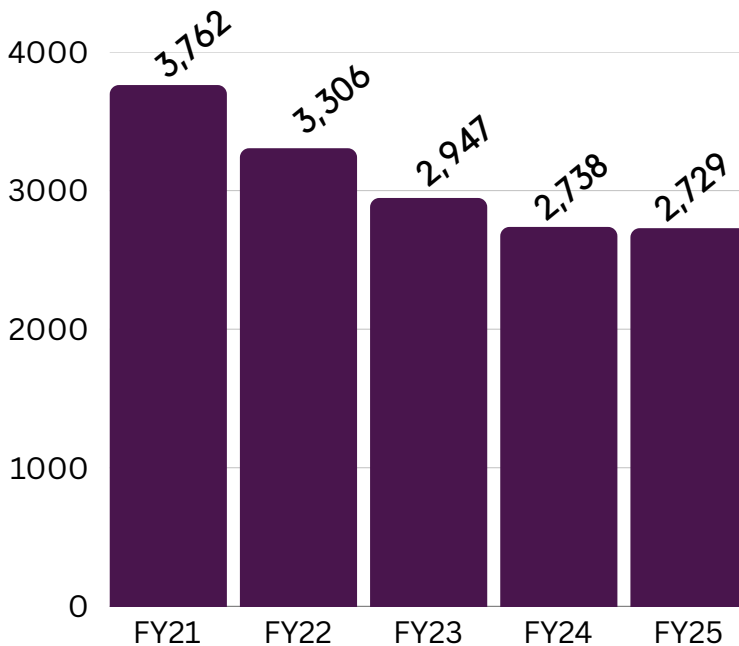


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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS

Prior Police Involvement

In FY2025, **3,359 (31%)** of the criminal domestic violence incidents had prior police involvement.

Involved a Violent Act

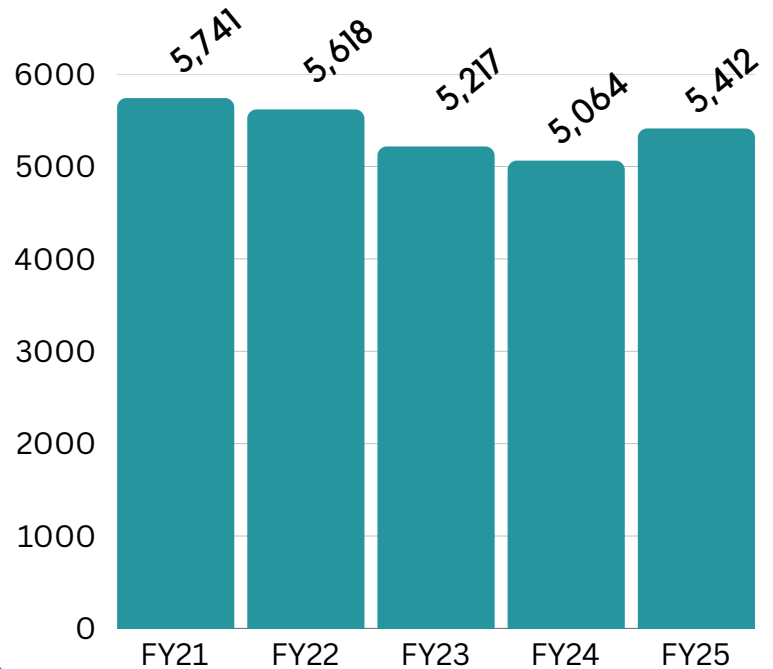
In FY2025, **2,729 (25.3%)** of the criminal domestic violence incidents involved a violent act.

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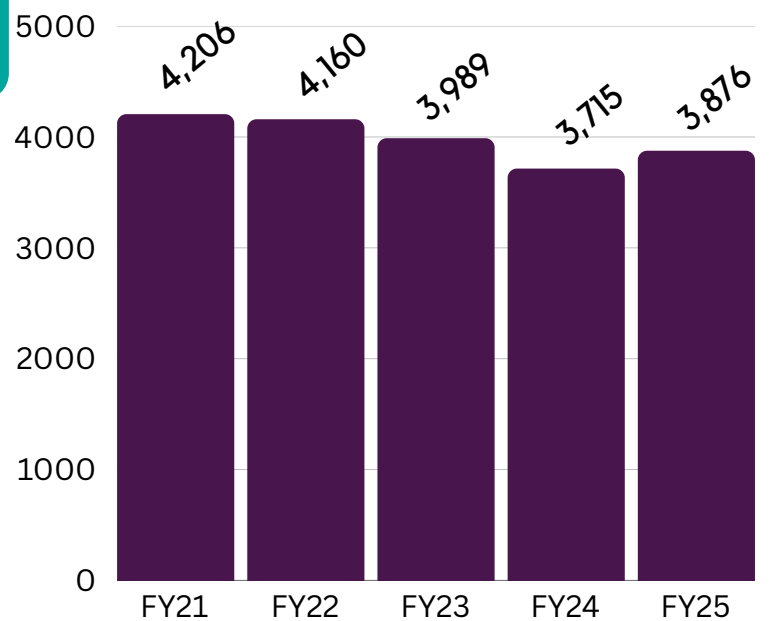
## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS

Resulted in Arrest

In FY2025, **5,412 (50%)** of the criminal domestic violence incidents resulted in an arrest.

Children Present

In FY2025, **3,876 (35.9%)** of the criminal domestic violence incidents happened with children present.



The DVCC collects this data from the Domestic Violence Incident Report captured in CJIS. Crime statistics for Delaware, including sex offenses, are analyzed by the Statistical Analysis Center and provided on their website for past years, through 2023: <https://sac.delaware.gov/crime/>.

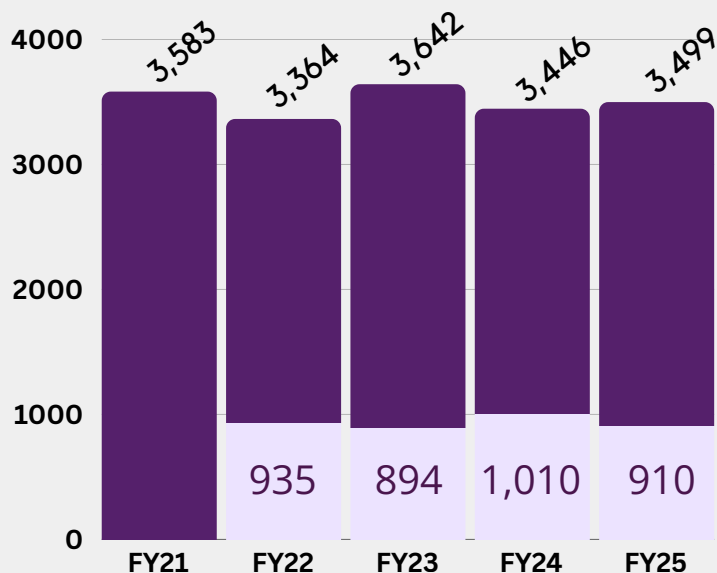


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# INTIMATE PARTNER CRIMINAL STATISTICS

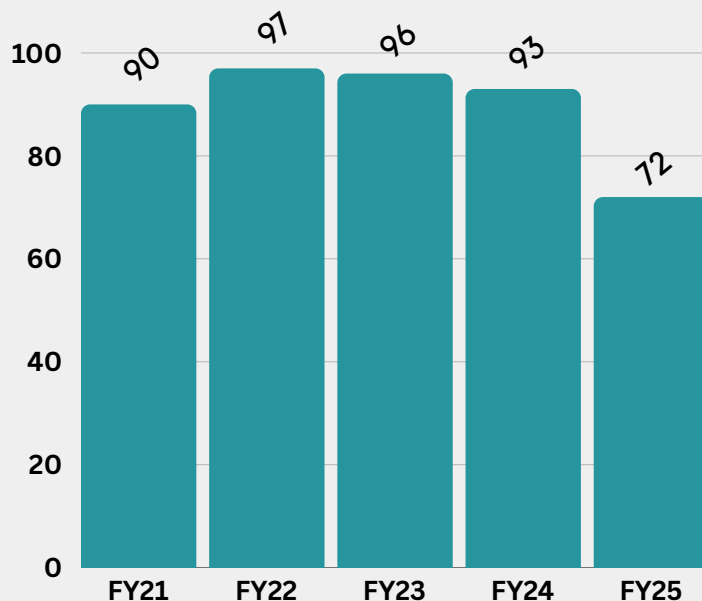
Incidents of domestic violence can be perpetrated against an intimate partner or a family member. Intimate partners can include current and former spouses, current and former dating couples with or without a child in common, and adolescent dating couples. Intimate partners may be the same gender.

Of the 10,787 criminal domestic violence incidents in FY2025, **3,499** involved intimate partners. Of the intimate partner criminal incidents reported, **2,731** of the victims were female and **955** of the victims were male.



In FY2025, of the 10,787 criminal incidents reported, **3,499** were between intimate partners.

Of those reported in FY2025, **910** indicated physical injury to the intimate partner victim.



Dual arrests occur when police officers arrest both intimate partners involved in a domestic violence incident.

In FY2025, there were **72** dual arrests made by law enforcement in intimate partner criminal incidents.



Year In Review

# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Domestic Violence Unit

The Criminal Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) is responsible for the prosecution of criminal cases throughout the State. Its mission is to represent the State in criminal cases, and in so doing safeguard the rights of victims and their families. The Domestic Violence Unit is a part of the Criminal Division in New Castle County. That Unit is responsible for the preparation and presentation of felony domestic violence criminal cases before Superior Court. Domestic Violence misdemeanor cases are handled by Deputy Attorneys General in other courts as well, including the Court of Common Pleas and Family Court.

While the Domestic Violence Unit is housed in New Castle County, the DOJ provides statewide training in domestic violence for prosecutors and utilizes specially trained prosecutors to handle domestic violence cases throughout the state.

Those prosecutors focus on stalking, strangulation, and domestic violence offenses involving a firearm in all three counties, as those are linked to lethality. The goal is to ensure that cases are evaluated consistently, as they are some of the most serious cases seen by the DOJ. Further, the DOJ has added a position to the Homicide Unit for a statewide Domestic Violence Homicide prosecutor in order to better evaluate homicide and suspicious death cases perpetrated by domestic violence offenders.



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# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

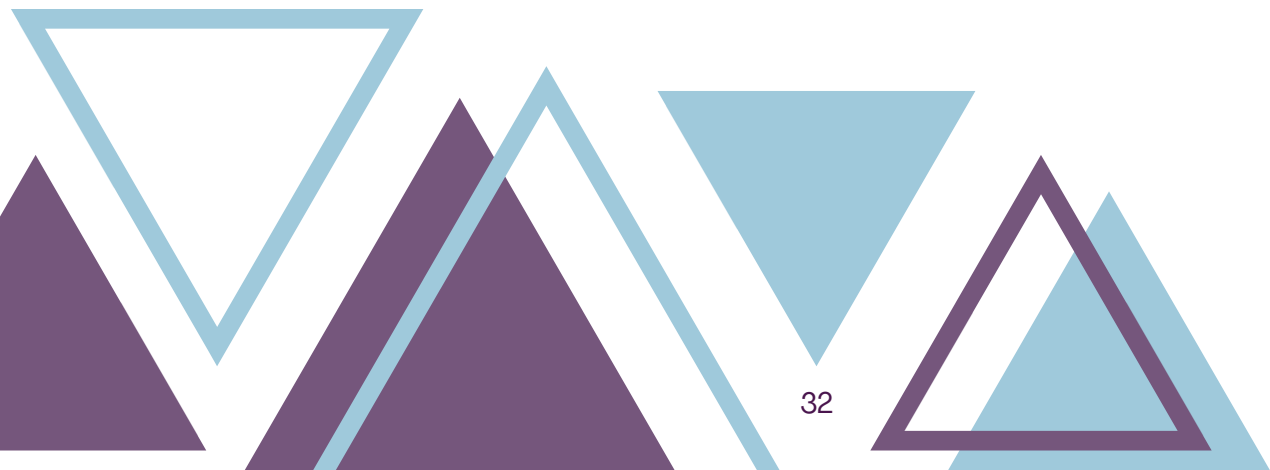
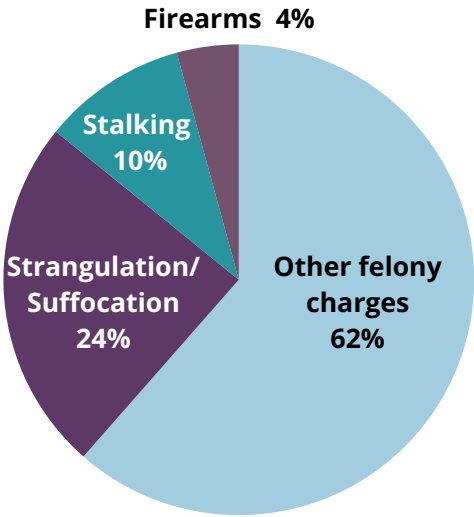
## Domestic Violence Unit

In recent years, the Department of Justice has made efforts to better track strangulation and stalking data throughout the State. In FY2025, the DOJ received a total of **1,059** felony domestic violence (DV) cases. Those include intimate partner violence, crimes against new partners, as well as familial violence. Of the felony DV cases, **258 (24%)** were charged by police as strangulation/suffocation, **105 (10%)** were charged as stalking, and **45 (4%)** involved firearms charges. The other **651 (62%)** cases involved other felony charges. DOJ received **142** felony sexual violence (SV) cases statewide. DOJ frequently reviews misdemeanor and felony cases within the unit to add charges of strangulation/suffocation and stalking where appropriate, but those are not reflected in these numbers.

FY2025 Incoming Felony DV & SV Cases Statewide

	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Total Statewide
Incoming felony DV cases	695	221	143	1,059
Incoming felony SV cases	54	21	67	142

Breakdown of DV Unit Cases



## Year In Review

# SUPERVISED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER DATA

Probation and Parole has a specialized Domestic Violence Unit in each county with probation officers specially trained in the dynamics of domestic violence. Domestic violence cases are assigned to the DV Unit based upon criteria including offense, victim/offender relationship, and active PFA orders. The philosophy of the Probation and Parole DV Unit is to hold the offender accountable and maintain victim safety. In addition, Victim Service Agents are available to serve as a liaison between victims and probation officers and provide guidance through the criminal justice system once an offender is placed on community supervision.

**802** Domestic violence offenders supervised in New Castle County.

**13** Probation Officers Assigned to DV Cases

**504** Victims Served by Victim Service Agents

**314** Domestic violence offenders supervised in Kent County.

**4** Probation Officers Assigned to DV Cases

**218** Victims Served by Victim Service Agents

**615** Domestic violence offenders supervised in Sussex County.

**8** Probation Officers Assigned to DV Cases

**348** Victims Served by Victim Service Agents

## Year In Review

# LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL

The Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) provides an effective method to identify victims of domestic violence who are at the highest risk for being seriously injured or killed by an intimate partner. A risk assessment is completed by law enforcement at the scene of a domestic violence incident, and the victim is immediately connected to the local domestic violence hotline for safety planning purposes.

During FY2025, utilization of the LAP statewide by police officers on scene held steady at **84%** of the time. This is an increase of **3%** from calendar year 2023.

# CAPITOL POLICE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Capitol Police operates the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (VIP) to provide escort, accompaniment, and other support to those who need to use Delaware Courts for any domestic-related issues. This statewide program allows anyone to make a referral for a domestic violence victim to receive police accompaniment to and from a court hearing.

During FY2025, the VIP program received **285** new VIP referrals and provided **273** clients with enhanced safety and/or protection as they conducted their business at various courts around the State. Victims who responded to surveys have been extremely grateful for the protection offered by this service. Many spoke about the VIP program in terms of giving them the strength to come to court and face their abusers without fear of being revictimized.

For more information about the VIP, please visit <https://capitolpd.delaware.gov/dv-vip/index.shtml>

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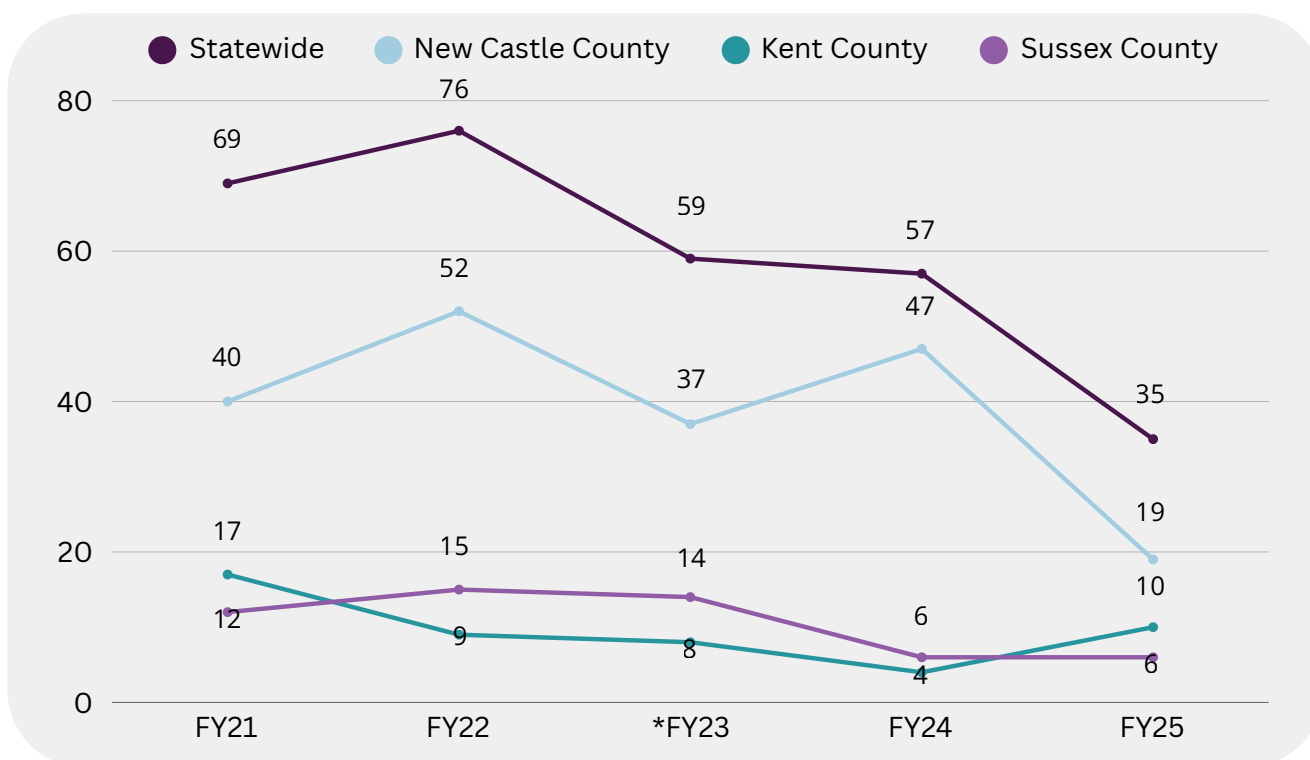
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# STATEWIDE PFA OUTCOMES

A Protection From Abuse (PFA) Order is a civil order issued by the Family Court that provides protection from harm by a family member or household member. In addition to family and household members, persons living separate and apart with a child in common, or persons in a current or former substantive dating relationship may file for a PFA Order. The Court may order the offender to stay away from the person being abused; provide exclusive use of the home or possessions; award temporary custody, child support or spousal support; or payment of expenses. Additionally, the offender may be ordered to surrender firearms, and/or to seek treatment from a DVCC-certified Domestic Violence Intervention Program. Upon a finding that aggravating circumstances exist, the Court may grant no contact relief for as long as reasonably necessary to prevent further acts of abuse or domestic violence up to and including a permanent or lifetime order.

Delaware Family Court releases two Fiscal Year Annual Reports each September that include PFA data. The figures presented in the DVCC Annual Report may vary slightly from those in the Family Court reports due to the reporting timeframe—DVCC data is compiled in mid-August, while Family Court data is finalized in late September. In FY2025, **35** lifetime PFAs were issued statewide, with **19** in New Castle County, **10** in Kent County, and **6** in Sussex County.

## Lifetime PFA Orders Issued in FY2021 - FY2025



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## STATEWIDE PFA OUTCOMES

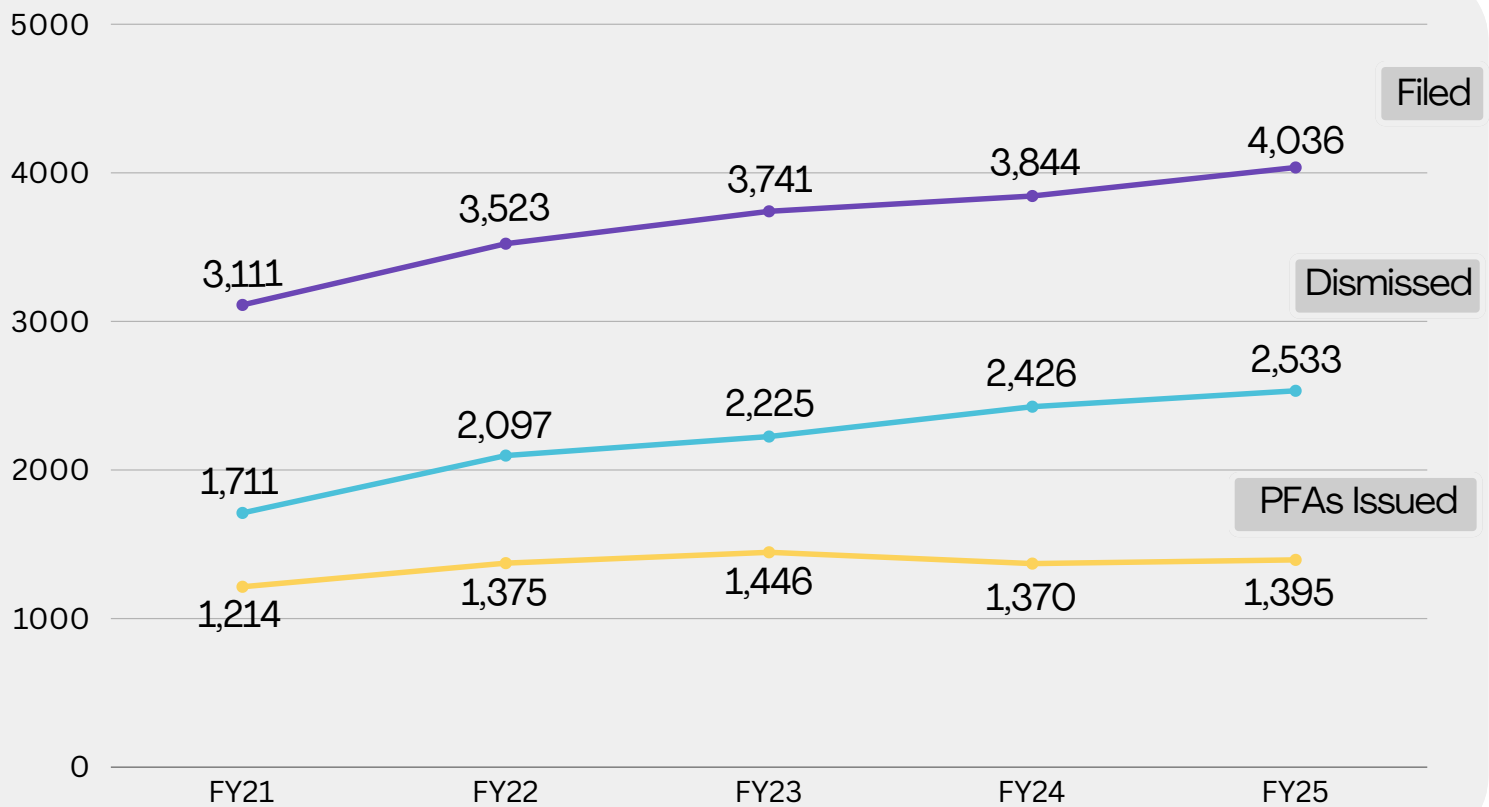
A PFA Order can be issued by Family Court in one of three ways:

- The Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence following a hearing that domestic violence has occurred; or
- The Respondent consents to the entry of an order; or
- A default order is entered when the Respondent fails to appear for a hearing after proper notice.

A PFA petition may be dismissed for one of three reasons:

- The Petitioner failed to appear for the hearing; or
- The Petitioner voluntarily withdrew the petition before the hearing; or
- Abuse was not found by a preponderance of the evidence following a hearing.

## FY2025 Statewide PFA Filings

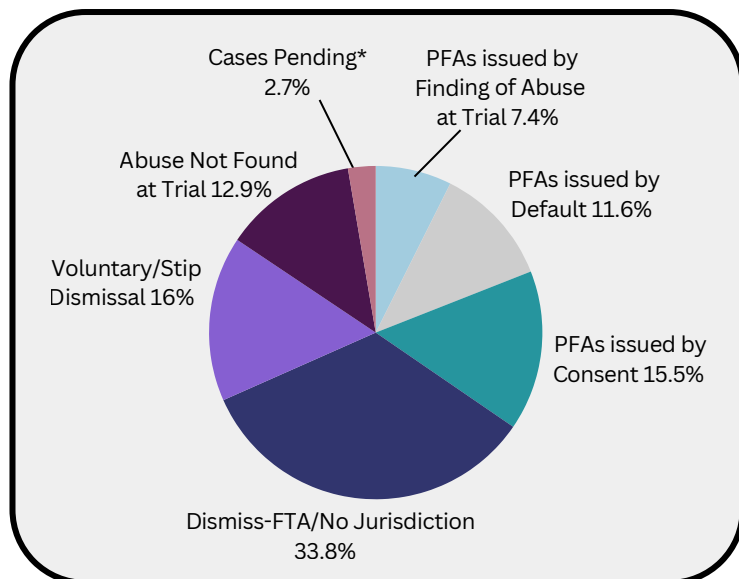


Family Court processed **4,036** petitions, which were filed statewide during FY2025. This was a **5%** increase from FY2024. Of those petitions filed, **1,395 (35%)** final orders were issued and **2,533 (63%)** petitions were dismissed.

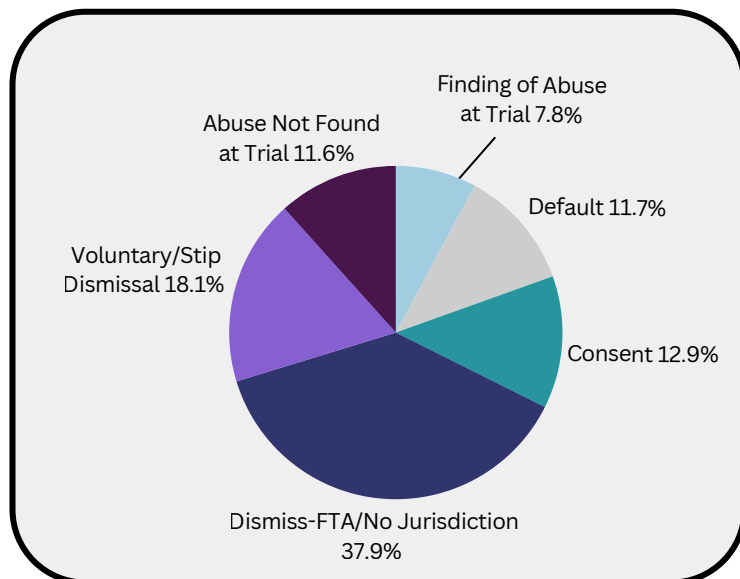
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## STATEWIDE PFA OUTCOMES

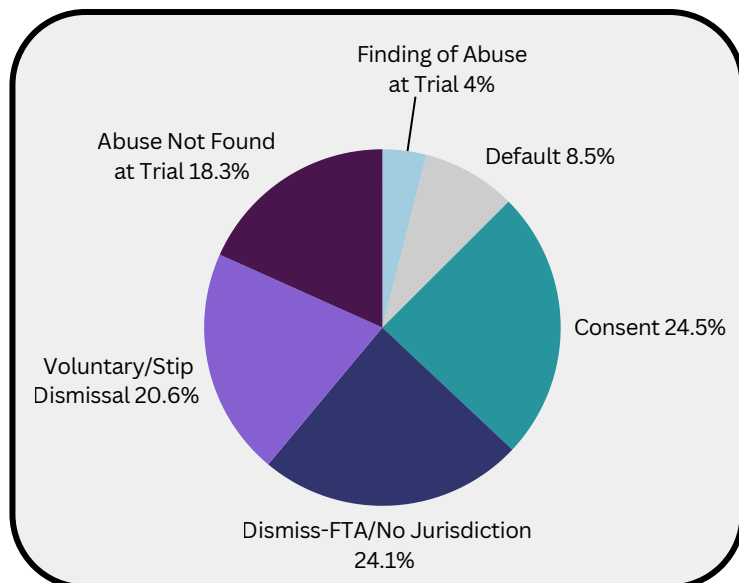
FY25 Statewide PFA Outcomes



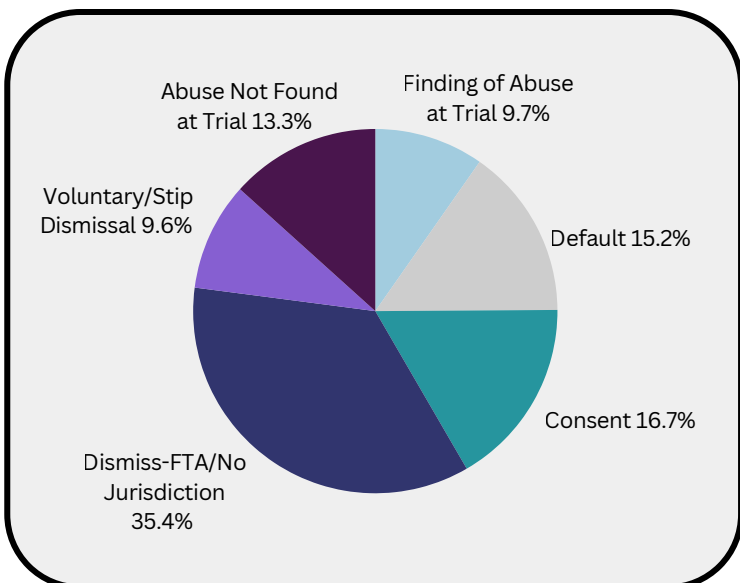
FY25 New Castle County PFA Outcomes



FY25 Sussex County PFA Outcomes



FY25 Kent County PFA Outcomes



As shown on the previous page, of the 4,036 petitions filed statewide, **1,395 (35%)** resulted in a PFA order either by consent, default/failure to appear by the respondent, or a finding of abuse at trial. **2,533 (63%)** were dismissed, either due to failure to appear by the petitioner, no jurisdiction, voluntary/stipulation of dismissal, or no finding of abuse at trial. Of the 4,036 filings, **820 (20.3%)** went to trial. Of the 820 that went to trial, **298 (36.3%)** resulted in a finding of abuse and a PFA order and **522 (63.7%)** resulted in no finding of abuse.

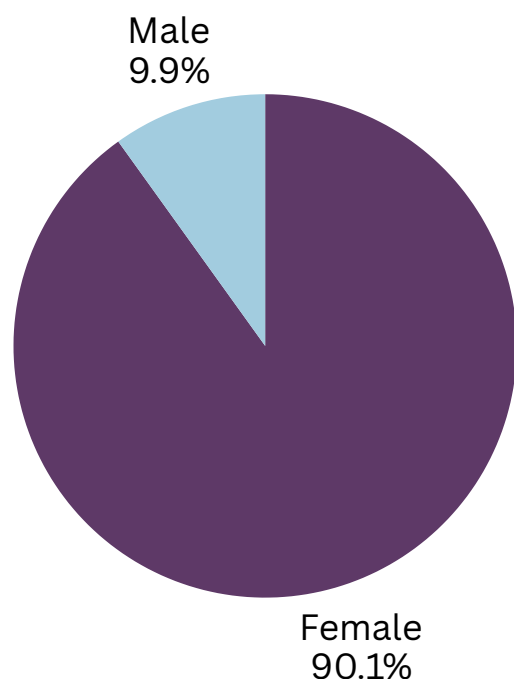
\***108** cases were pending statewide when the data was submitted. County percentages above are based on disposed cases only.



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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The Domestic Violence Advocacy Program provides free services to help intimate partner victims of domestic violence navigate the court system. CHLD, Inc. is the statewide provider of these services with an advocate located at the Family Court in each county. The program assists victims with safety planning, answering questions about the court process, filing petitions, and providing a supportive presence at court hearings.



## 998 Petitioners Served Statewide in FY2025

**367** Petitioners served in New Castle County

**335** Female and **32** Male

**382** Petitioners served in Kent County

**344** Female and **38** Male

**249** Petitioners served in Sussex County

**220** Female and **29** Male

New Castle County  
302-255-0420

Kent County  
302-672-1075

Sussex County  
302-856-5843

## Year In Review

# DV INTERVENTION PROGRAM STATISTICS

In FY2025, there were two certified treatment providers offering Domestic Violence Intervention programs in Delaware: CHILD, Inc., in New Castle County; Turning Point at People's Place in Kent and Sussex Counties. Each of these programs followed the guidelines established through the Domestic Violence Intervention Standards. CHILD, Inc. and People's Place were re-certified by the DVCC's DVI Certification Panel.

	CHILD, Inc.		Turning Point People's Place				
	New Castle County		Kent County*		Sussex County		SCI***
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Probation Evaluated	535	49	60	6	108	10	30
With PFA Order Evaluated	202	49	27	8	21	2	N/A
Other Court Order	0	1	2	5	7	7	N/A
Self Referral	1	0	5	0	3	1	N/A
Participated in Group Intervention	561	63	143	23	200	22	30
Completed Intervention	279	28	73	10	86	9	26
Total Served**	738	95	165	23	249	24	30

\*Kent County cases include 2 individuals who were referred to DVI in New Castle County but are attending DVI in Smyrna.

\*\*Number of people served includes those who attended orientation, had an evaluation, intake, or completed the program.

\*\*\*Sussex Correctional Institute - Level V

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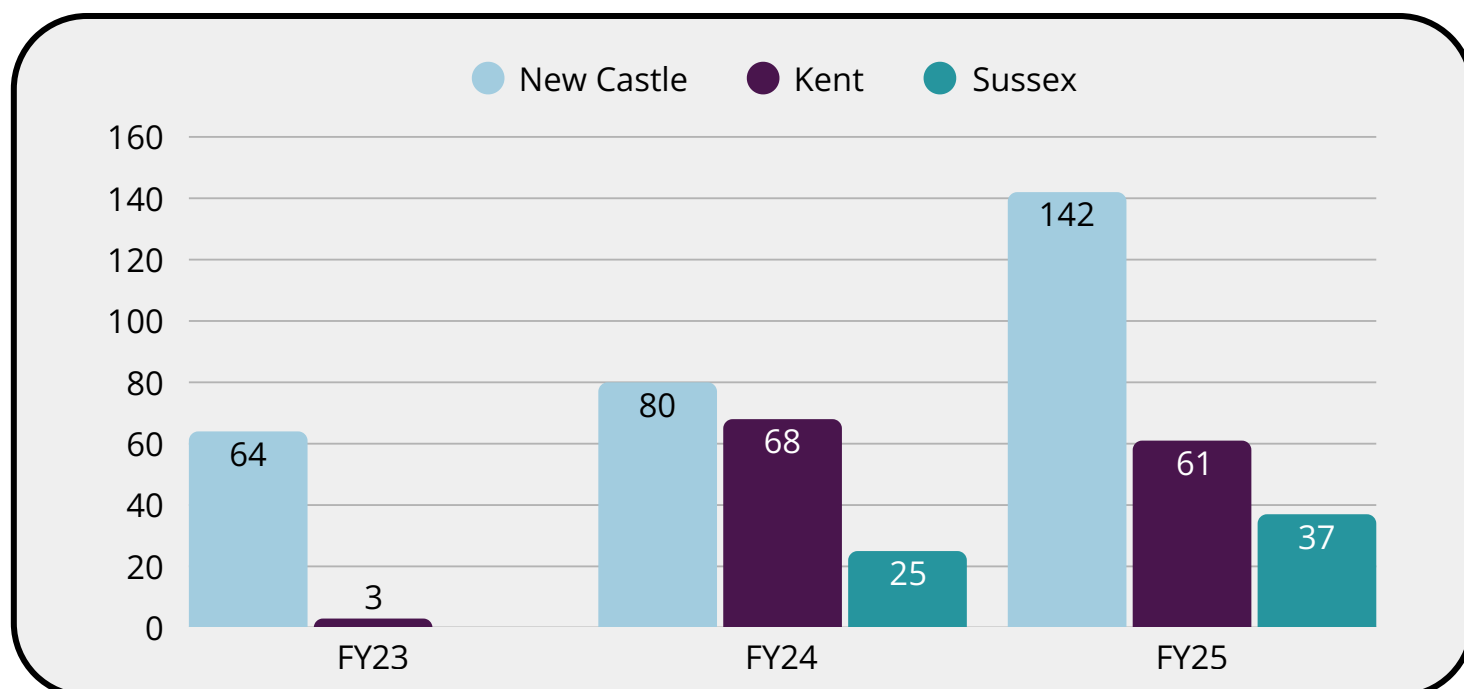
## DV COMPLIANCE CALENDAR

In FY2025, Delaware Family Court continued its partnership with Child Inc. and Turning Point at People's Place II to increase the accountability of PFA Respondents who are ordered to Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI). When a PFA Order includes DVI, respondents are automatically added to a monthly calendar in which they must report out to the Court regarding their status with signing up with a DVI program. Representatives from Child Inc. and Turning Point attend these calendars as well and report to the Court regarding respondents' engagement with treatment.

The DV Compliance Calendar began in New Castle County in November of 2022 and quickly expanded to Kent and Sussex Counties. Family Court plans to continue to expand these calendars to include PFA litigants who are ordered to use a visitation center, and litigants who are ordered to DVI in a criminal order.

In FY2025, there were **240** new DV Compliance Calendar cases, including **142** in New Castle County, **61** in Kent County, and **37** in Sussex County.

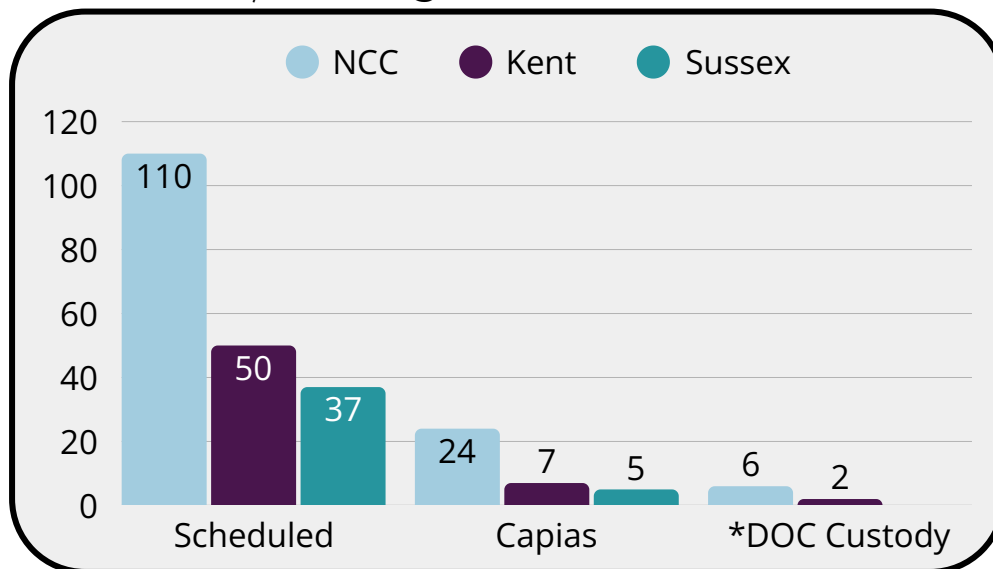
### New DV Compliance Calendar Cases by County FY2023 - FY2025



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## DV COMPLIANCE CALENDAR

## Active/Pending Case Status FY2025



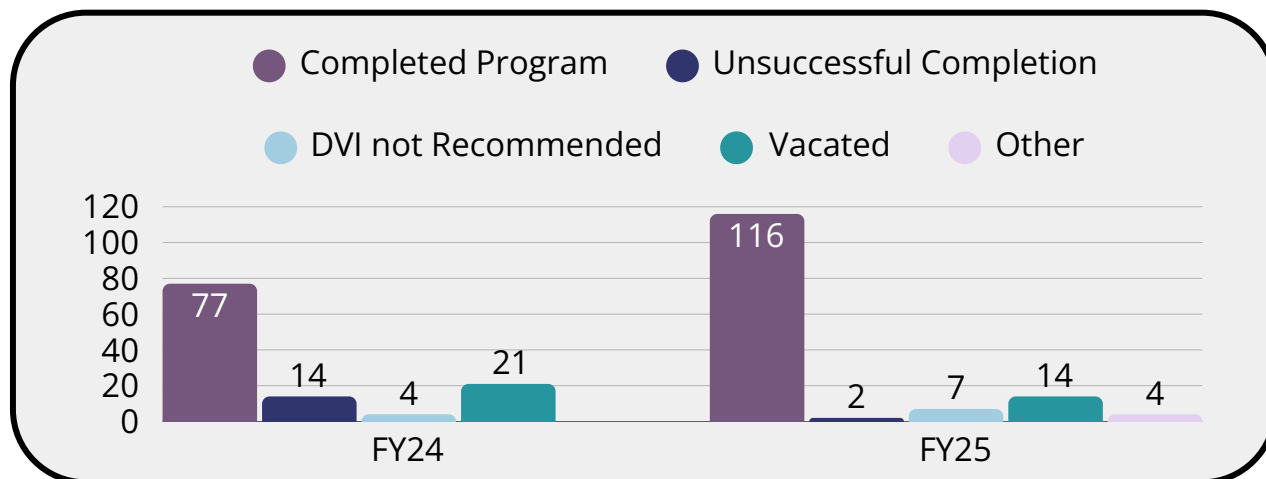
As of June 30, 2025, **241** respondents are being monitored statewide. Of those, **36** respondents have an outstanding capias for failing to appear to a scheduled hearing and **8** respondents appeared for at least one compliance calendar hearing but were subsequently taken into DOC custody.

Respondents are evaluated by DVCC-certified Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) providers to assess appropriate services. In some cases, the provider does not recommend them for DVI services. These respondents are part of the compliant group, and typically contain individuals who need victim services or other treatment types instead of DVI.

When a respondent's PFA is vacated, their obligation to participate in treatment is dismissed. In FY2025, four respondents passed away during the time they participated in compliance calendar, represented by "other" in the chart below.

In FY2025, the overwhelming majority of respondents (**81%**) completed treatment programs.

## Court Recorded Outcomes Tracked FY2024 - FY2025

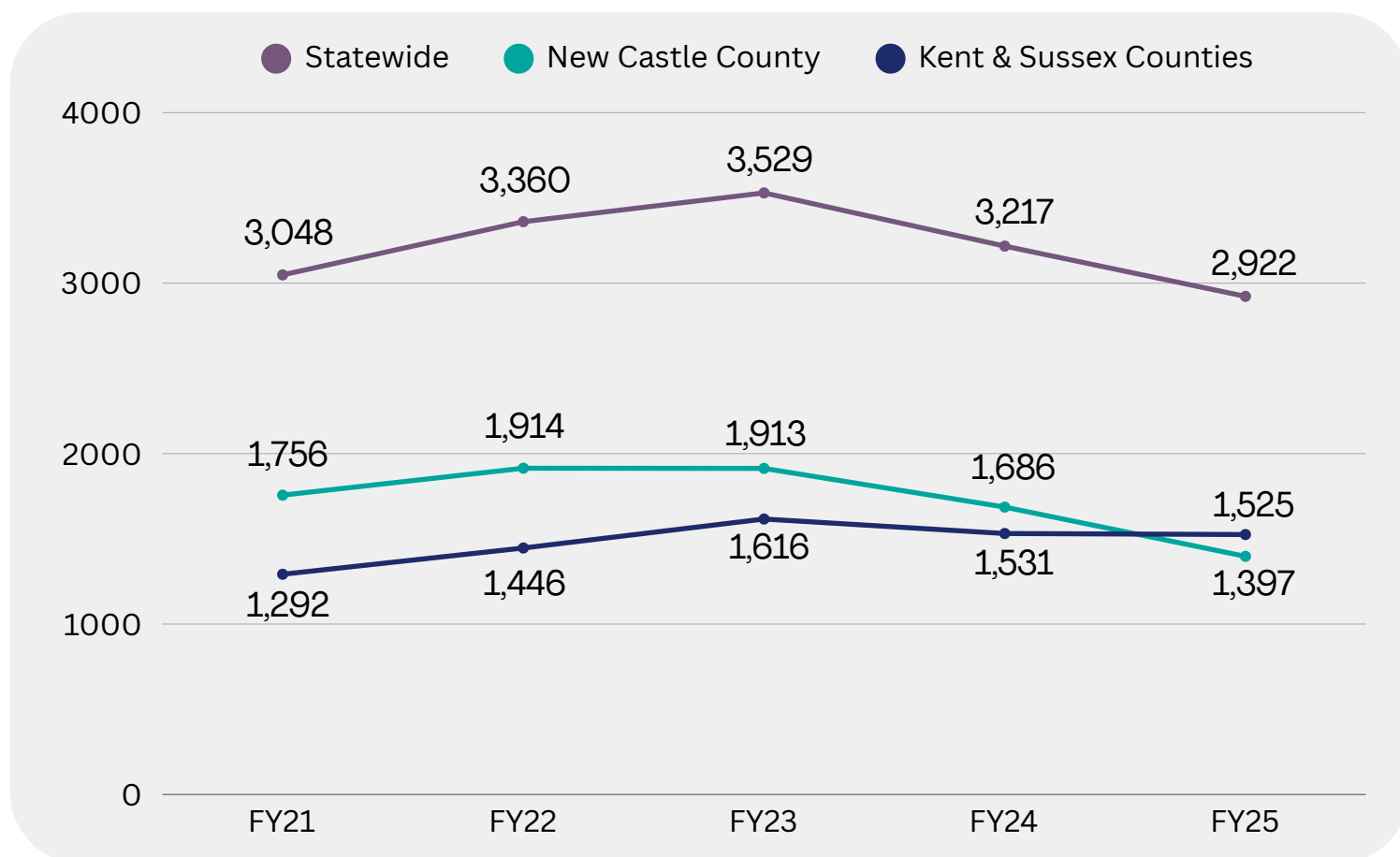


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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE STATISTICS

The Domestic Violence Hotlines are an important, confidential resource available to victims of domestic violence in Delaware, and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Hotlines are staffed by trained professionals who assist in safety planning, offer emergency shelter when appropriate, and refer victims to available resources. Services are available for victims who do not speak English and for those who are hearing impaired.

## Number of Hotline Calls by County Per Fiscal Year



In FY2025, there were a total of **2,922** calls received by the Domestic Violence Hotlines statewide. There were **1,397** calls to the Domestic Violence Hotline in New Castle County and **1,525** calls to the Domestic Violence Hotlines in Kent and Sussex Counties (**1,353** English and **172** Spanish). There were **169** Lethality Assessment Protocol calls received by the hotline in New Castle County, and **301** Lethality Assessment Protocol calls received by the hotlines in Kent and Sussex counties.



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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER STATISTICS

Two agencies, CHILD, Inc. and People's Place II, offer shelter and transitional housing in confidential locations throughout Delaware. When needed to address safety, male victims are provided emergency shelter in hotels. In addition to providing emergency shelters in trauma-informed settings, domestic violence shelters offer safety planning, case management, advocacy, counseling, child care, job assistance, and more.

## Individuals Sheltered Statewide FY2025

	CHILD, Inc.	People's Place SAFE & Abriendo Puertas		
	New Castle County	Kent County - SAFE	Sussex County - SAFE	Sussex County - Abriendo Puertas
Females Sheltered	141	67	49	31
Males Sheltered	0	0	0	0
Children Sheltered	123	51	36	34
Total Sheltered	264	118	85	65

## Individuals Provided with Hotel Stays Statewide

CHILD, Inc. New Castle County			People's Place - SAFE Kent & Sussex Counties			People's Place - Abriendo Puertas Sussex County		
Female	Male	Children	Female	Male	Children	Female	Male	Children
0	8	1	120	11	100	2	0	4
Total: 9			Total: 231			Total: 6		

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RAPID REHOUSING STATISTICS

CHILD, Inc. offers a Rapid Rehousing Program in New Castle County. The program is funded by a grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Designed for families who are experiencing homelessness and need temporary assistance in order to obtain and retain housing, it is an evidence-based approach that aims to end homelessness as soon as possible. Rapid Rehousing helps to provide supportive services to families in need so they can regain stability. Child, Inc.'s program focuses on families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, who have no other residence, and who lack resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

The Rapid Rehousing Program provides assistance in the search for safe and affordable housing, assistance connecting with landlords and finding the best placement options, and monetary assistance for moving costs. Rapid Rehousing staff develop a unique plan for each client to provide rental assistance at varying duration, based on each client's needs. The staff also assist with navigating barriers that clients may face, especially by connecting them to community resources that can help maintain their housing.

CHILD, Inc.	
New Castle County	
Adults Served	109
Children Served	66
Total Served	175

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# FAMILY VISITATION CENTERS PROGRAM STATISTICS

Family Visitation Centers provide safe, supervised visits between visiting parents and their children, as well as supervised exchanges of children between parents for off-site visits. Visitation Centers are designed for families with a history of violence, including intimate partner violence, or in other situations when there is a concern for the child's welfare. Families are most often referred by Family Court or the Division of Family Services (DFS), but families may also self-refer. Staggered arrival and departure times along with separate entrances for parents promote safety for families. Family Visitation Centers employ experienced security guards for the safety of children and parents.

Family Visitation Centers provide a continuum of services designed to help address custody and visitation issues in families with a history of domestic violence and abuse. Each Center provides a safe, structured, and nurturing environment where children can maintain or re-establish a relationship with a non-custodial parent. The Centers are equipped with age-appropriate toys, games, and crafts. Trained staff supports parents in engaging children in activities and positive interactions.

The Delaware Family Visitation Program is a federal and state-funded program that operates the Family Visitation Centers. The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services/Division of State Service Centers (DHSS/DSSC) administers the program on a contractual basis with CHILD, Inc. and People's Place II. The Centers in Delaware are located at CHILD, Inc. (Main Office), the Hudson State Service Center, the Dover Center, the Milford State Service Center, and the Adams State Service Center.

### **On-Site Individually Supervised Visitation**

100% continuous supervision by trained staff is provided for one family in a separate room.

### **On-Site Group Supervised Visitation**

Trained staff monitors up to two unrelated families within one room.

### **Monitored Exchanges Off-Site Visits**

Facilitation of monitored exchanges ensures regular off-site visitation without adults having contact. Children can be exchanged on-site for both pickup and drop off.

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# FAMILY VISITATION CENTERS PROGRAM STATISTICS

## Services Provided by Family Visitation Centers in FY2025

	CHILD, Inc. New Castle County	People's Place II Kent County	People's Place II Sussex County	Total Statewide
Visitation Exchanges	294	685	283	1,262
Group Visits	380	495	257	1,132
Individual Supervised Visits	788	774	381	1,943
Total Services	1,462	1,954	921	4,337
Children Served	106	163	95	364
Visiting Parents Served	148	128	63	339
Non-Visiting Parents Served	154	125	63	342
Total Parents Served	302	253	126	681
Total People Served	408	416	221	1,045

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# SERVICES FOR CHILDREN EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Trauma-informed therapeutic services are essential to help children who have witnessed domestic violence recover from the trauma it causes. Counselors providing these clinical services use age-appropriate techniques including play therapy for younger children. Safety planning, working through feelings related to the violence, and developing skills to break the inter-generational cycle of violence are the focus of this healing therapy. In New Castle County, services are provided by CHILD, Inc. In Kent and Sussex Counties, Turning Point at People's Place II provides these services to children. The data below reflects children served in FY2025.

## Individuals Served by County in FY2025

	Helping Children Heal CHILD, Inc.	Turning Point at People's Place	
	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
Children/Adolescents Served	40	5	3
Parents/Caretakers Served	50	4	3
Total Served	90	9	6



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# DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES STATISTICS

The Division of Family Services (DFS) is a division within the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families (DSCYF). The Mission of the DFS is to promote the safety and well-being of children and their families through prevention, protection, and permanency. DFS screens for domestic violence when an allegation of child abuse or neglect is reported to the DFS hotline.

In FY2025, DFS received **24,728** reports alleging child abuse or neglect. Of those, **6,438 (26%)** were accepted for investigation. Of those reports accepted for investigation, **1,158 (18%)** also alleged domestic violence.

## Domestic Violence Liaison Program

The Domestic Violence Liaison Program has been a partnership of DFS, CHILD, Inc. and the SAFE Program of People's Place. Domestic violence advocates from CHILD, Inc. and the SAFE Program co-locate at DFS offices to provide on-site case consultation, safety planning, support and supportive counseling, home visits, information and referral, and advocacy for the non-offending parents and their children.

As reported in last year's Annual Report, Child, Inc. ended its DV Liaison program in 2024 due to low referrals and the reduction in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds. People's Place II also lost one DV Liaison position in 2024 due to funding cuts, but was initially able to maintain one position. That position was filled with a new staff member in September 2024 who resigned after 3 months. At that point, due to VOCA funding cuts, People's Place II also ended its DV Liaison Program.





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# SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS

A Sexual Violence Protective Order (SVPO) is a civil order issued by Superior Court that protects Petitioners who have experienced sexual violence by prohibiting Respondents from contacting or approaching them. SVPOs may include additional measures to ensure the Petitioner's safety.

The law creating SVPOs became effective on April 10, 2023 and allows a protection option for Delaware residents who experience sexual violence but do not qualify to file a petition for a Family Court Protection From Abuse Order because either the Petitioner and the Respondent were not in a substantive dating relationship, or the Petitioner and the Respondent do not have a family relationship that falls under Family Court's jurisdiction. An SVPO Petitioner must have a reasonable fear that the Respondent will harm them in the future based on specific conduct that occurred simultaneously with or subsequent to the sexual violence.

In addition to prohibiting contact, an SVPO may include these additional measures:

- (1) Restrain the Respondent from having contact with the Petitioner's residence, workplace, school, or other institution where the Petitioner may be.
- (2) Prohibit the Respondent from knowingly coming within, or knowingly remaining within, a specified distance and location.
- (3) Order the Respondent to relinquish to a police officer, or to a federally-licensed firearms dealer located in Delaware, the Respondent's firearms, and to refrain from purchasing or receiving additional firearms for the duration of the order.
- (4) Direct a law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the Respondent resides, or where the firearms or ammunition are located, to immediately search for and seize any firearms or ammunition owned, possessed, or controlled by the Respondent.
- (5) Order the Respondent to undergo a drug, alcohol, or mental health assessment approved by the Sex Offender Management Board.
- (6) Any other reasonable relief necessary or appropriate for the protection of the Petitioner.

Hearings on emergency or "*ex parte*" petitions are held within 72 hours, and on non-emergency petitions within 15 days of the filing of a non-emergency petition.

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# SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS

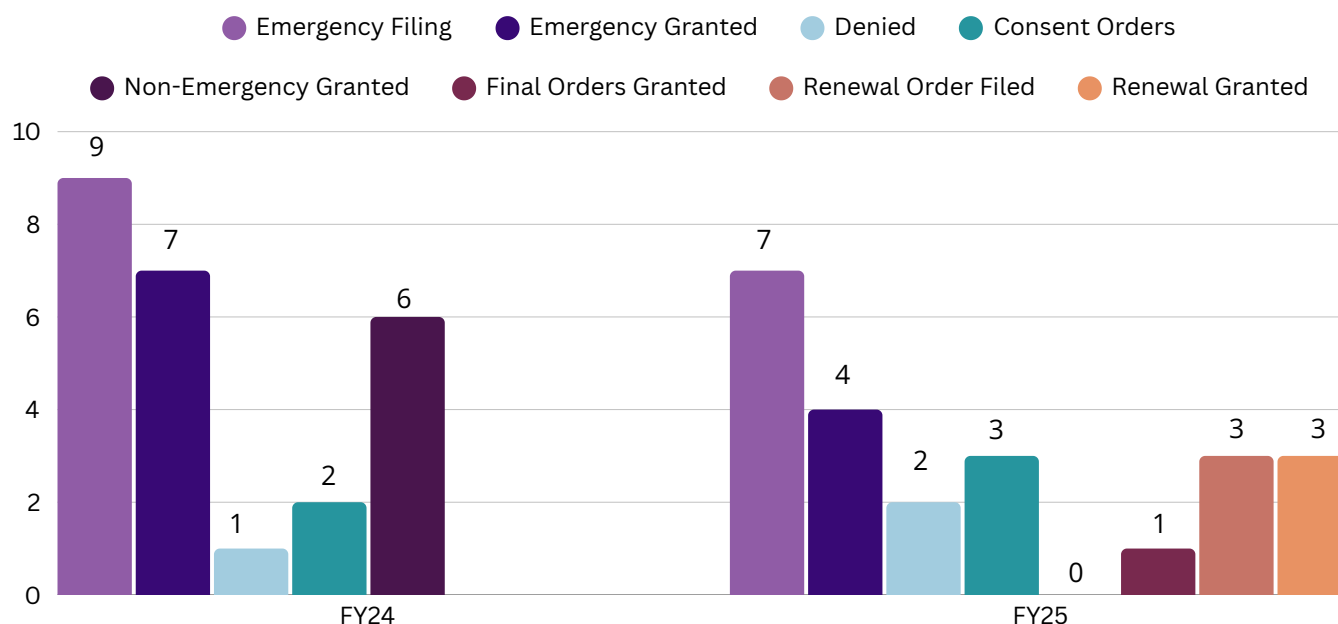
An SVPO can be issued following a hearing if:

- the Petitioner proves by a preponderance of the evidence that sexual violence has occurred; or
- the Respondent consents to entry of an order; or
- the Respondent fails to appear for a hearing after proper notice, and a default order is entered.

An SVPO petition can be vacated or dismissed if:

- the Petitioner fails to appear for the hearing; or
- the Petitioner voluntarily withdrew the petition before the hearing; or
- sexual violence was not found by a preponderance of the evidence following a hearing.

## Statewide SVPO Filings in FY2025



Statewide, Superior Court processed **7** new petitions for SVPOs in FY2025. All of those were emergency petitions. There were no non-emergency petitions filed. Of those **7**, **4** emergency orders were granted, **1** was dismissed (petitioner filed in Family Court), and **2** were denied. Of the **4** emergency orders granted, **1** final order was granted, and **3** resulted in consent orders. In addition, **3** renewal orders were filed in FY2025, **1** to renew an SVPO granted in FY2025 and **2** to renew SVPOs granted in a previous fiscal year. All **3** renewal orders were granted.



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# SEXUAL VIOLENCE HOTLINE STATISTICS

The Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Hotlines are an important resource available to victims of sexual violence in Delaware. Similar to the DV Hotlines, the Sexual Assault Hotlines are available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week in all three counties. Hotlines are operated by trained volunteer advocates who provide crisis advocacy including accompaniment to local hospitals, police stations and courts. Advocates provide information and resources, crisis management strategies, and support to survivors of sexual assault. All services are free and confidential.

There are two Sexual Violence Hotline services in Delaware, one operated by YWCA Delaware's Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC) and one by ContactLifeline (CLL). In addition to hotline calls in the chart below, YWCA SARC advocates provided the following accompaniments for survivors statewide: **194** hospital, **156** police, **238** court, **12** Department of Correction - Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), and **2** Title IX. SARC also served **989** survivors in aftercare community health case management, **595** adult survivors in individual and group counseling, and **114** youth aged 12 and up in individual and group counseling. SARC's partnership with CLASI to provide civil legal services to sexual assault survivors ended in FY2025 due to federal VOCA cuts.

ContactLifeline answered **19,764** total crisis calls, **209** of which were related to sexual assault. CLL provided **28** hospital accompaniments. CLL also provided counseling related to sexual violence for **47** teens at high schools in Kent and Sussex counties, and for **12** adults. CLL has had an MOU with the Department of Correction since 2015 to accept unmonitored phone calls from inmates reporting allegations of sexual assault in the prison, which assists with their Prison Rape Elimination Act mandate. To that end, CLL answered **441** prison PREA calls.

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## SEXUAL VIOLENCE HOTLINE STATISTICS

## Number of Hotline Calls by County in FY2025

	New Castle County		Kent County		Sussex County		Unknown County or Other States	Other States
	CLL	YWCA SARC	CLL	YWCA SARC	CLL	YWCA SARC	CLL	YWCA SARC
Sexual Assault Hotline calls	65	4,663	29	752	40	849	20 unk. 55 other states	284
Totals	4,728		781		889		359	



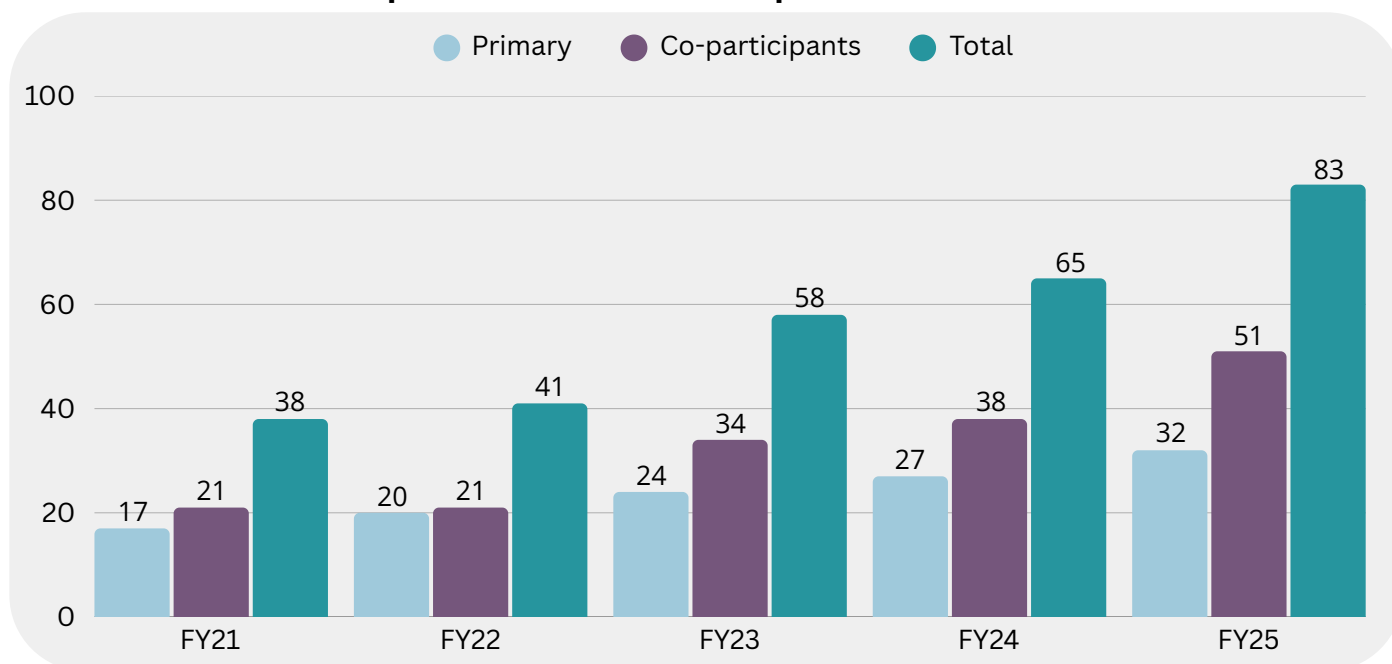
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# ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) provides participants with a legal substitute address and a confidential mail-forwarding system. Survivors use the substitute address when they create or change public records. For example, participants can place the substitute address on their driver's license or state ID. Participant mail goes to the substitute address and is routed to the ACP. The ACP then forwards participant mail to their actual address.

For FY2025, the ACP had **32** primary participants; **21** were in New Castle County, **9** were in Kent County, and **2** were in Sussex County. There were **51** co-participants; **31** in New Castle County, **14** in Kent County, and **6** in Sussex County. A co-participant is a member of the same household as the primary victim. The ACP had a total of **83** active participants in FY2025.

## ACP Participants & Co-Participants FY2020-FY2025



For more information about the Delaware Address Confidentiality Program, please contact the Delaware Department of Justice Victim/Witness Assistance Program at one of the three locations throughout the state.

### New Castle County

820 N. French St  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
800-870-1790

### Kent County

102 W. Water St  
Dover, DE 19904  
800-870-1790

### Sussex County

114 E. Market St  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
800-870-1790

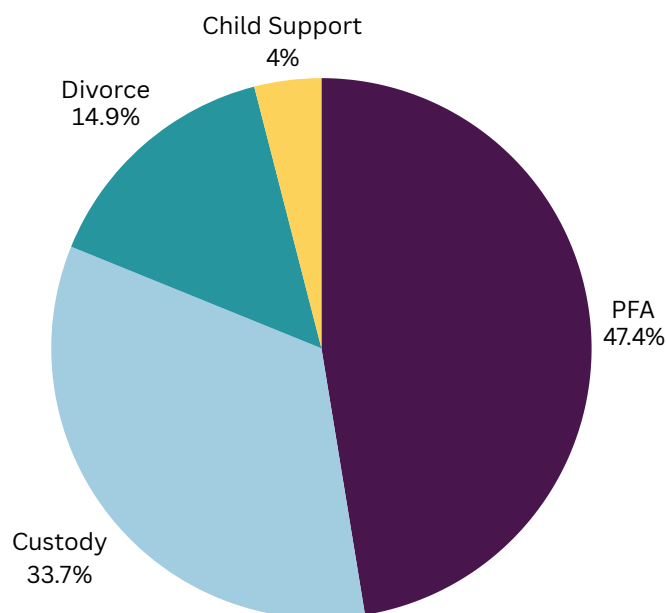
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# LEGAL SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

In FY2025, Community Legal Aid Society (CLASI) provided representation and guidance in **949** cases for survivors of domestic violence statewide. Of those cases, **450** were PFA cases, **320** were custody/visitation cases, **141** were divorce cases, and 38 involved child support.

In addition, CLASI provided advice and referral to **405** survivors of domestic violence. Of those cases, **272** involved PFA cases, **83** involved custody/visitation, **33** involved divorce, and **17** involved child custody.

## Cases Represented by CLASI in FY2025



**Delaware Volunteer Legal Services (DVLS)** provides free representation primarily in New Castle County to victims of domestic violence. In FY2025, pro bono and staff attorneys provided advice, brief services, and representation to **228** victims seeking protection from abuse orders. Pro bono attorneys also represented **16** other clients with PFA matters, custody/visitation, and divorce matters. In-house staff attorneys provided representation, advice, or brief services on **214** additional PFA, custody, and divorce matters.

**The Delaware Civil Clinic (DCC)** at Widener University Delaware Law School provides practical legal experience to law students, admitted to the limited practice of law, pursuant to Delaware Supreme Court Rule 56. The interns are directly responsible for client legal matters and legal research, under close supervision by the program's director. In the Fall of 2024, the DCC provided legal advice, assistance, research, and referrals to survivors of domestic violence seeking civil orders of protection from abuse, child custody, and/or visitation, as well as other community resources for a total of **1,852.50 hours** of legal research and services.

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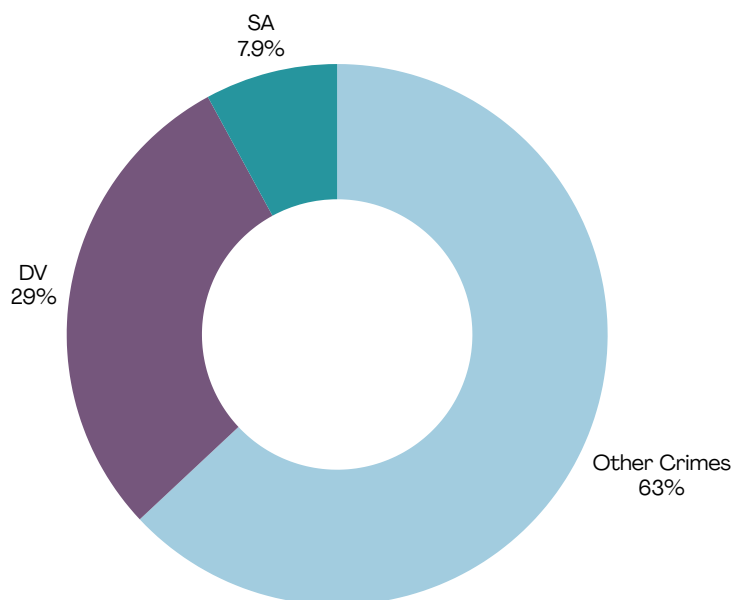
# VICTIMS' COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Delaware's Victims' Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP), through the Department of Justice, provides financial assistance to crime victims and their families. All states receive federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds to support victim compensation. This funding is generated by a surcharge on fines and penalties imposed by the Courts.

The purpose of VCAP is to alleviate some of the financial burdens faced by victims — those that are directly related to the specific offense — by providing compensation for certain pecuniary losses. Compensation may be available for the payment of medical and dental expenses, mental health counseling, prescription medication and eyeglasses, loss of earnings, loss of support, temporary housing and moving and relocation costs.

During FY2025, VCAP rendered a total of **3,047** payments to, or on behalf of, victims of crime. Those payments totaled **\$3,370,386.41**.

Of those payments, **\$978,825.57 (29%)** was paid for domestic violence victims (excluding victims of domestic violence victims that were sexually assaulted) and **\$267,441.51 (7.9%)** was paid for victims of sexual assault, child sexual assault, and DV-related sexual assault and child sexual assault (including SANE kits).



**For more information about Delaware's VCAP, please visit**

**<https://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/vcap/>**

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# VICTIM INFORMATION & NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY (VINE)

## VINE and VINE Protection Order (VPO)

Victim notification in cases involving domestic violence can be critical to a survivor's ability to make well-informed decisions regarding their safety. The Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS) operates the Delaware VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) System. VINE is an automated service that lets victims and survivors track offender's custody status or court case. The VINE Protective Order (VPO) is a free and confidential service that allows Petitioners to register for notification when a protective order (Ex-Parte or Final) has been served by law enforcement. VPO also provides advance notice when the protective order is about to expire.

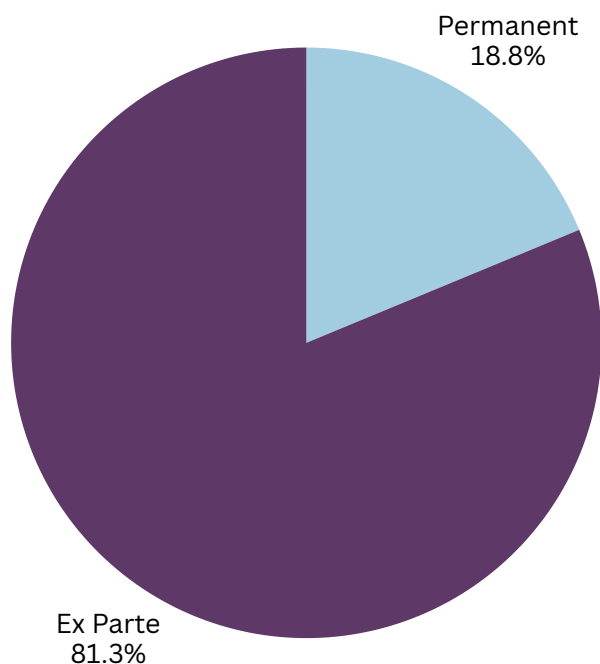
Victims are not automatically registered for VPO upon issuance of a protective order. It is the victim's choice to register for this service. Knowing when the order has been served helps victims create safety plans and take additional precautions to protect themselves.

For FY2025, the VPO program made a total of **256** successful notifications related to protective orders, including **208** regarding ex parte orders and **48** regarding permanent orders. There were **12** unsuccessful notifications.

For more information about Delaware's VPO, please visit:

<https://deljis.delaware.gov/vines.shtml>

### VPO Program Successful Notifications



# RESOURCES & INFORMATION

**If you are in danger, please call 911.**

## Hotline Numbers

DV Hotline, New Castle County  
302.762.6110

DV Hotline, New Castle County Bilingual/ Español  
302.672.6110

DV Hotline, Kent and Sussex Counties  
302.422.8058

Abriendo Puertas/ Bilingual DV Hotline, Kent and Sussex Counties  
302.745.9874

Contact Lifeline  
1.800.262.9800

Sexual Assault Response Center at YWCA Delaware  
1.800.773.8570

National DV Helpline  
1.800.799.7233

National Sexual Assault Helpline  
1.800.656.4673

National Suicide Hotline  
1.800.273.8255

## Capitol Police

Domestic Violence Intervention Program (VIP)  
150 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
PO Box 1401  
Dover, DE 19901  
<http://capitolpd.delaware.gov>

## DVCC Information

DVCC Office  
900 N. King Street, Suite 300  
Wilmington, DE 19801

Phone: 302.255.1700  
<http://dvcc.delaware.gov>





# RESOURCES & INFORMATION

## You Are Not Alone...

Domestic violence is *not* just violence leading to physical injuries. It is a pattern of abusive behavior used to gain control over another person that can include: threats, intimidation, emotional, sexual, or economic abuse; deprivation; social isolation; destroying property; abuse of children or animals; or repeated battering and injury.

Over time the abuse usually becomes more frequent and more severe. It does not go away without intervention. Children can be devastated by domestic violence. They are hurt by seeing or hearing the violence and they are more likely to be victims of violence if they are being abused.

Help is available! An ideal first step is to call the DV Hotline, and an advocate can answer questions, offer resources and information, connect callers with shelter if needed, and more.

## Safety Tips

To increase safety including the safety of children:

Have important numbers accessible (i.e. 911, family members, etc.).

Ask a neighbor to be aware of suspicious activity taking place.

Plan an escape route in case of an emergency and practice the plan with children.

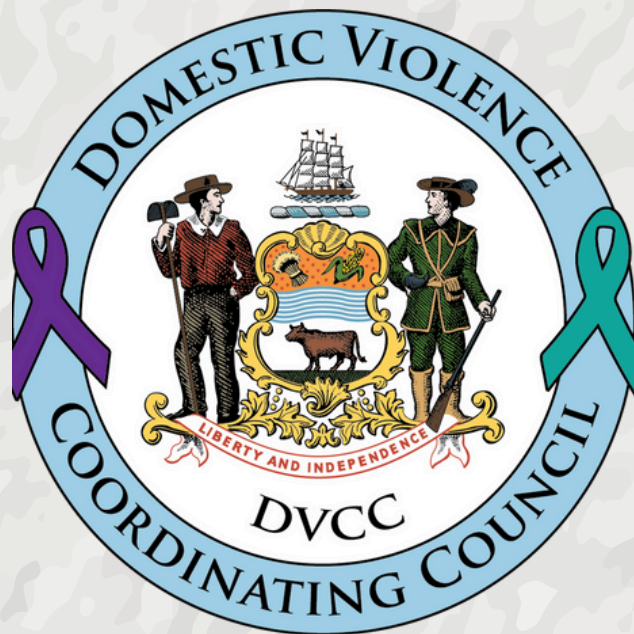
Think in advance of safe places to go with the children in a hurry.

Leave extra money, car keys, clothing and copies of documents with a trusted person.

Call a Domestic Violence Hotline for assistance in planning and to get connected to other services and resources.

If there is danger, try to use a safer computer to which the abusive person does not have direct or remote access.





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