

# The Advocate

Renewal House, Spring 2022

Feminists React:

## The Equal Rights Amendment Is Now Ratified. What's Next?

Ms. Magazine, 1/31/22 by Carrie N. Baker

On Thursday, Jan. 27, the Equal Rights Amendment went into effect, two years to the day after the 38th state ratified the Amendment. Feminists spent the day celebrating this historic milestone, with a morning press conference sponsored by the ERA Coalition and a noontime rally in Washington, D.C.'s Lafayette Square sponsored by the Feminist Majority and the National Organization for Women.

"Finally, nearly 100 years after it was first proposed and 50 years after being approved by Congress, the ERA is not only ratified by required three-fourths of the states, it has completed its two-year waiting period and is taking effect," said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority and activist for the ERA for more than 50 years. "The ERA is relevant, has very strong popular support and is needed more than ever."

The ERA guarantees that "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." Section 2 of the ERA states that "Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article."

ERA supporters spoke out about what they see as the promise of the ERA.

Participants at the January 27 ERA event. A wide majority of Americans—83 percent—believe the ERA should be ratified and incorporated into the U.S. Constitution. (Lisa Sales)

"The Equal Rights Amendment ensures that all people who face

discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual violence, workplace harassment, pregnancy discrimination and unequal pay are finally given full and equal standing under the law," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.), chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

"The ERA will help to address a wide range of discriminatory experiences women encounter in their day-to-day lives," said Christian Nunes, president of the National Organization for Women. "The ERA provides a legal basis to attack the most subtle, most pervasive and most institutionalized form of prejudice that exists. Discrimination against women on the basis of sex is so widespread that it seems to many persons normal, natural and right. Artificial distinctions between persons must be wiped out of the law," said Nunes. "Legal discrimination between the sexes is in almost every instance founded on outmoded views of society, pre-scientific beliefs on psychology and physiology. It's time to wipe these out. It's time to remove these relics of the past and free a future generation, remove this form of oppression."

Jocelyn Frye, president of the National Partnership for Women & Families, agrees. "Far too often, our society undervalues women's worth, work and contributions. These inequities are magnified for women of color, those who identify as LGBTQ, and women who are disabled, all of whom confront multiple forms of bias."

The ERA will protect people based not only on sex, but on gender identity as well, according to Mona

Sinha, chair of the ERA Fund for Women's Equality and executive producer of the groundbreaking documentary *Disclosure*. "What makes the ERA even more potent is that sex equality includes people who identify as transgender and non-binary, which is a reality that can no longer be denied. Everyone in America is talking about inclusion; it is time to walk the walk."

After the Jan. 27 rally, ERA advocates march to the Department of Justice to deliver tens of thousands of petitions to Attorney General Merrick Garland. (Lisa Sales)

Young women activists spoke out in support of the ERA as well.

"We are the next generation of feminists and we know we need the ERA," said Sophia Armen, chair of the Feminist Front, a group of young people fighting patriarchy, transphobia, white supremacy, anti-Blackness and settler colonialism. "Today is a day of celebration and it's also a day for courage. The ERA is our right. Women and people of marginalized genders make our society run. We have seen this now more than ever during the pandemic. We know from partner to structural violence, from equal pay to health care and workplace discrimination, the ERA is our tool towards freedom and justice to finally right some of the wrongs, some of the erasures in the founding of this country."

Advocates argue that the ERA would help to address rampant violence against women in American society.

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## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Now more than ever, screens and technology connect us with romantic partners, friends and family, co-workers, and strangers alike. For too long, harassment, cyberbullying, sexual abuse, and exploitation have come to be expected as typical and unavoidable behaviors online.

Last year, the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign uplifted the message that “We Can Build Safe Online Spaces,” calling on

audiences to practice digital consent, intervene when we see harmful content and behaviors, and promote online communities that value safety and respect. This April, the SAAM 2022 campaign continues to build on this vision with a call to action: “Building Safe Online Spaces Together.”

We know that we *can build* and *are building* online communities centered on respect, inclusion, and safety — where harassment, assault, and abuse are taken

seriously. Not only do we believe that together we can build a safer online world, but we also believe that these values, skills, and actions will create communities that thrive online and offline.

Together we can make a difference to build inclusive, safe, and respectful online spaces. We invite you to join us this April in making respect the norm everywhere, taking action to promote the safety of others, and showing survivors they are believed and supported.

## Denim Day 2022 is April 27th!

For the past 23 years, Peace Over Violence has run an inspiring and powerful opportunity to practice solidarity and support survivors by renewing our commitment to exposing harmful behaviors and attitudes surrounding sexual violence.

Denim Day is a campaign on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The campaign began after a

ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim.

Peace Over Violence developed the Denim Day campaign in response to this case and the activism surrounding it. Since then,

what started as a local campaign to bring awareness to victim blaming and destructive myths that surround sexual violence has grown into a movement.

As the longest running sexual violence prevention and education campaign in history, Denim Day asks community members, elected officials, businesses and students to make a social statement through fashion by wearing jeans on this day as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence.

## Supporting — #HappyPeriod North Country

#HappyPeriod works to spread awareness on menstrual health, eliminate the stigma surrounding menstruation, and provide people with period options that are good for their wallet, their body, and the planet. We believe that to manage menstruation, education and access to safe products are essential.

#HappyPeriod is a social movement of friends providing menstrual hygiene kits. There are currently thousands of chapters all across the United States and

in countries all over the world. The local chapter, #happyperiod North Country serving Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties, was founded by three #happyperiod ambassadors after they became aware of events being held by the Syracuse chapter.

What they do:

Collect pads, tampons, liners, cleaning wipes, cleansing wash, menstrual cups.

Assemble kits containing enough product to last 1 period cycle, packed in a gallon Ziploc bag.

Distribute kits to food pantries, schools, and centers; anywhere they can be given to those in need.

There are various ways you can help #HappyPeriod North Country!

Email: [happyperiodnorthcountry@gmail.com](mailto:happyperiodnorthcountry@gmail.com) to find out how you can help!

**It's ok to talk about periods.**

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**Services Offered at Renewal House**

**Renewal House** provides a variety of services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in St. Lawrence County. All services are free and confidential. Services include:

**24-hour Crisis Hotline:** Staff and volunteers are available 24 hours a day by calling **315-379-9845**.

Regular office hours are 8 am — 4 pm, Monday through Friday. If it is not an emergency and you would like **to leave a message, call 315-379-9878**. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Individual Counseling/Emotional Support:** Short-term individual counseling in a non-judgmental atmosphere that acknowledges a person’s ability and right to make choices. Help is available to consider options and plan for safety. Home visits are provided if needed.

**Support Group:** A facilitated self-help group for victims and survivors of domestic violence providing mutual support and understanding from others who have been abused and who share something in common. It has helped many victims feel less isolated, get useful information, and develop a safety plan. Transportation is provided if needed.

**Economic Empowerment Program:** Staff facilitate *Moving Ahead Through Financial Management*, a 5-module economic empowerment curriculum designed to identify and address financial abuse, develop budgeting strategies, and encourage financial security and independence.

**Children’s Program:** Recreational/Support Group to help children understand what abuse is and to give them a safe space to talk about their feelings. Children are reassured that the abuse is not their fault. Individual counseling is also provided.

**Safe Housing:** 24-hour intake for emergency, temporary shelter for domestic violence victims.

**Advocacy:** Assistance in obtaining orders of protection, pressing criminal charges, and working with law enforcement. We also help in obtaining emergency assistance from Department of Social Services, Office of Victim Services and other community programs.

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners:** Specially trained medical professionals providing compassionate, knowledgeable assistance to a victim of sexual assault.

**Community Education and Outreach:** Presentations are available for any public or private group, school, business, or agency.

**Campus Advocacy**  
Our Campus Advocate provides direct service, trainings, and presentations for all colleges in St. Lawrence County. We are currently at four colleges that are generously sharing their space with us:

Clarkson University, Tuesdays, Student Center, Room 044

SUNY Potsdam, Wednesdays, Sisson Hall, Room 217

SUNY Canton, Thursdays, Payson Hall, Room 207

St. Lawrence University, Fridays, Bewkes Science Hall, Room 323

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Although we do not have a dedicated space, we are currently providing training to all students, staff and faculty. All services are available upon request.

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# Violence Against Women Act

“Domestic violence is an intentional pattern of behavior to maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Survivors will be better able to secure justice when all partners in a relationship are considered equal in our foundational documents and in the eyes of the law,” said Deborah J. Vagins, president and CEO of the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

The ERA would give lawmakers the power to pass stronger laws to address sex discrimination and violence against women, say advocates. In 2000, the Supreme Court invalidated an important provision of the Violence Against Women Act that allowed survivors of gendered violence to sue their attackers for damages because it ruled that Congress had no constitutional authority to enact the provision. The second section of the ERA specifically grants Congress “the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.”

“The research is clear: Our efforts to end sexual violence are inextricably linked to women’s equality. The Equal Rights Amendment is imperative and long overdue,” said Terri Poore, policy director of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

[Outside the Department of Justice on Jan. 27, 2022.](#) (Lisa Sales) The ERA Coalition, comprised of over 200 national and local organizations, is leading an ERA implementation effort.

“We are now ready to go with plans in place to help all 50 states review their statutes to remove those in conflict with the ERA. There can be no discrimination based on sex in the United States,” said Carol Jenkins, president and CEO of the ERA Coalition/Fund for Women’s Equality.

After the Lafayette Square rally, ERA supporters marched to the Department of Justice to deliver a petition with over 70,000 signatures from around the country urging the U.S. archivist David S. Ferriero to certify and publish the amendment. Under armed guard, a Justice Department official accepts delivery of over 70,000 petitions. (Lisa Sales)

“We’ve ratified the ERA; now it’s time to enshrine it in our Constitution,” said Rep. Jackie Speier, who along with Chairwoman Maloney introduced a resolution to the U.S. House on Jan. 28 affirming that the Equal Rights Amendment has met all legal requirements to be fully ratified and is now in effect.

“With this resolution, the House of Representatives reaffirms what we already know to be true: The Equal Rights Amendment is the 28th amendment to the U.S. Constitution,” said Maloney.

## Congress Votes to Renew Landmark Domestic Violence Law

By FARNOUSH AMIRI, Associated Press, March 12, 2022

Congress has renewed a 1990s-era law that extends protections to victims of domestic and sexual violence, updating the landmark Violence Against Women Act nearly three years after partisan disagreements caused it to lapse.

It passed this week as part of a \$1.5 trillion government funding package and capped years of work by members of the House and Senate. It is certain to win the signature of President Joe Biden, who worked on the law during his days in the Senate.

Passage of the legislation brought a rare moment of bipartisan agreement in Congress, achieved partly on the strength of the

personal connections that lawmakers have to domestic violence and its devastating effects.

For North Dakota Sen. Kevin Cramer, the connection is his adopted son whose biological mother was murdered by her husband. For Sen. Lisa Murkowski, it’s the need to expand the tribal jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders in her home state of Alaska. For Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, it comes back to the frantic phone calls she received at the Houston Women’s Center in the 1990s. And for Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa, the drive to reauthorize the law is partly rooted in her own experience as a survivor of sexual assault.

“I know firsthand the horrific experience too many women face at the hands of a perpetrator,” Ernst said in a statement. “That’s why for three years I’ve worked diligently and across the aisle to craft a bill that will modernize this important law to ensure my fellow survivors are supported and empowered.” Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who first helped write and pass the original bill as a House member in 1994, called it “one of the most important laws passed by Congress in the last 30 years.”

Yet the reauthorization of the law, which aims to reduce domestic and sexual violence and improve the response to it through a variety of grant programs, almost didn’t happen. The sticking point was a provision in the last proposal, passed by the House in April 2019, that would have prohibited persons previously convicted of misdemeanor stalking from possessing firearms.

Under current federal law, those convicted of domestic abuse can lose their guns if they are currently or formerly married to their victim, live with the victim, have a child together or are a victim’s parent or guardian. But the law doesn’t apply

to stalkers and current or former dating partners. Advocates have long referred to it as the “boyfriend loophole.”

But expanding the restrictions drew fierce opposition from the National Rifle Association and Republicans in Congress, creating an impasse.

This time, Democrats backed down and did not include the provision. But lawmakers like Jackson Lee say they aren't giving up.

“One of the ways to help women is to get the gun out of the hands of the abuser,” the Houston Democrat said. “And this is not an NRA question. This is a human question. This is saving women and children. This is stepping into their shoes.”

In the three years since the Violence Against Women Act was last authorized, members of Congress, advocates and even Angelina Jolie worked to not only reauthorize the law but to modernize and update it. The new version includes protections for Native American, transgender and immigrant women that had been lacking.

“The reason that many people struggle to leave abusive situations is that they've been made to feel worthless,” Jolie said at a press conference with senators last month. “When there is silence from a Congress too busy to renew the Violence Against Women Act for a decade, it reinforces that sense of worthlessness.”

The new version of the law will strengthen rape prevention and education efforts as well as training for those in law enforcement and the judicial system.

Biden introduced the original Violence Against Women Act in

June 1990 when serving as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. A subsequent version was eventually included in a sweeping crime bill that then-President Bill Clinton would sign into law four years later. Congress has reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act three times since.

The original bill created the Office on Violence Against Women within the Justice Department, which has awarded more than \$9 billion in grants to state and local governments, nonprofits and universities over the years. The grants fund crisis intervention programs, transitional housing and legal assistance to victims, among other programs. Supporters said the reauthorization would also boost spending for training law enforcement and the courts.

### Supreme Court Highlights: Senate Confirms Ketanji Brown Jackson

[nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com), April 7, 2022, by Carl Hulse and Annie Karni

The Senate on Thursday confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, making her the first Black woman to be elevated to the pinnacle of the judicial branch in what her supporters hailed as a needed step toward bringing new diversity and life experience to the court.

Overcoming a concerted effort by conservative Republicans to derail her nomination, Judge Jackson was confirmed on a 53-to-47 vote, with three Republicans joining all 50 members of the Democratic caucus in backing her. The vote was a rejection of Republican attempts to paint her as a liberal extremist who has coddled criminals. Dismissing those portrayals as distorted and offensive, Judge Jackson's backers saw the confirmation as an uplifting occasion, one where a representative of a group often pushed into the background instead moved to the forefront.

The vote put her in line to replace Justice Stephen G. Breyer when he retires at the end of the court's session this summer.

“Even in the darkest times, there are bright lights,” Senator Chuck Schumer of New York, the majority leader, said on the Senate floor. “Today is one of the brightest lights. Let us hope it's a metaphor, an indication of many bright lights to come.”

He added, “How many millions of kids in generations past could have benefited from such a role model?” At the Capitol, the galleries to witness the historic vote, closed for much of the pandemic, were full of supporters. The chamber erupted in cheers, with senators, staff and visitors all jumping up for a lengthy standing ovation, after the vote was announced.

Not everyone shared in the joy of the day. As applause echoed from the marbled walls, Senator Mitch McConnell, Republican of Kentucky and the minority leader, turned his back and slowly walked out, as did most of the few Republicans remaining on the floor, leaving half of the chamber empty as the other half celebrated in a stark reflection of the partisan divide.

“When it came to one of the most consequential decisions a president can make, a lifetime appointment to our highest court, the Biden administration let the radicals run the show,” Mr. McConnell had said earlier, making one last argument against the judge, whose nomination he framed as an example of extremists taking control of the Democratic Party. “The far left got the reckless inflationary spending they wanted. The far left has gotten the insecure border they wanted. And today, the far left will get the Supreme Court justice they wanted.”

## Crime Victims' Rights Week

Three Republicans — Senators Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Mitt Romney of Utah — crossed party lines to support Judge Jackson, lending a modicum of bipartisan-ship to an otherwise bitterly polarized process.

Vice President Kamala Harris, the first Black woman to hold the position and one of just 11 Black senators in American history, presided over the vote — one historic figure presiding over the elevation of another — as senators stated their positions from their desks in a reflection of the magnitude of the moment. More than a dozen members of the Congressional Black Caucus, including Representatives Hakeem Jeffries of New York and Joyce Beatty of Ohio, clustered on the Senate floor to mark the occasion.

At the White House, Mr. Biden and Judge Jackson watched the vote together from the Roosevelt Room. Officials said the two would appear at an event on Friday to mark Judge Jackson's confirmation, though she will not be sworn in for months.

"I'm overjoyed, deeply moved," Ms. Harris told reporters after the vote. "There's so much about what's happening in the world now that is presenting some of the worst of this moment and human behaviors. And then we have a moment like this."

### National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 24–30, 2022

Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVWRW) has challenged the Nation to confront and remove barriers to achieving justice for all victims of crime. During NCVWRW, we celebrate the accomplishments of the victims' rights movement and reflect on how far we have come.

This year NCVWRW will be observed April 24–30. The 2022 NCVWRW theme is **Rights, access, equity, for all victims**. The theme underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by— enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

### Crime Victims' Rights in America: A Historical Overview

#### Key Federal Victims' Rights Legislation

1974: Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

1980: Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act

1982: Victim and Witness Protection Act

1982: Missing Children's Act

1984: Victims of Crime Act

1984: Justice Assistance Act

1984: Missing Children's Assistance Act

1984: Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

1985: Children's Justice Act

1988: Drunk Driving Prevention Act

1990: Hate Crime Statistics Act

1990: Victims of Child Abuse Act

1990: Victims' Rights and Restitution Act

1990: National Child Search Assistance Act

1992: Battered Women's Testimony Act

1993: Child Sexual Abuse Registry Act

1994: Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act

1994: Violence Against Women Act

1996: Community Notification Act (Megan's Law)

1996: Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act

1996: Mandatory Victims' Restitution Act

1997: Victims' Rights Clarification Act

1998: Identity Theft and Deterrence Act

2000: Trafficking Victims Protection Act

2001: Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (established the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund)

2003: PROTECT Act (Amber Alert Law)

2003: Prison Rape Elimination Act

2003: Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act

2004: Justice For All Act (including Title I: The Scott Campbell, Stephanie Roper, Wendy Preston, Louarna Gillis, and Nila Lynn Crime Victims' Rights Act)

2006: Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act

2010: Tribal Law and Order Act

2015: Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act

2016: Native American Children's Safety Act

2021: VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021

### Some events that have Shaped Sexual Violence Prevention in the last 20 years

This list can help us recognize the ways in which incremental change builds while also reminding us of the work that still needs to be done, particularly in supporting communities and groups who are disproportionately impacted by sexual violence.

#### First National Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign (2001)

In 2001, National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) coordinated the first national Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), building on the years of advocacy and awareness-building that had come before. Through this campaign, teal was solidified as the color associated with sexual assault awareness, and teal ribbons became the symbol of sexual assault awareness and prevention. SAAM events continue to support survivors and shine a light on sexual violence prevention in communities and on college campuses across the U.S. — with the first-ever completely virtual campaign taking place in April 2020. NSVRC continues to coordinate resources, graphics, and online organizing tools for SAAM events nationally.

#### First Presidential Proclamation to Declare April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) (2009)

For the first time ever, in 2009, the President of the United States officially declared April to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Through the proclamation, President Barack Obama encouraged citizens to develop policies at their workplaces and schools, have conversations

about sexual assault with friends and family, and prioritize preventing sexual assault in their communities. Since 2009, SAAM has continued to be recognized with a presidential proclamation every April.

#### Me Too Movement Founded by Tarana Burke (2006)

Activist, community organizer, and advocate Tarana Burke began using the phrase “Me Too” in 2006 to raise awareness about the prevalence of sexual abuse and assault, particularly for Black women and girls while working at a nonprofit she founded focused on the well-being of young women of color. She coined the phrase, “me too” after a young girl disclosed that she was experiencing sexual abuse and Burke was left searching for the right words to let her know she wasn’t alone. A decade later, the phrase would go viral as #MeToo and develop into an international social movement against sexual violence. Following the prominence of #MeToo and the impact it had, Burke would be featured among other activists called the “Silence Breakers” as the TIME Person of the Year for 2017.

#### Report on Sexual Assault in the Military Released (2009)

The *Final Report of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services* shared the progress the Department of Defense had made in responding to victims of sexual assault since the establishment of its Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program in 2005. The report also provided findings and recommendations to improve prevention, victim response, and accountability. Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) / NSVRC’s former Executive Director Delilah Rumburg served as a civilian member on the Task Force from 2005-2009, where she

provided recommendations to military leaders around sexual violence prevention, education, and training which informed the final report. Thanks to the findings of this report, sexual assault programs and resources have since been given a permanent place within the military organization and culture.

#### Formation of the White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault (2014)

Under President Obama, the White House formed a task force to create trainings and share guidance around preventing sexual assault on college campuses. This national focus on campus sexual assault is reflected in a few other notable events during this time period, including the founding of the national organization End Rape on Campus in 2013 and the release of *The Hunting Ground* in 2015, a documentary about the prevalence of campus sexual assault. The national SAAM campaign also reflected a focus on campus sexual assault during this time period.

#### #MeToo Goes Viral (2017)

On October 15, 2017, actress Alyssa Milano posted a tweet inviting survivors of sexual assault or harassment to reply with “Me too.” There was an overwhelming response — the hashtag was tweeted almost a million times in just 48 hours. This illustration of the prevalence of sexual assault wasn’t just confined to Twitter. The hashtag became a catalyst for countless allegations of sexual assault and harassment by prominent figures in the entertainment industry. #MeToo continued to expand beyond just Hollywood. The energy surrounding the movement galvanized states to enact new laws, companies to examine and revamp their policies, and individuals to have hard conversations with friends and loved ones about what sexual assault and accountability look like.

## 2021 (includes responding during a pandemic)

	DV	SA	Total
<b>Total individuals served (unduplicated)</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>894</b>
Adult Females	586	96	682
Adult Males	40	12	52
Adult Gender Nonconforming	4	1	5
Children/Youth	111	44	155
<b>Safe Housing (safe dwelling only)</b>	<b>46</b>	(individuals) Average length of stay was <b>19 days</b>	
Denial of Safe Housing	85	Safe dwelling is full, family size too large for bed space available, etc. Other placement options are offered as an alternative to the safe dwelling.	

**Hotline Calls** **5,260** 4,591 during office hours, 669 after hours

Types of Service	Individuals Served	Number of times service was provided
Emotional Support/Counseling	359	2,026
Phone Counseling	771	6,525
Personal Advocacy	565	4,180
Criminal Justice Support	297	3,259
Transportation	71	520
Information	512	4,659
Referral	322	1,056
Child Care/Child Recreation	32	96
Forensic Sexual Assault Exams Provided by a SANE	49	

**Presentations (school-based & community)** 4,720 171

	Hours	Number of Volunteers
<b>Volunteers</b>	1,264.75	5

## 2021 NYS Domestic Violence Counts Report

On September 9, 2021, **94 out of 102 (92%)** identified domestic violence programs in New York State participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). The following figures represent the information shared by the participating programs about the services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

**6,646** Victims served in one day. **4,178** adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels, motels, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs. **2,468** non-residential adult and child victims received supportive services including counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups.

**1,584** Hotline Contacts Received. Domestic violence hotlines are lifelines for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources via phone, chat, text and email. Hotline staff received 1,584 contacts, averaging **66** contacts per hour.

**766** Unmet requests for services. Victims made **766** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and other support needs—that programs could not provide because they lacked the resources. Approximately **72%** of these unmet requests were for housing and emergency shelter.

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