

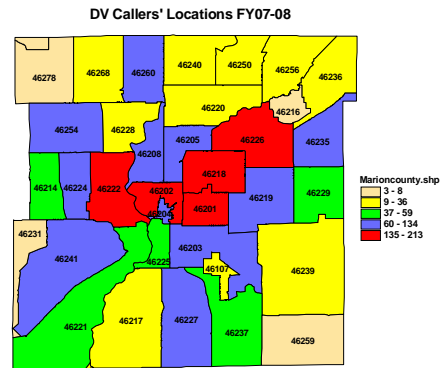
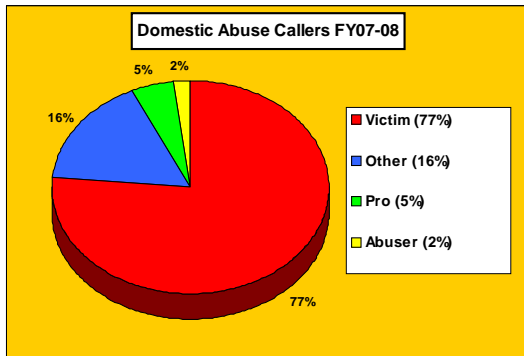
Connect2Help™

Connect2Help™ facilitates connections between people who need human services and those who provide them.

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Domestic Abuse Calls Rise 33%

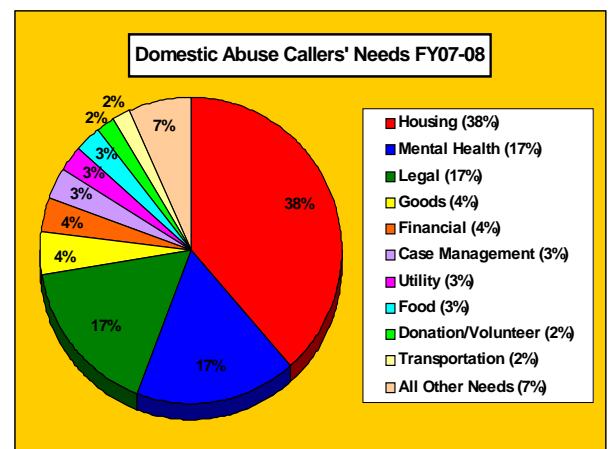


Who is calling?

- 3,500 people called Connect2Help™ (C2H) for help with a domestic abuse issue from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This is a 33% increase compared to the previous fiscal year.
- Most of those calling (77%) were victims of the abuse; 16% were friends or family members trying to find help for someone being abused; 5% were professionals seeking help for an abuse victim; and 2% were abusers calling for resources (such as anger management and other types of counseling) to help them stop the abuse.
- 35% were abused by an intimate partner; 32% by a spouse; 19% by a former partner; 9% by an ex-spouse; and 5% were in some "other" type of relationship.
- 49% of the callers were White; 38% were African American; and 11% were Hispanic. Two-thirds (66%) of Hispanic callers did not speak English and 36% reported being "undocumented."
- 75% lived in Marion County; 9% lived in one of the 7 counties surrounding Marion; and 16% lived outside central Indiana.
- In addition to the callers, at least 3,889 children living in the victims' homes were affected by domestic abuse. During FY07-08, 575 callers contacted C2H for information related to child abuse. In July of 2008, 87 callers asked for child abuse information, compared with 27 in July of 2007.

What Help is Needed?

- Housing, mental health resources and legal assistance were the most pressing needs of people affected by domestic abuse.
- In order to meet these needs, C2H Specialists connected:
 - 1,242 callers with information on shelter, including 33 referrals to the Emergency Bed Space Plan operated by Salvation Army
 - 430 callers with counseling resources
 - 268 callers with protective order information
 - 185 callers with support groups resources
 - 104 callers with victims assistance resources
 - 101 callers for legal help obtaining a divorce
- Due to the complex nature of domestic abuse, Specialists spent an average of 19 minutes with callers, compared to 8 minutes for ALL C2H callers.



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For more information on domestic abuse needs and resources, call Connect2Help™.

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*All percentages are based on "known" data.