

Bethany House of Northern Virginia
Fact Sheet
FY 06 – 07

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors used by one person to control another person in the context of an intimate or family relationship. The abuse can be physical and/or emotional.

Domestic violence is the most common form of violence and the least reported crime. It occurs in families of all races, religions, educational levels and income groups, and can take many forms or combinations, such as physical, verbal, sexual, and emotional or mental cruelty. In half of all marriages, the woman will be abused at some point during the marriage.

FY 2006-2007 Domestic and Sexual Violence in Your District

- Bethany House does not restrict its service area.
- Most families come from Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.
- Bethany House is the only provider of both emergency and independent living housing for domestic violence victims in Fairfax County, providing victims sufficient time to achieve independence.

In FY 2006-2007, Bethany House:

- Responded to 322 sexual and domestic violence hotline calls providing emergency and crisis intervention services to 322 adults and 401 children.
- Provided emergency shelter and services to 34 adults and 30 children.
- Provided Independent Living housing and services for 12 clients.
- Provided Follow-up and/or advocacy services to 104 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Bethany House serves clients from various ethnic backgrounds:

- Caucasian 13%
- Hispanic 20%
- African-American 52%
- Asian 13%
- Middle East 2%
- Other 2%

Bethany House has a variety of collaborative relationships and projects: We made contacts with the faith community, local businesses, community service agencies, and legal service providers.

In addition, Bethany House appreciates the many volunteers who continue to support and provide assistance with Bethany House programs.

- Total Non-Professional Volunteer Hours: 3,394.
- Total Professional Volunteer Hours: 6,240.

Please demonstrate your support of the victims you serve by supporting the Violence Against Women Act.

For more information, please contact Cathy Hassinger, Executive Director, at 703-658-9500 or chassinger@bhnv.org