

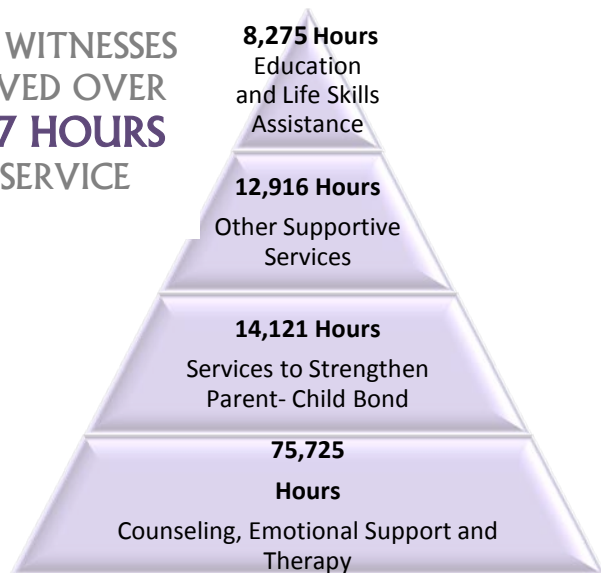
We are more than emergency shelter...

Reduced and stagnant funding decreased our resources to serve survivors of domestic violence, but the most pronounced outcome of these funding challenges has been their impact on vulnerable children who have witnessed domestic violence in their homes. While services to children are beginning to see some rebounding, they still have significantly fewer staff and resources dedicated to their services as compared to adult survivors.

While emergency shelter is an important service that we offer communities, only about 39% of child witnesses we served last year received residential services. 61% of all child witnesses we served received nonresidential services and not shelter. Domestic violence programs provide a wide variety of services for child witnesses of domestic violence.

- ✓ Counseling and therapy help child witnesses better understand the dynamics of domestic violence and provide them emotional support to help them heal after experiencing the trauma of domestic violence.
- ✓ Services to strengthen the parent-child bond, such as family groups and parental services, are provided to help reestablish a healthy relationship between victimized parent and their children.
- ✓ Other supportive services help child witnesses establish routines in a life filled with chaos resulting from domestic violence, such as transportation and case management.
- ✓ Assistance with educational issues and life skills increase their self esteem and help them gain confidence after witnessing domestic violence in their homes.

CHILD WITNESSES
RECEIVED OVER
111,037 HOURS
OF SERVICE



2013 Services To Child Witnesses of Domestic Violence

REMEMBER....8760

Domestic violence agencies are there...
responding and saving lives,
much like the police and fire department.
...8760 hours per year.

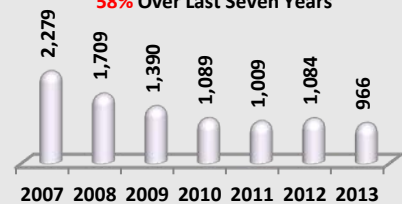
The Impact on Children...

Children's Services continue to feel the effects of reduced and stagnant funding which significantly impacted our resources to reach children who are witnessing domestic violence.

Shelter Nights Provided to Children
Decreased 22% Over Last Seven Years



Prevention & Education Presentations to
High School Students Have Dropped by
58% Over Last Seven Years



As we served children this year, 95% of children reported they know two things to do when they don't feel safe. 88% of children reported they know the abuse in their family is not their fault. Our services make a significant difference in children's lives.