

30TH ANNUAL VERA HOUSE, INC.
**REPORT TO THE
 COMMUNITY**
 ON DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

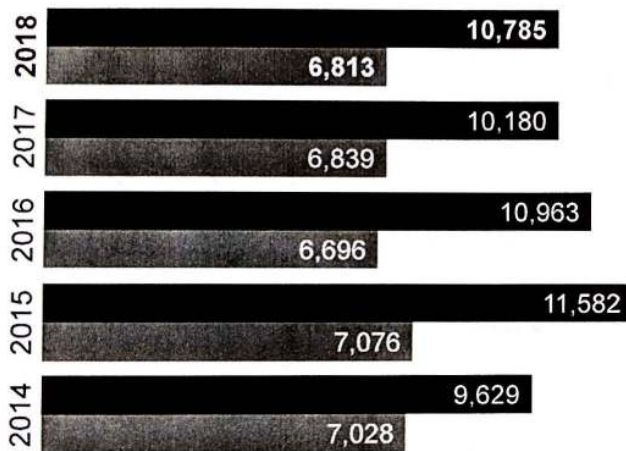
DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN ONONDAGA COUNTY

Justice System Response in 2018



Domestic Calls Answered

- Syracuse Police Department
- Onondaga County: Sheriff's Office, New York State, Town and Village Police



Sex Offense Calls Answered

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, New York State, and Town and Village Police answered **295** sex offense calls.



Arrests Made in 2018

Syracuse Police Department arrested **1,320** domestic violence perpetrators.



Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, New York State, and Town and Village Police arrested **1,737** domestic violence perpetrators and **98** sexual offense perpetrators.

DID YOU KNOW?

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) alone affects more than **12 million** people each year.

- **Nearly half of all women and men** in the United States have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- Females ages **18 to 34** generally experienced the highest rates of intimate partner violence.
- Nearly, **15%** of women (14.8%) and **4%** of men have been injured as a result of IPV that included rape, physical violence and/or stalking.

Source: The National Domestic Violence Hotline. <https://www.thehotline.org/resources/statistics/>

In **2018** there was **1** Intimate Partner Homicide in **Onondaga County**.

2018 JUSTICE SYSTEM

2018 District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau & City Court Bureau Prosecutions:



Special Victims Bureau Prosecuted...

- **658** felony arrests and **301** misdemeanor arrests between partners or ex-partners
- **63** felony arrests and **23** misdemeanor arrests for child sexual abuse
- **19** felony arrests and **23** misdemeanor arrests for adult sexual assault

City Court Bureau

- **668** misdemeanor arrests between partners or ex-partners in 2018

Probation Department

Onondaga County Probation supervised approximately **175** registered sex offenders in 2018.

Orders of Protection

ONONDAGA COUNTY FAMILY COURT

Issued **1,047** Temporary Orders of Protection and **188** Permanent Orders of Protection in 2018

SYRACUSE CITY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT

Issued approximately **450** Orders of Protection



Vera House Accountability Programs

ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

For men who have been abusive in their intimate relationships.

STEPS PROGRAM

For women who have been abusive in their intimate relationships.

DVIP (Domestic Violence Impact Program)

A one-time, 4-hour course for men and women originally charged with a violation-level domestic violence related offense.

There were a total of **475** participants in 2018

In 2018...

Onondaga County Integrated

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT

served **93** new families.

Syracuse City

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT

handled approximately **680** new misdemeanors & **161** new felonies.

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2018 ONONDAGA COUNTY SERVICES



- Vera House's Advocacy Program served **1,562** victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse.
- **5,803** calls were answered on Vera House's 24-Hour Crisis & Support Hotline.
- The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program responded **265** times to sexual assault/abuse victims at local hospitals.
- Vera House's Therapy Program provided **6,453** therapy sessions to **619** adults and **548** youth.

PREVENTION & EDUCATION

The Vera House Prevention & Education Program reached **19,160** people through **49** schools, in addition to local community groups and workplaces.



McMahon/Ryan
Child Advocacy Center

In 2018,

1,536 children were interviewed by law enforcement and child protective services.

22,196 victim advocacy support services were provided.

122 youth were served who were victims of child exploitation.

4,176 adults were reached through prevention/education programs.

18,635 youth were reached through prevention/education programs.

2018 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES



Shelter Services

In 2018, Vera House provided emergency shelter services to **323** adults and children fleeing domestic and sexual violence. Catholic Charities, The Rescue Mission, The Salvation Army, and Onondaga County Department of Social Services provided safe space to **631** adults who identified as victims or survivors of domestic violence, **213** who were currently fleeing domestic violence.



Legal Aid

CNY Women's Bar Association Legal Clinic provided **FREE** legal advice to **41** individuals. Hiscock Legal Aid Society handled **541** cases involving domestic violence.



Support Services

The Salvation Army provided services to **24** individuals impacted by domestic violence. The Salvation Army provided **179** supervised visits for **15** children from families with a history of domestic violence. The Spanish Action League handled **67** domestic violence cases.



Child Protective Services

CPS handled **953** cases involving domestic violence and investigated **570** sexual abuse reports.



CARE Program

Golisano Children's Hospital CARE Program provided medical evaluations to **214** children.

Adult Protective Services received **236** referrals regarding suspected elder abuse and approximately **109** referrals regarding suspected elder neglect.

Based on the 2011 New York State Elder Abuse Prevalence Study which found that only **1 in 35** elder abuse incidents are reported in our area, we can estimate that **12,000** elder abuse incidents were never reported in Onondaga County.

Onondaga County Adult Protective Services Elder Abuse and Neglect Referrals:

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES REFERRALS

