



DVSTOP Fact Sheet

Domestic Violence Safe Temporary Overflow Program

WHAT: This program seeks to provide short-term emergency shelter to victims when county domestic violence shelters are full.

DVSTOP provides:

- Safe housing
- Basic-needs assistance
- Case-management and advocacy services
- Intensified networking with county DV shelters

In addition, DVSTOP serves as a community resource by providing callers with crisis intervention, resource and referral. All services are free of charge.

WHO: Services are available for adult victims of domestic violence and adult victims with children in need of immediate shelter, who are eligible and willing to participate.

WHERE: Services are provided over the phone and in pre-authorized safe housing in the community when necessary.

WHY: It is estimated that 3 out of every 4 victims of domestic violence who are seeking shelter are turned away due to lack of space. DVSTOP was designed to address this unmet need in the community. Staff is available to begin intervention services for victims when other community shelter space is unavailable

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many people per year does DVSTOP serve?

DVSTOP typically serves over 300 adults and children per year.

2. How long do clients typically stay?

Clients typically work with DVSTOP for one to two days before moving into longer-term, safe housing.

3. Do DVSTOP clients receive the support they would receive in a shelter?

DV STOP clients receive many of the same support services they would in a shelter. Staff members provide crisis intervention, case management and basic needs support to clients until they are able to enter a shelter or other safe environment.

4. How are victims referred to DVSTOP?

To access services, clients call the CONTACTS (Community Network for Accessing Shelter) hotline which monitors current bed availability in all local domestic violence shelters. If space in a shelter is available, clients are transferred to the shelter; if not, they are transferred to DVSTOP.

5. How can I help?

For more information on how you can help this program through volunteering or donating call 404 477 4211 or via e-mail wadt at wadt dot org