3rd Annual Domestic Violence Report to the Community

October 2015

Monroe County Incidents of Domestic Violence 2014

4,709 reports of domestic violence were made in Monroe County in 2014

In 2014, there were 63 reports of domestic violence per 10,000 residents in Monroe County

City of Rochester rate was 111, more than two and a half times the statewide rate of 46 (excluding New York City)

Rates have declined for each of the past three years in Monroe County and the City of Rochester, while the statewide rates have remained flat.

Domestic Violence in Every Zip Code

50,249 calls placed to 911 County Dispatch System in 2014 were classified as domestic disputes, down 6% compared to the 53,049 calls placed in 2013

2014 Domestic Violence Incident Reports

2014 was the first time suburban reports of DV incidents surpassed urban reports, since reporting in 2008

Sources:
- Children's Exposure to IPV, CDC, 2011; NIPSVS, 2011; Bureau of Justice Statistics via NNEDV
- Monroe County 9-1-1 Computer Aided Dispatch Records; New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
- Sources & Notes: Data reported by local law enforcement agencies for victims in four categories of aggravated assault, simple assault, sex offense and order of protection violation. Data compiled by New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services with analysis by ACT Rochester.
The number of orders of protection filed increased 30% from 2008 to 2014. This is primarily a result of NYS legislation in 2008 which expanded the definition of domestic violence to include dating, LGBT couples, and intimate partners not living together.

In 2014, Monroe County Family Court filed 3,374 petitions, down slightly from the 3,444 the year before. 91% of petitions filed were granted a temporary order of protection, up from 76% granted the year before. Of petitions granted, 32% were granted final orders of protection.

A point-in-time count on January 1, 2014 reported 462 domestic violence offenders on active probation.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILDREN**

- Infants and small children who are exposed to violence in the home experience so much added emotional stress that it can harm the development of their brains and impair cognitive and sensory growth.

- The single best predictor of children becoming either perpetrators or victims of domestic violence later in life is whether or not they grow up in a home where there is domestic violence.

- Children who experience childhood trauma, including witnessing incidents of DV are at a greater risk of having serious adult health problems including tobacco use, substance abuse, obesity, cancer, heart disease, depression and a higher risk for unintended pregnancy.

- 30% to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.

**Sources:** The Impact of Violence on Children Ososky, 1999; Behind Closed Doors: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children, Unicef, 2006; Adverse Childhood Experiences Study, CDC 2003; Unicef, 2006.

**WILLOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER SERVICES SUMMARY 2014**

- 5,095 calls were made to the 24/7 confidential Hotline up from the 4,600 in 2013
- 10,084 individuals were reached through prevention education
- 461 residents stayed at Willow’s 40-bed emergency shelter last year
- Court Advocates assisted 2,113 victims through the order of protection process
- Counseling Center served 319 clients with 1,800 counseling sessions

**Sources:** UCMS Order of Protection Report for Monroe County; Monroe County Probation Dept.