

29TH ANNUAL VERA HOUSE, INC.
**REPORT TO THE
COMMUNITY**
ON DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

2017 ONONDAGA COUNTY SERVICES



- Vera House's Advocacy Program served **1,860** victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse.
- **6,198** calls were answered on Vera House's 24-Hour Crisis & Support Hotline in 2016.
- The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program responded **317** times to sexual assault/abuse victims at local hospitals.
- Vera House's Therapy Program provided **3,220** therapy sessions to **610** adults and counseled **516** children during **3,310** individual counseling sessions.

PREVENTION & EDUCATION

The Vera House Prevention & Education Program reached **19,858** people through **54** schools and local community groups and workplaces.



McMahon/Ryan
Child Advocacy Center

1,036 children were interviewed by law enforcement and child protective services.

18,080 victim advocacy support services were provided.

117 youth were served who were victims of child exploitation.

1,983 adults were reached through prevention/education programs.

18,611 youth were reached through prevention/education programs.

2017 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES



Shelter Services

Emergency Shelter Services of Catholic Charities, The Rescue Mission, The Salvation Army, Vera House, and Onondaga County Department of Social Services provided safe space to **1,038** adults and children seeking shelter due to domestic violence.



Legal Aid

CNY Women's Bar Association Legal Clinic provided **FREE** legal advice to **45** individuals.

Hiscock Legal Aid Society handled **360** cases involving domestic violence.



Support Services

The Salvation Army provided individual and group counseling services to **183** individuals impacted by domestic violence.

The Salvation Army provided **226** supervised visits for **15** children from families with a history of domestic violence.



Child Protective Services

CPS handled **617** cases involving domestic violence and investigated **358** sexual abuse reports.



CARE Program

Golisano Children's Hospital CARE Program provided medical evaluations to **244** children.

Adult Protective Services received **242** referrals regarding suspected elder abuse and approximately **114** 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:

