Domestic Violence is the escalating pattern of behavior where one partner in an intimate relationship controls another through force, intimidation or the threat of violence.

*Definition used by five domestic violence agencies for training Santa Clara County staff on domestic violence.

**Points of Interest in 2001**

Since 1993, the number of Emergency Protective Restraining Orders have increased seven fold in Santa Clara County.

While San Jose has the most domestic violence related calls for assistance, Campbell and Gilroy have the two highest rates of calls for a population their size.

According to the findings of the National Violence Against Women Survey, approximately 1.5 million women and 834,000 men were raped and/or physically assaulted by their intimate partner annually in the nation. (CDC 2001)

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) database indicated that in 1995, 85% of the nearly 5000 females murdered were killed by someone they knew (FBI, 1997, as cited by DHHS, 2000). In nearly half of these incidents, the offender was a husband, ex-husband, or boyfriend.
The number of domestic violence related calls for police assistance has decreased since 1995. However, in 2001, there was a slight increase in the total number of calls, and those involving weapons.

Of calls that specified the involvement of weapons, most involved the use of “personal” weapons such as hands, fists, and feet. “Other” dangerous weapons, such as baseball bats or automobiles, comprised the second highest proportion of cases with weapons.

The proportion of calls reporting use of weapons fluctuates from year-to-year hitting a “low” of 71% in 2000 and a “high” of 84% in 1992 and 1995. However, jurisdictions may differ in their reporting of use of weapons.

Since 1997, the number of domestic violence calls related with weapon use was decreasing each year. However, there was a slight increase in calls in 2001.

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The Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) is a cross-sectional telephone survey of adults 18 and over, developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that collects information on a wide variety of health related behaviors. In 2000, the Public Health Department conducted an adapted version of this survey in Santa Clara County, including a pilot section on intimate partner violence, developed by CDC. Highlighted here, are some results from this survey:

- Of the 2547 people surveyed, 2.3% reported that in the past 12 months they have experienced some violence (violence was defined as being pushed, slapped, hit, punched, shaken, kicked, choked or burned or being made to take part in any sexual activity when they did not want to).
- Excluding those who did not experience any violence in the last 12 months, slightly over 3% reported that the violence they experienced in the last 12 months involved an intimate partner, such as spouses, live in partners, boyfriends or girlfriends; and 1.3% reported that the violence involved forced sexual activity.
- About 1% of all (2547) those who responded to the survey reported that they have been frightened for their safety or that of their family and friends because of anger or threats of an intimate partner in the last 12 months.

About 16% of survey respondents refused to answer the questions on intimate partner violence.

For the full BRFS 2000 Report, go to http://www.sccphd.org/statistics/.
San Jose had the highest number of domestic violence-related calls for assistance in 2001. When these numbers are divided by the population for each city - Campbell, and Gilroy both have rates higher than San Jose.

### Domestic Violence Related Calls for Assistance by Jurisdiction

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<th>Jurisdiction</th>
<th>Number of Calls</th>
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### Batterer's Intervention Programs

A total of 2378 men and women enrolled in a 52 week batterer's intervention program from January 1 to December 31, 2001. About 1126 clients completed the program. Of the total number enrolled, 1074* clients were in process as of December 31, 2001, and 971 clients terminated from the program. The three major reasons for termination included absences (546 clients), violation of probation (50 clients), and failure to benefit (48 clients).* Eleven programs provided data. Not all programs reported the number of clients in process or reasons for termination as of 12/31/2001.

The District Attorney's Office reviewed an average of 98 brand new reports of domestic violence each week of the year 2001. They brought charges in 3565 cases, which equates to an average of 68 brand new criminal cases of domestic violence each week in Santa Clara county.

- 26 cases involved same sex relationships.
- 72 cases involved teens as victims.
- 121 cases persons who were pregnant.
- 1021 cases involved children who were present.
- 2130 cases involved injury to some person.

### Housing and Shelter Services

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<td># served</td>
<td>98</td>
<td>404</td>
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**Hotline:**
- # of calls received: 1089, 459, 3504, 5254

**Counseling:**
- Adult (19+) Individual Counseling: 451 (Sessions), 171 (Sessions), 1362 (Sessions), 523 (Sessions)
- Teen (13-18) Individual Counseling: 28 (Sessions), 21 (Sessions), 31 (Sessions), 0
- Children (0-12) Individual Counseling: Unknown, 61 (Sessions), 288 (Sessions), 142 (Sessions)
- Adult (19+) Group Counseling: 186 (Sessions), 50 (Sessions), 1552 (Sessions), 522 (Sessions)
- Teen (13-18) Group Counseling: Unknown, 15 (Sessions), Unknown, 0
- Children (0-12) Group Counseling: Unknown, 15 (Sessions), 144 (Sessions), 55 (Sessions)

**Shelter Services:**
- # Women receiving: 30, 54, 167, 135
- # Children (17 or less): 25, 70, 146, 160
- # of Bednights: 3662, 3774, 5081, 4463
Protective Orders

A total of 1,895 Emergency Protective Restraining Orders (EPRO's) were issued in 12* law enforcement jurisdictions in 2001. Overall 47% of EPRO's involved children.

* Reporting jurisdictions in Santa Clara County include: Campbell, Los Altos, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Mountain View, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Sheriff's, Stanford, and Sunnyvale.
Violence Intervention Program

The Violence Intervention Program (VIP) at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center was created to reduce domestic violence in the community. The program is designed to screen all patients for early detection and intervention of abuse. The program is a collaboration with the county Social Services Agency, Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. In 2001, Valley Medical Center had a total of 251 Violence Intervention cases.

Juvenile Dependency Court

In the year 2000, there were 872 petitions filed on behalf of abused and neglected children in Santa Clara County. Each petition may have a number of reasons for which the case came before the court. For the 872 petitions, there were 1993 “primary reasons” (average of 2.3 reasons per case) for filing. Of these 1993 “primary” reasons, 175 (8.8%) were Domestic Violence (adult family members), Main allegations. Of the 1114 “secondary” reasons for filing, 251 (23%) were due to Domestic Violence (adult family members), Prior events.

Victim/ Witness Services Provided by the National Conference on Community and Justice (NCCJ).

In the year 2001 NCCJ served 5836 new personal crime victims; 3227 (55%) were domestic violence related crimes. They aided 696 child victims of sexual abuse and 619 physically abused children. A total 3505 victim compensation claims were initiated and filed for all categories of eligible crime victims.

Domestic Violence Death Review Committee

Domestic violence related death are defined as those that occur when the perpetrator and/or victim were romantically linked, either at the time of death or prior to the death, and the conduct or either party led to the death (Death Review Committee, 1999).

From August, 1993 to December, 2001 the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee reviewed a total of 130 deaths. Perpetrator and victim were separated or divorced at the time of the incident in 75 deaths and 39 deaths had associated prior police reports filed. It was also found that in 9 suicides, there was a completed or in process restraining order.

Of the 130 deaths, 69 (53.1%) were caused by a gun, including 25 homicides, 21 suicides and 6 “blue

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Domestic Violence and Minorities

Of the total 130 domestic violence related death from August 1993 to December 2001, 46 cases were among Caucasian, 39 cases among Asian/Pacific Islander, 33 cases among Hispanic, 10 cases among African American, and 2 cases among people of mixed race.

In 2000, African Americans comprised 3.6% of county population but accounted for 7.7% of domestic violence related deaths from 1993-2001. In 2000, Asians/Pacific Islanders comprised 24% of the county population, but accounted for 30.0% of domestic violence related deaths. Hispanics accounted for 25.4% of the deaths and 24% of the population and Caucasians accounted for 35.4% of the deaths and 48% of the population.

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