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Themes

The most recent estimates from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence indicate that 41.4% women and 31.7% of men in Washington experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner rape and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetime¹⁵. The number of individuals responding to the survey who had accessed domestic violence services were small (n=16). This is likely because our outreach methods were not able to reach individuals in active domestic violence crisis and the demands on an individual in crisis often prevent engagement in assessments like this one. Among those survey respondents who reported that they had accessed domestic violence services, individuals were generally able to find the service in their community (75%) and in a place that they could travel to in a reasonable amount of time (73%). Nearly two-thirds (60%) reported being satisfied with the quality of the support they had received.

Available service data demonstrates the significant and ongoing need for domestic violence supports in Bellevue. As an example, **LifeWire** provides a confidential Emergency and Transitional Shelter for survivors of domestic violence. In 2022, **LifeWire** supported clients through 4974 bed nights for Bellevue residents (8,172 bed nights total). In 2023 to date (through September 2023), they have provided 3,534 Bed nights for Bellevue residents and 7,961 bed nights total. Additionally, **LifeWire** provided 1,282 hours of advocacy services for survivors of domestic violence in 2022 and **Consejo** provided 555 hours of advocacy, crisis intervention services, and safety planning in Spanish in 2022.



While not included in the community survey, service data also highlights the need for support for individuals experiencing other types of violence. For example, in 2022, **King County Sexual Assault Resource Center** provided 852 hours of comprehensive crisis and advocacy services in English and Spanish for Bellevue residents who have experienced sexual assault and abuse and the **Harborview Abuse and Trauma Center** provided 215 hours of counseling services in 2022 to Bellevue residents who have experienced trauma.

Service Trends

Below are examples of service trends in the areas of violence prevention and survivor support and advocacy. These examples are intended to provide a snapshot of this service area and are not a comprehensive reflection of available services in Bellevue.

- **LifeWire** is developing the Hope Starts Here Apartments, which will allow them to provide housing for an additional 25 families per year. These apartments will provide housing stability for survivors of domestic violence and are anticipated to open before the end of 2023.
- **Indian American Community Services (IACS)** is providing real-time and culturally sensitive domestic violence services by multilingual attorneys from the South Asian community.

