



Law Enforcement On-Scene Screens

	Lethality Screens	High-Danger	Non-High Danger	Did Not Answer	Spoke to Counselor	Went into Services
Total 2015	11,839 (32.4/day)	6,124 (52%)	3,925 (33%)	1,790 (15%)	2,742 (45%) 7.4/day	1,582 (58%) 4.3/day
Total 2014	10,292 (28.2/day)	5,599 (54%)	3,498 (34%)	1,195 (12%)	2,841 (51%) 7.8/day	1,391 (49%) 3.8/day

In 2015, the number of Lethality Screens administered by law enforcement officers increased by 13% (1,547), a substantial increase that shows the extraordinary efforts officers in Maryland are taking to prevent domestic violence homicide. While the number of victims speaking to hotline advocates decreased by 3% (99) over the past year, the number of victims engaging in life-saving services from Maryland’s domestic violence programs increased by 12% potentially saving the lives of 191 victims across the state.

Department of Human Resources Screens

Year Population Number of agencies	Lethality Screens	High-Danger	Non-High Danger	Did Not Answer	Spoke to Counselor	Went into Services
Jan. – Dec. 2015 (5,741,000) (24 agencies)	570	339 (59%)	209 (37%)	22 (4%)	197 (58%)	92 (47%)
Nov. – Dec. 2014 (5,741,000) (24 agencies)	118	64 (54%)	33 (28%)	21 (18%)	42 (66%)	--

MNADV congratulates the Department of Human Resources (DHR) on their first full year of successful LAP implementation. DHR is meeting the statewide expectations for the rate of High-Danger Screens, victims speaking with an advocate on the hotline and victims engaging in life-saving services from local domestic violence programs. The counties with the highest numbers are Montgomery (105), Frederick (83) and Anne Arundel (80).

Screens Initiated by Hospitals/Healthcare

**Hospitals with hospital-based domestic violence programs.*

Hospital	Number of Lethality Screens	High-Danger	Non-High Danger	Did Not Answer	Met w./ Spoke w. Advocate (% of Total Screens)	Went into Services
Anne Arundel Medical Center	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Atlantic General Hospital	18	8 (44%)	8 (44%)	2 (11%)	2 (25%)	3 (150%)
Bon Secours	102	52 (51%)	23 (23%)	27 (26%)	37 (71%)	NA
Carroll Hospital Center	60	42 (70%)	17 (28%)	1 (2%)	23 (55%)	16 (70%)
Frederick Memorial Hospital	27	25 (93%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)	13 (52%)	13 (100%)
Frederick Mental Health Association	7	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (57%)	1 (25%)
MedStar St. Mary's Hospital	40	28 (70%)	11 (28%)	1 (3%)	16 (57%)	4 (25%)
Northwest Hospital*	187	120 (64%)	48 (26%)	19 (10%)	143 (119%)	60 (42%)
Prince George's Hospital Center*	38	32 (84%)	5 (13%)	1 (3%)	37 (116%)	19 (51%)
Peninsula Regional Medical Center	49	37 (76%)	10 (20%)	2 (4%)	12 (32%)	14 (117%)
UM Charles Regional Hospital	17	12 (71%)	2 (12%)	3 (18%)	5 (42%)	2 (40%)
Western Regional Medical Center	108	92 (85%)	14 (13%)	2 (2%)	61 (66%)	20 (33%)
TOTAL 2015	653	455 (70%)	140 (21%)	58 (9%)	353 (78%)	152 (43%)
TOTAL 2014	334	231 (69%)	69 (21%)	34 (10%)	308 (133%)	106 (34%)

In 2015, three additional healthcare organizations began administering the LAP: Carroll Hospital Center, Frederick Mental Health Association, and the University of Maryland Charles Regional Hospital. Due to the addition of these new organizations and the amazing efforts of existing LAP participating hospitals, the number of Lethality Screens administered in healthcare settings increased by 49% (319 Screens). During 2015, the number of victims speaking/meeting with domestic violence advocates increased by 13% or 45 patients, and more victims (30% or 46 victims) engaged in life-saving domestic violence services as a result of the LAP.

Screens Initiated by Domestic Violence Programs from Victim-Initiated Calls

Domestic Violence Program	Number of Lethality Screens	High-Danger	Non-High Danger	Spoke to Hotline	Went into Services
Family Crisis Center <i>Prince George's County</i>	509	435 (85%)	67 (13%)	490 (113%)	91 (19%)
Family Crisis Resource Center <i>Allegany County</i>	46	39 (85%)	7 (15%)	43 (110%)	23 (53%)
Family & Children's Services of Central MD <i>Carroll County</i>	28	27 (96%)	1 (4%)	28 (104%)	23 (82%)
Family Justice Center** <i>Montgomery County</i>	129	104 (81%)	25 (19%)	129 (124%)	71 (55%)
Heartly House <i>Frederick County</i>	142	126 (89%)	16 (11%)	135 (107%)	96 (71%)
HopeWorks* <i>Howard County</i>	19	18 (95%)	1 (5%)	19 (106%)	16 (84%)
The Dove Program <i>Baltimore County</i>	22	16 (73%)	5 (23%)	16 (100%)	10 (63%)
MidShore Council on Family Violence <i>Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester</i>	265	159 (60%)	56 (21%)	159 (100%)	171 (108%)
Life Crisis Center <i>Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester</i>	95	91 (96%)	4 (4%)	94 (103%)	95 (101%)
Walden-Sierra <i>St. Mary's County</i>	14	10 (71%)	1 (7%)	11 (110%)	8 (73%)
TOTAL 2015	1392	1,133 (81%)	198 (14%)	1,240 (109%)	684 (55%)
TOTAL 2014	780	725 (93%)	49 (6%)	571 (79%)	317 (56%)

MNADV would like to welcome HopeWorks and the Family Justice Center of Montgomery County to the list of programs conducting Victim-Initiated LAP. In 2015, hotline advocates from across the state administered 612 more Lethality Screens to victims with 81% of those callers screening as High-Danger. Additionally, 55% of those High-Danger victims screened during hotline calls engaged in life-saving domestic violence services – 367 more victims than in 2014.

Screens Initiated Following TPO/IPO Hearings

County	Half	Number of Lethality Screens	High-Danger	Non-High Danger	Met w./ Spoke w. Advocate	Went into Services
Carroll	1 st Half	101	71 (70%)	29 (29%)	36 (51%)	14 (39%)
	2 nd Half	129	111 (86%)	18 (14%)	44 (40%)	39 (89%)
	TOTAL	230	182 (79%)	47 (20%)	80 (44%)	53 (66%)
Charles	1 st Half	0	0	0	0	0
	2 nd Half	37	37 (100%)	0 (0%)	22 (59%)	7 (32%)
	TOTAL	37	37 (100%)	0 (0%)	22 (59%)	(32%)
Frederick	1 st Half	147	128 (87%)	18 (12%)	70 (55%)	81 (116%)
	2 nd Half	124	97 (78%)	26 (21%)	37 (38%)	52 (141%)
	TOTAL	271	225 (83%)	44 (16%)	107 (48%)	133 (124%)
Garrett	1 st Half	22	18 (82%)	2 (9%)	23 (123%)	5 (22%)
	2 nd Half	16	14 (88%)	0 (0%)	16 (114%)	4 (25%)
	TOTAL	38	32 (84%)	2 (5%)	39 (122%)	9 (23%)
Howard	1 st Half	21	10 (48%)	11 (52%)	6 (60%)	7 (117%)
	2 nd Half	22	21 (95%)	1 (5%)	10 (48%)	10 (100%)
	TOTAL	43	31 (72%)	12 (28%)	16 (52%)	17 (106%)
TOTAL 2015	Year Total	619	507 (82%)	105 (17%)	264 (52%)	219 (83%)
TOTAL 2014	Year Total	776	601 (77%)	162 (21%)	353 (59%)	289 (82%)

In 2015, Harford County discontinued administering the Lethality Screen during the TPO process (22 total LAP Screens administered in 2014). Overall in Maryland, 157 fewer Lethality Screens were administered, a 20% decrease from 2014. The rate of victims screening as High-Danger continues to far exceed expectations with an 82% High-Danger rate, and in turn, the number of victims engaging in life-saving services continues to exceed statewide averages with a “Went into Services” rate of 83% (219 total victims).

All Victims Going Into Services

	Total Number and Percentage of High-Danger Victims Speaking to/Meeting with Hotline/ Advocate	Total Number and Percentage of High-Danger Victims Going into Services
Law Enforcement On-Scene Screens	2,742 (45%)	1,582 (58%)
TPO/IPO Hearings	264 (52%)	219 (83%)
Hospital Screens	353 (78%)	152 (43%)
Victim-Initiated Calls	1,240 (109%)	684 (55%)
Department of Human Resources	197 (58%)	92 (47%)
TOTAL – 2015	4,796 out of 8,558 (56%)	2,729 out of 4,796 (57%)
TOTAL – 2014	4,114 out of 7,219 (57%)	2,103 out of 4,114 (51%)

In comparing 2014 to 2015, Maryland saw an increase in the number of victims speaking to the hotline and coming in for services. From 2014 to 2015, 682 more victims spoke to the hotline and 626 more victims came in for services through all agencies implementing the LAP. These numbers equate to a 2% decrease in the percentage of High-Danger victims speaking to the hotline and a 11% increase in percentage of High-Danger victims engaging in services. Congratulations to all agencies and thank you for all the lives potentially saved.