

"We are building a community that does not tolerate domestic violence and stands united to prevent all forms of it." – DV CLT Leadership Team Vision

Introduction and Background:

The Domestic Violence Community Leadership Team ("DV-CLT"), a partnership between government, health and human services providers, educational institutions, the private sector and the faith community, raises awareness about domestic violence, focuses on preventing domestic violence and manages progress on the community's domestic violence strategic action plan. In 2008, the DV-CLT recommended developing various metrics and key indicators on domestic violence activity in our community. In light of this, the [Domestic Violence Data Warehouse](#) was created and is located on Mecklenburg County's website.

How to Read This Document:

This report is organized into focus areas which are supported by the county manager. The **Public Safety and Criminal Justice Focus** section provides domestic violence data from law enforcement agencies and the North Carolina court system for FY13 and for prior years. The second section, **Health and Human Services Focus**, contains results from the *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* and current and previous year domestic violence data from local service providers. Definitions and data collection methodologies are located at the end of each Focus section under **Notes**.

FY13 Key Findings:

- The number of law enforcement incident reports related to domestic violence (9,321) filed decreased by 4 percent from the previous year.
- Simple Assault (53 percent) and Communicating Threats (15 percent) are the most frequent charge types related to domestic violence.
- In calendar year 2013, Sheriff's deputies served 2,547 protective orders to perpetrators of domestic violence.
- Sheriff's deputies, under court order, seized 122 weapons from the homes of domestic violence perpetrators in calendar year 2013.
- Filings for protective orders in district civil court (2,934) increased slightly from the previous fiscal year.
- 99.5 percent of adult victims report receiving domestic violence safety planning as a result of program services received from the County.
- 94.6 percent of adults received improved knowledge scores as a result of domestic violence services received from the County.
- 96 percent of adults report increased safety after leaving from a stay at the local domestic violence shelter.
- 92 percent of adults report living violence-free after exiting the local domestic violence shelter.
- 10.9 percent of perpetrators recidivated after one year of exiting the County's NOVA program.