



IMPACT REPORT

2025

SAFE in Hunterdon provides hope and support for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Hunterdon County. We offer crisis response, shelter, counseling, and advocacy to empower adults and children as they heal. SAFE also provides educational programming to the community, with a focus on prevention.

OUR mission

CAREGIVER

After the loss of her daughter, a grandmother became the sole caregiver for her five granddaughters. Her stepson had become physically and emotionally abusive and moved into their home, forcing the grandmother and her granddaughters to flee with nowhere to go. SAFE provided immediate shelter and a legal advocate helped to get a civil restraint order, while our housing navigator secured permanent housing and helped find furniture and household items. Today, this grandmother and her five granddaughters are living in a stable home where they can begin healing and rebuilding their lives together.

CHILD

Jake was a 10-year old boy who was living with foster parents as he was a victim of physical and emotional abuse, neglect, and a witness to his mother's abuse by her boyfriend. Jake wasn't sleeping, had nightmares, was easily dysregulated with the simplest of tasks, became extremely sensitive to loud noises, and showed reactivity to males. Thanks to the TF-CBT counseling he received at SAFE, Jake learned about his own trauma responses, how to identify and regulate his emotions, and coping strategies to manage intrusive thoughts. Jake's foster parents completed post assessments and despite all the trauma Jake had endured, the severity of his symptoms had decreased thanks to TF-CBT and he is able to continue this counseling to ensure his safety and success.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

4,583

Hotline Calls

828

Counseling Clients

265

Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) Calls

95

Prevention Events

764

Clients served by Housing Navigator

4,940

Bednights

341

Legal Clients

265 Crisis intervention responses by the Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT)



SAFE's hotline serves as the hub for the crisis response teams, allowing for the immediate dispatch of a trained and empathetic advocate to assist a person in crisis. **We saw a 12% rise in calls in 2025.**

95 Prevention and education events in the Hunterdon community



SAFE provides customized workshops on a variety of prevention and awareness topics for individuals and groups. **We educated 5,359 individuals at 20 more events in 2025 over the year prior, significantly expanding our outreach in the community.**

764 Clients served by our housing navigator



SAFE has a full time Housing Navigator that works with our residential clients to secure housing, leases, helps with landlords, furnishings, credit issues and much more. **Our housing navigator provided \$123,341 in flex-fund housing assistance to clients who needed a fresh start.**

223 Clients received safety training and resources



Many clients are justifiably concerned about an abuser's access to firearms. We provide safety planning, legal advocacy, counseling, and crisis support. **The number of clients we served doubled in 2025 over the prior year, clearly illustrating the importance of this program.**

115 New residential clients were welcomed in 2025



Crisis housing and residential support programs remain a cornerstone of our services. Clients and their children can seek refuge at any time, arriving at our home-like safehouse. **We started 2025 with 159 clients and welcomed 115 more when they needed us most.**

4940 Bed nights in a homey environment provided to those escaping frightening situations



We greet new clients with new clothes, food, and hygiene products while they settle into private bedrooms in a comfortable setting to help clients feel welcome. **Often operating at maximum capacity, the shelter offers a home-like setting with 16 beds available.**

828 Clients received confidential, trauma-informed counseling to help achieve stability



Our licensed counselors provide options, resources, emotional support, and safety planning. SAFE's programs include trauma-informed, client-led sessions rooted in best practices. Our counselors attend multiple trainings each year and work towards multiple certifications.

341 Survivors received critical legal support



SAFE's legal advocates provide free and confidential assistance to survivors in the restraining or protective order process. They provide court accompaniment, advocacy, referrals, and emotional support. **We saw a 30% rise in need for legal services in 2025.**

4583 Calls to our hotline



The SAFE emergency hotline is staffed 24/7 by advocates ready to provide information, emotional support, referrals, crisis counseling, and safety planning to callers. Our counselors can accept calls in over 200 languages. **We received 42% more hotline calls in 2025 than in 2024.**

2026 EVENTS



Take Back the Night
Clinton



Denim Day Fashion Show
Raritan Valley Community College



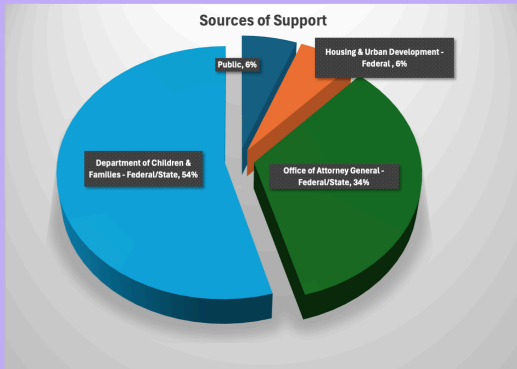
A Light in the Darkness Annual Candlelight Vigil
Justice Complex, Flemington



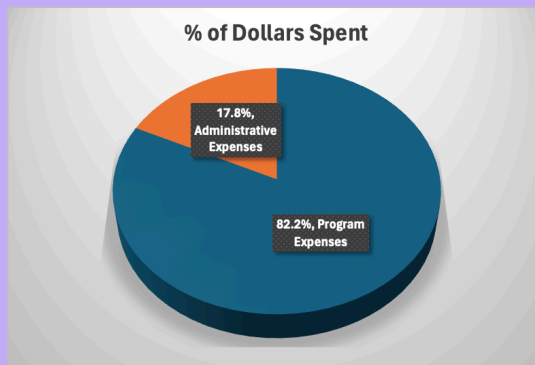
An Evening for SAFE
Details coming soon

Financial Summary 2025

Revenue



Expenses



Despite a very challenging year for receipt of federal and state funding, SAFE is excited to report that we are supported for 2026. However, this difficult climate is likely to continue for agencies like ours. The SAFE team diligently works to pursue diverse funding sources and to carefully manage expenses. We do this while remaining mission focused and dedicated to delivering compassionate, quality services to our clients and their families.

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF, BOARD, DONORS, AND VOLUNTEERS!

We are grateful for private donations, our caring community of donors, and our dedicated volunteers; all of which has a profound impact on our clients and services.

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