



Mission

The **Ohio Domestic Violence Network** advances the principle that all people have the right to an oppression and violence-free life; fosters changes in our economic, social and political systems and brings leadership, expertise and best practices to community programs.



2021 Impact Report

The **ODVN Relocation & Safety Assistance** program run by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network provides domestic violence survivors with security deposits, rent, transportation, moving expenses, or utilities so they can move to safe housing. The goal is to move families to safety quickly.

2021 Numbers Served and Expense

- **568 DV survivors** and **656 children served** with Relocation Assistance
- **\$444,164** in direct support for security deposits, rent, utilities, moving, and safety expenses.
- Requests ranged from **\$42 to \$1850**; average **\$901**

Who Needed Help

- **Female (99%)**, more than half (**53%**) with children
- Half were people of color: **45% African American/Black**, **4% Hispanic**, and **1% Asian**
- **19%** identified as homeless; most experience housing insecurity
- More than **90%** at or below **200%** of the federal poverty level

Factors

- Lives of survivor and children have been threatened
- Few or no financial resources; no safety net
- Abuser has controlled or ruined their financial life
- No support network since many have been isolated by their abuser

Measurements & Accountability

ODVN tracks and reports to Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) the **number served, number of children, demographics, payments on behalf of survivors, and receipts.**

Hotel Assistance Program

Due to **COVID-19 creating limited capacity at shelters**, ODVN provided Hotel Assistance with emergency stays at hotels near domestic violence shelters. Since April 2020, ODVN has served **774 survivors** and **654 children** with \$780,214 in hotel assistance.

Safety Creates Security

“After I got the relocation assistance for utilities and rent and got moved in, I was finally allowed to sleep through the night for the first time in years. I finally felt safe enough to sleep.”

“I had no idea help like this existed. I truly believed I was going to die at the hands of my abuser. And while this might not be much to some, the relocation assistance saved my life, and that of my children.”



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Ohio Housing Finance Agency	Peoples Bank
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SouthCentral Power Company	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA Fund)

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