

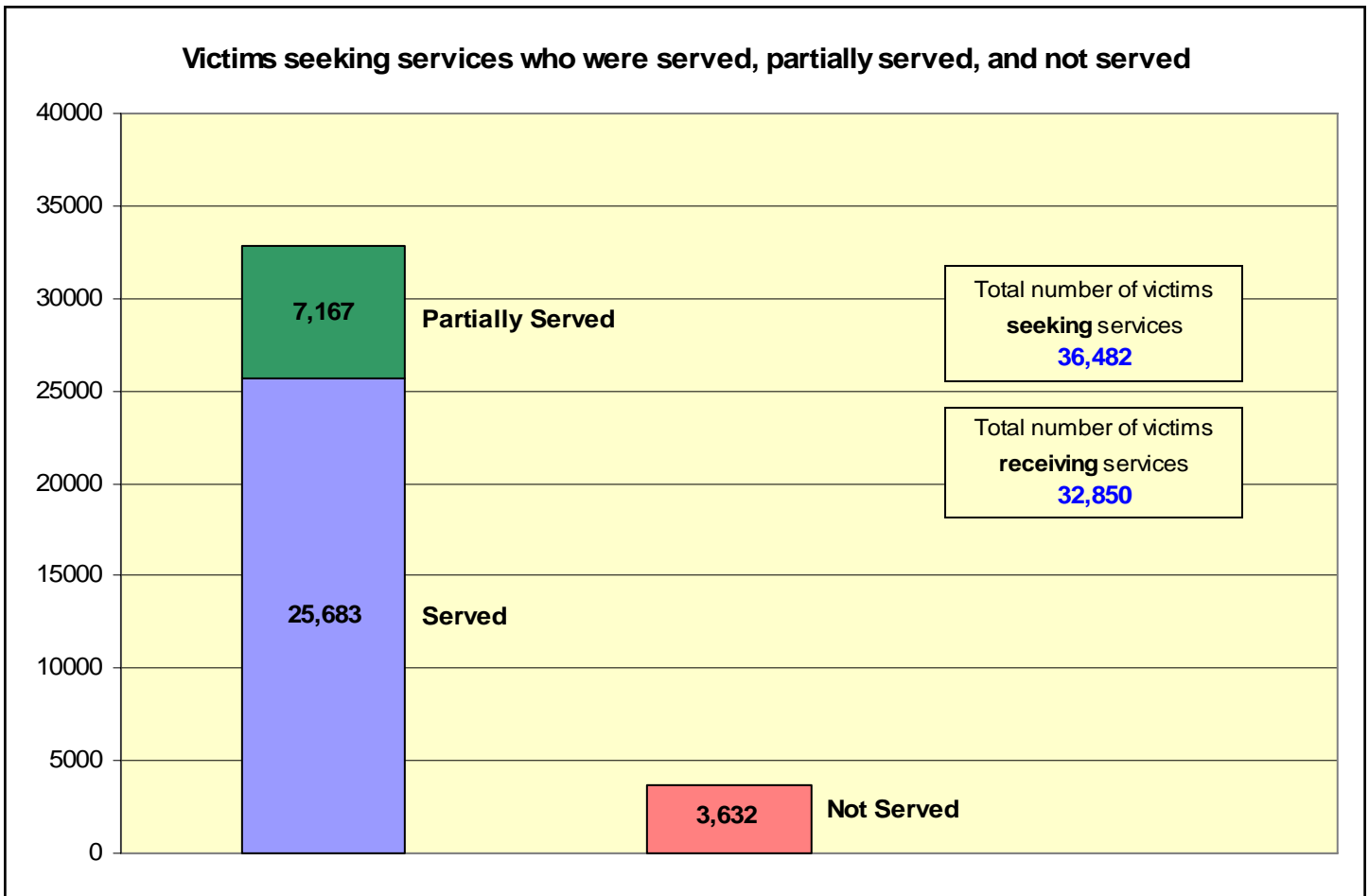
Office on Violence Against Women  
Discretionary Grants  
**Legal Assistance to Victims Grant program**  
Report Period: January 1-June 30, 2005

The Legal Assistance to Victims (LAV) Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of legal assistance for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking who need help with legal matters resulting from abuse or violence.

Total number of grantees reporting	153
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**Victim Services:** LAV Program grantees provided services to approximately **33,000** victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

Total number of grantees using funds for victim services: **148** (97% of all grantees reporting)



**Victim Services and Demographics:** LAV Program grantees provide direct legal services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking in matters arising from the abuse or violence. They also provide other support services and safety planning, as needed.

**Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:**

- Domestic violence: **31,020** (94% of those receiving services)
- Sexual assault: **1,199** (4%)
- Stalking: **631** (2%)

**Demographic data:**

**Gender<sup>1</sup>**

- Female: **31,237** (96%)
- Male: **1,308** (4%)

**Other Demographics**

- Rural: **10,630** (32% of those receiving services)
- Immigrant: **7,196** (22%)
- Limited English: **6,686** (20%)
- Disabilities: **1,756** (5%)

**Relationship to Offender<sup>1,2</sup>**

- Current or former spouse/intimate partner: **30,463** (97%)
- Dating: **2,376** (8%)
- Other family or household member: **1,475** (5%)
- Acquaintance/stranger: **474** (2%)

**Number of victims receiving the following services:**

- **Safety Planning** (by lawyers): **14,811** (27% of victim services provided)
- **Safety Planning** (by other staff): **11,784** (22%)
- **Support Services** (by lawyers): **7,353** (14%)
- **Support Services** (by other staff): **9,478** (17%)
- **Pro se clinics/group services** (by lawyers): **1,005** (2%)
- **Pro se clinics/group services** (by other staff): **1,666** (3%)
- **Non-attorney legal advocacy:** **7,930** (15%)

<sup>1</sup>. Percentages are based on victims receiving services for whom this information was known.

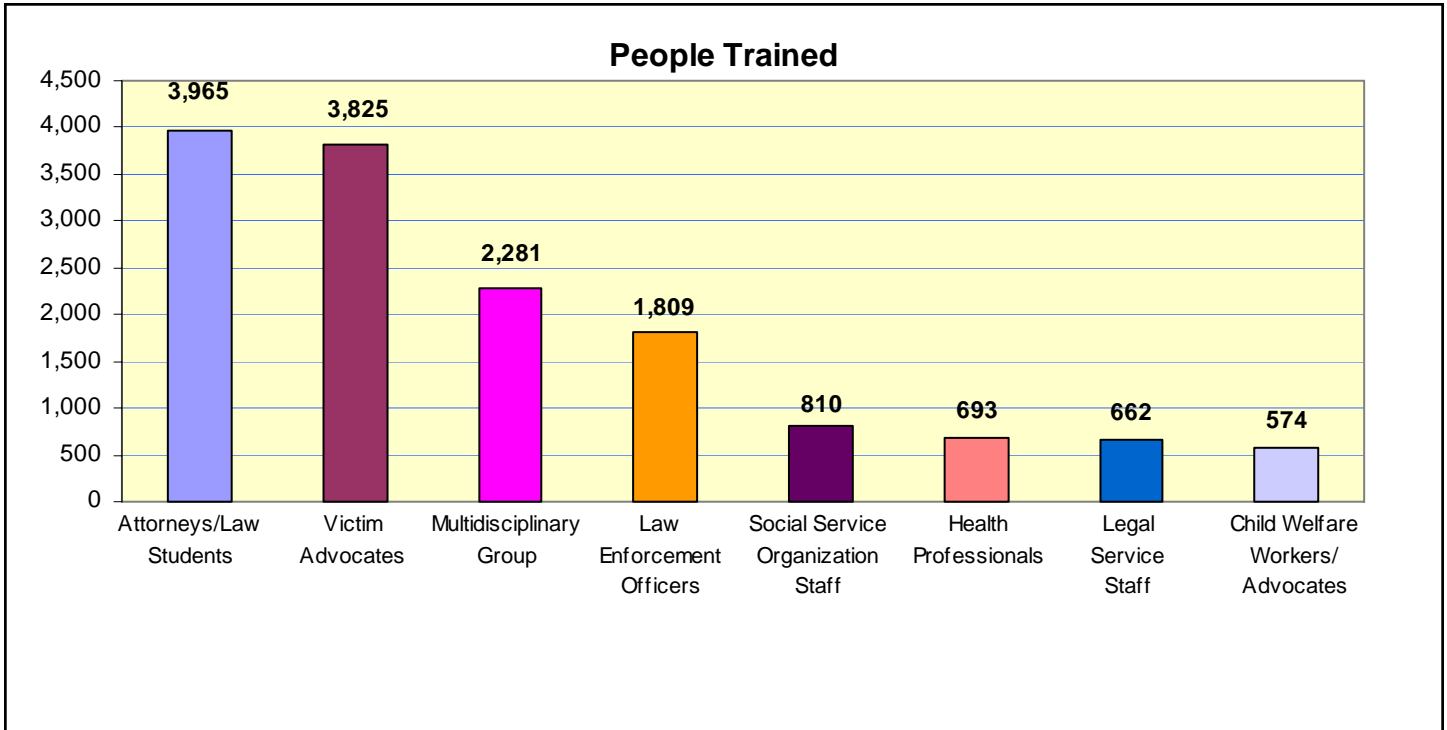
<sup>2</sup>. Because victims may have been abused by more than one offender, data reported may exceed the total number of victims served.

**Training:** LAV Program grantees provide enhanced training for lawyers representing victims, and training for other professionals who serve victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

Total number of grantees using funds for training: **120** (78% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of people trained: **18,058**

Number of training events: **1,073**



### Topics on which professionals were most frequently trained

Training Topic	Number of grantees training on this topic	Training Topic	Number of grantees training on this topic
Domestic violence laws	99	Identifying legal issues	88
Domestic violence overview, dynamics and services	97	Safety planning	87
Protection orders	93	Confidentiality	75
Divorce/custody/visitation/child support	89	Issues specific to victims/survivors who are immigrants, refugees and/or asylum seekers	66

**Staff:** LAV Program staff provide direct legal services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking; training and mentoring for lawyers representing victims; and support services for victims.

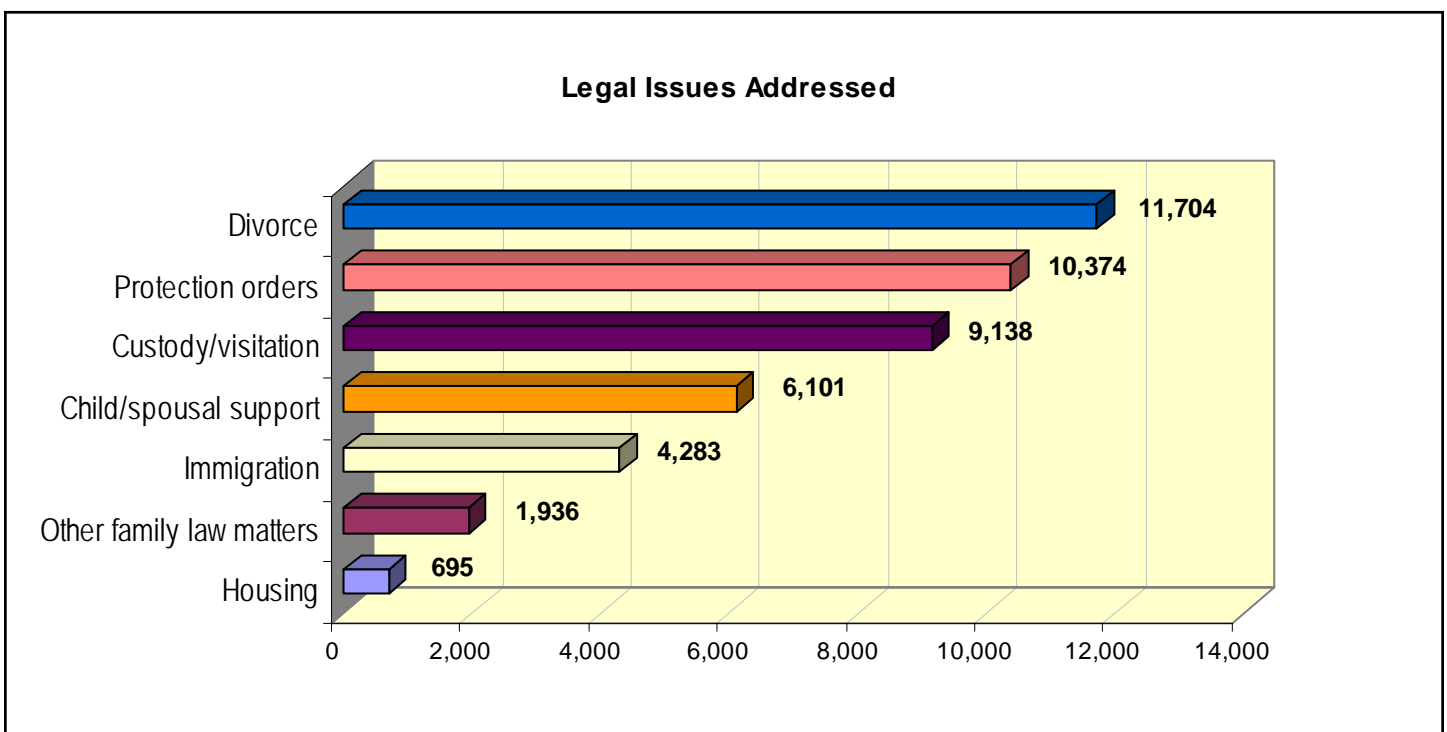
Total number of grantees using funds for staff: **150** (98% of all grantees reporting)

<b>Total Number of full time equivalent staff funded</b>	<b>504</b>
Civil Attorneys (54% of all staff funded)	272
Paralegals (11%)	54
Support Staff (8%)	41
Legal Advocates (7%)	39
Victim Advocates (7%)	37

**Legal Issues:** LAV Program grantees may represent victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking in a variety of legal matters including family law (for example, divorce, child custody, and visitation), protection orders, immigration, and housing. More than 1/4 of victims/survivors receive help with more than one legal issue.

Number of legal issues addressed: **49,171**

Number of victims/survivors who received assistance with multiple legal issues: **9,318** (28% of those receiving services)



**Legal Outcomes:** LAV Program grantees report on a number of legal outcomes for the cases for which there was a final disposition. These outcomes include provision of information and referral services only; brief services; negotiated resolution; court decision; and/or an administrative decision. Grantees report on the disposition of each legal matter they addressed.

Number of issues disposed of: **31,379**

Issues	Outcomes <sup>3</sup>
<b>Protection orders: 7,796</b> (25% of all legal issues disposed of)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36% received information and referrals only</li> <li>• 34% had a court decision</li> <li>• 13% received brief services only</li> <li>• 9% had a negotiated resolution/filed action</li> </ul>
<b>Divorce: 7,054</b> (22% of all legal issues disposed of)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48% received information and referrals only</li> <li>• 26% had a court decision</li> <li>• 12% received brief services only</li> <li>• 8% victims withdrew</li> <li>• 5% had a negotiated resolution/filed action</li> </ul>
<b>Child custody/visitation: 5,882</b> (19% of all legal issues disposed of)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45% received information and referrals only</li> <li>• 25% had a court decision</li> <li>• 13% received brief services only</li> <li>• 9% had a negotiated resolution/filed action</li> </ul>
<b>Child/spousal support: 3,452</b> (11% of all legal issues disposed of)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45% received information and referrals only</li> <li>• 26% had a court decision</li> <li>• 14% received brief services only</li> <li>• 9% had a negotiated resolution/filed action</li> </ul>
<b>Immigration: 1,980</b> (6% of all legal issues disposed of)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 49% received information and referrals only</li> <li>• 33% had an administrative decision</li> <li>• 10% received brief services only</li> <li>• 2% had a court decision</li> <li>• .4% had a negotiated resolution/filed action</li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup>. Percentages for types of outcomes are based on the number of issues disposed of in each category.