

Domestic Violence (DV) Crisis Services & Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP)

Overview

Department Division: *Family Justice Center*

Contract Name: *Crisis Services for Victims of DV and Lethality Assessment Program*

Supplier Name: *Helpmate, Inc.*

Funding Source: *County Funds*

Contract Period: *July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022*

Reporting Frequency: *Quarterly*

Contract Synopsis: Funds crisis services provided by Helpmate Inc., to survivors of domestic violence through the support of the operation of a 24-hour crisis hotline, provision of emergency shelter, court advocacy, and counseling. In addition to providing funds for the Apricot database software case management system, this contract also funds coordination of the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP), which is a set of criteria law enforcement officers use to determine whether a person is in danger of being killed by his or her partner.

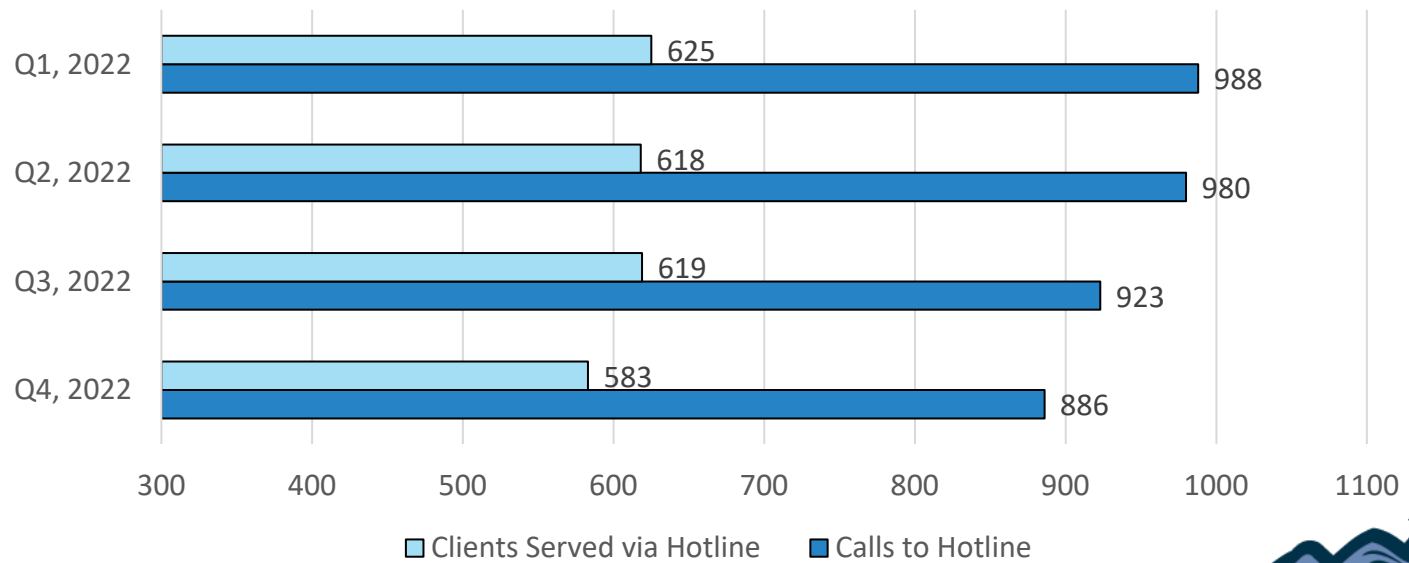
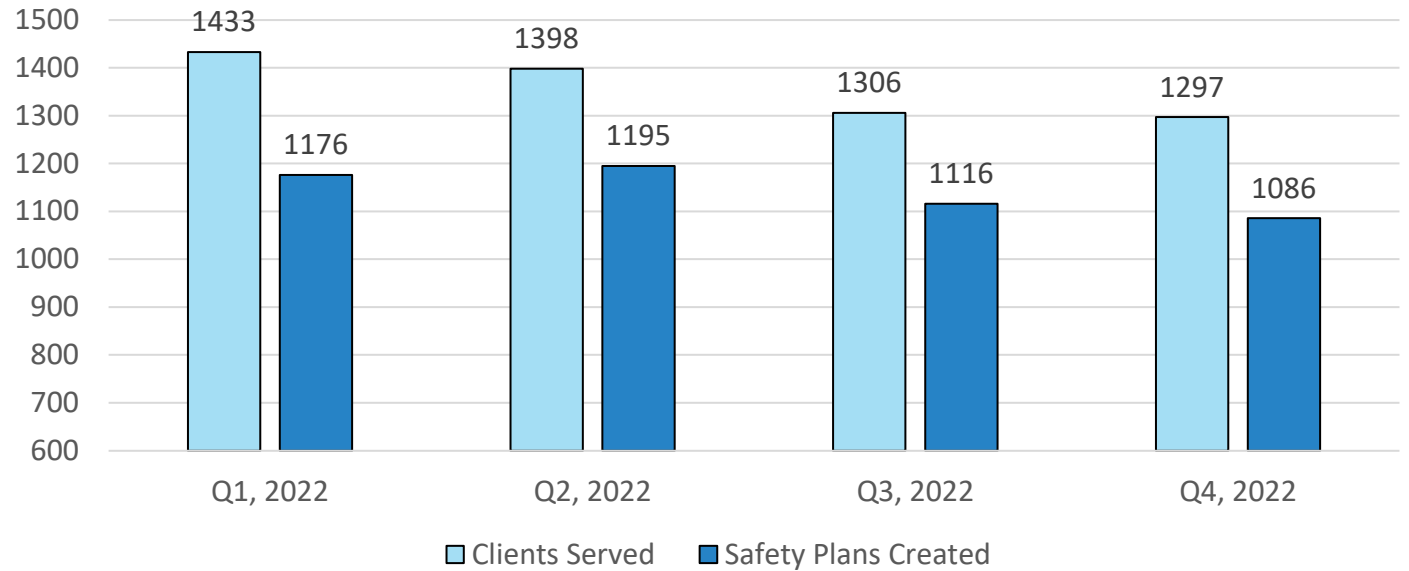
Reporting Highlights:

- *Total number of unduplicated clients served were 5,434*
- *5,417 total bed nights provided*
- *The total number of LAP calls received were 906*
- *Overall number of Danger Assessments administered were 1,209*

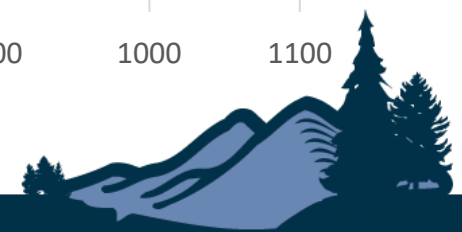


Overall Clients Served, Safety Plans Created, & Hotline Services

- Total number of unduplicated clients served were 5,434
- Total number of unduplicated clients who created safety plans were 4,573
- Total unduplicated clients served via hotline were 2,445
- Total calls to hotline were 3,777*



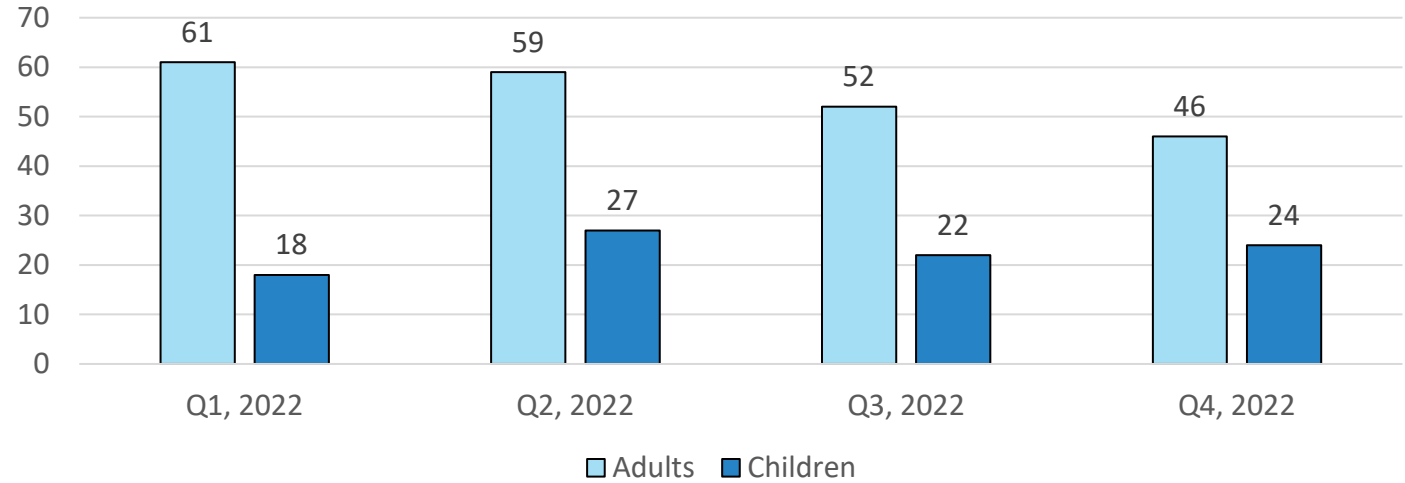
*It is possible for a client to call the hotline multiple times



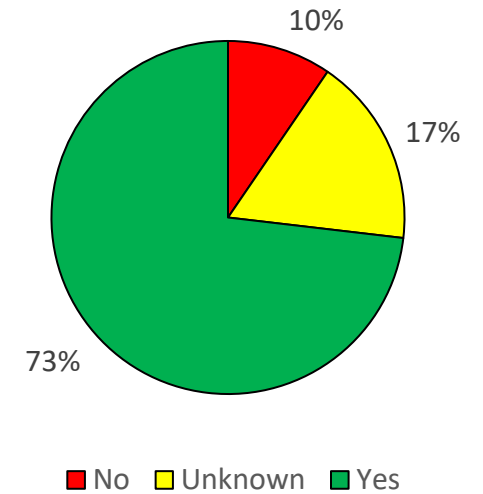
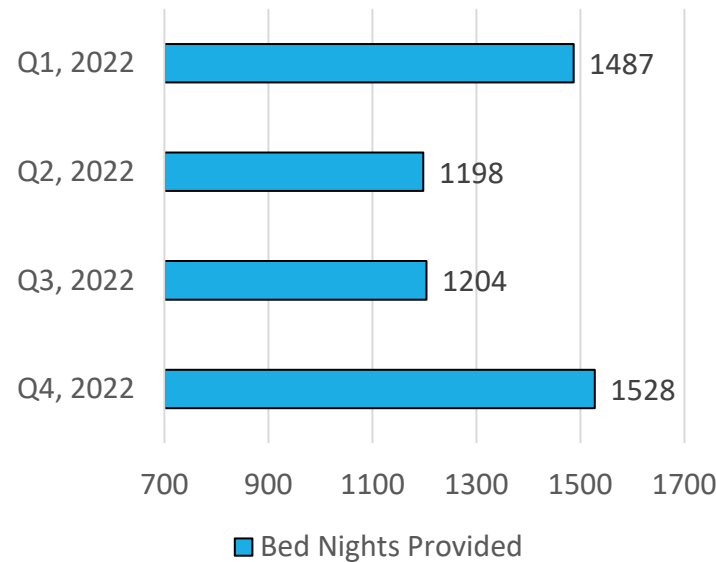
Shelter Services

- The total number of people admitted into shelters was 309, with 91 of those being children
- 5,417 total bed nights provided for an average of 1,354.25 bed nights per quarter
- 73% left emergency shelter to reside in a safer residence

Admitted into Shelter

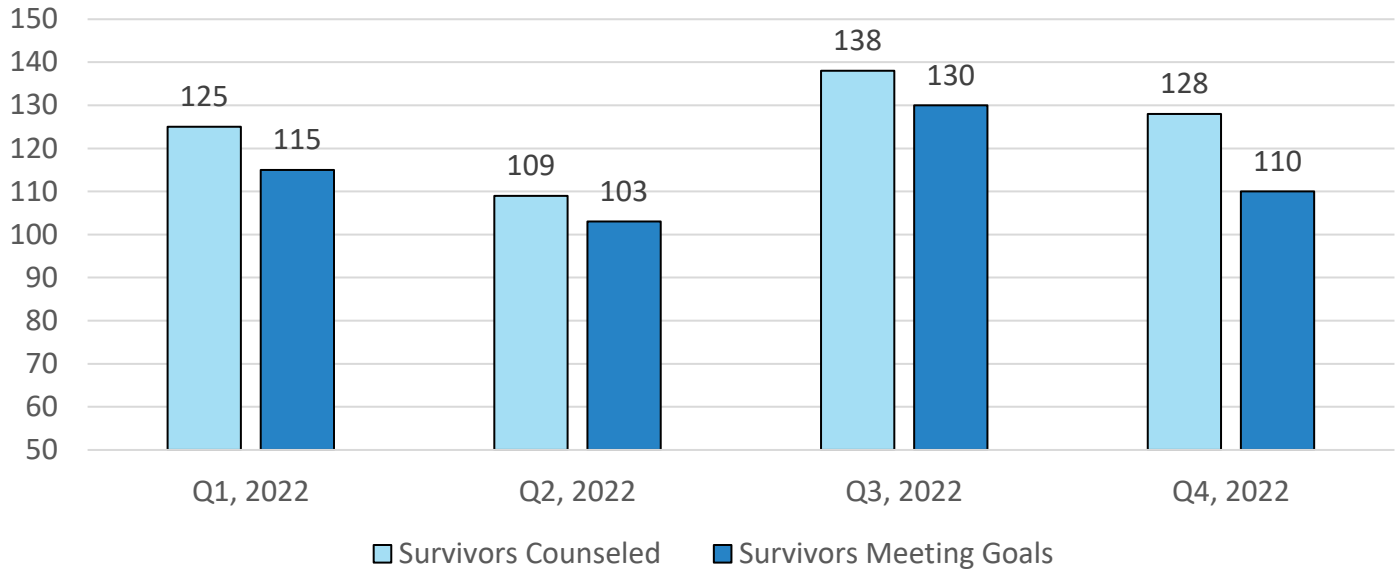


Leaving to Reside in a Safer Residence

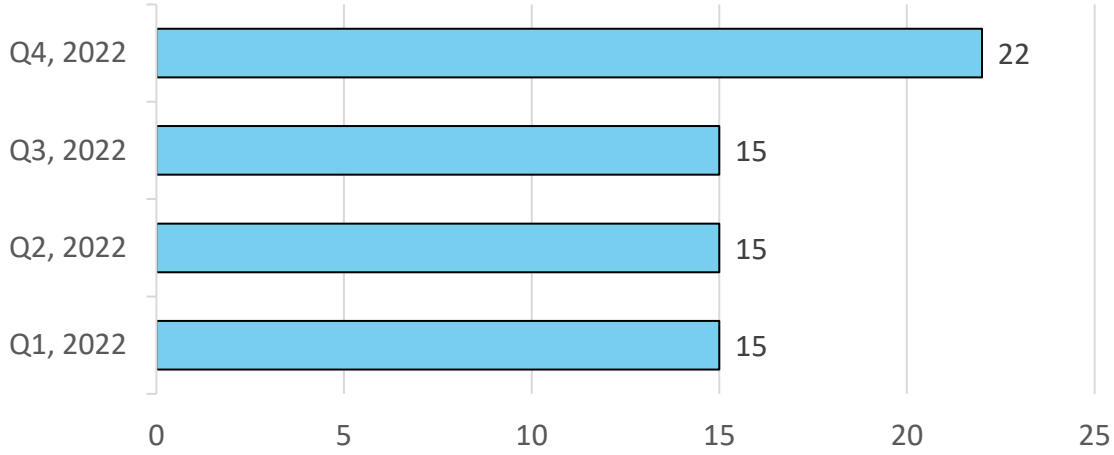


Counseling Services

- The total unduplicated number of survivors counseled was 500 with 458 survivors having reported that they are meeting 1 of 3 counseling goals
- During this time, 67 completed their treatment plan including the completion of an optional pre and post-assessment. Of the 67 completed treatment plans, 67 (100%) showed an improvement in PTSD, depression, and anxiety symptoms over the course of their treatment.

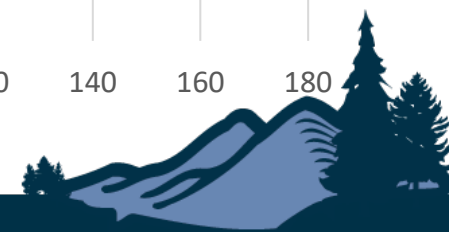
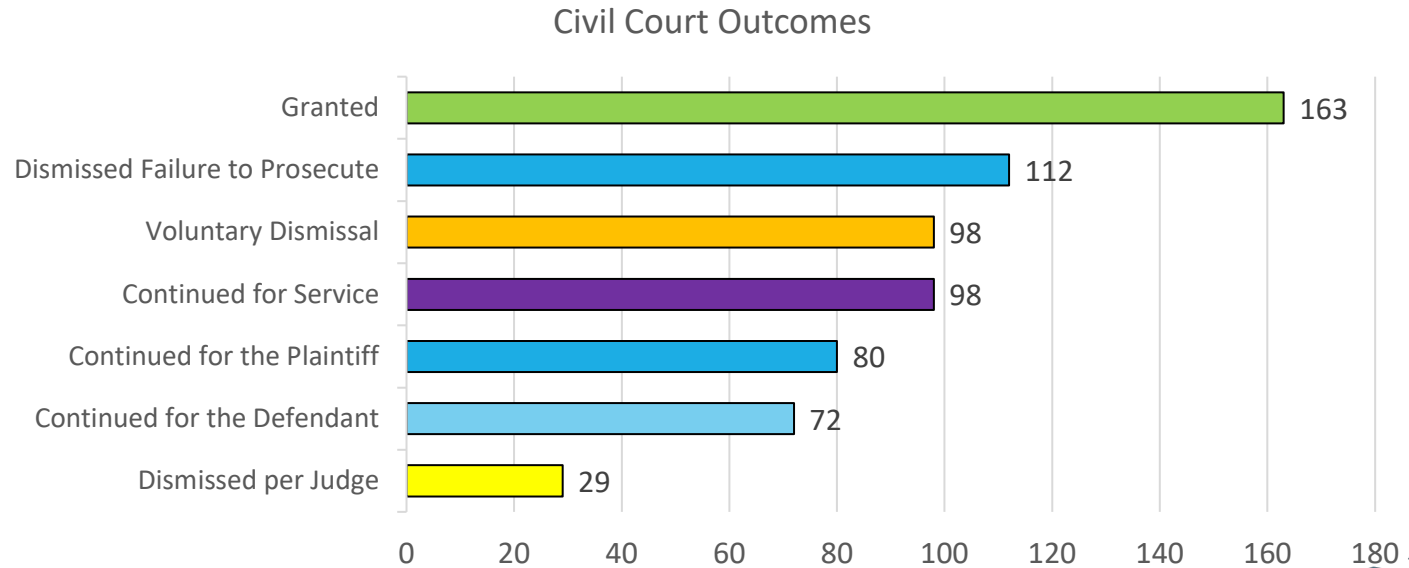
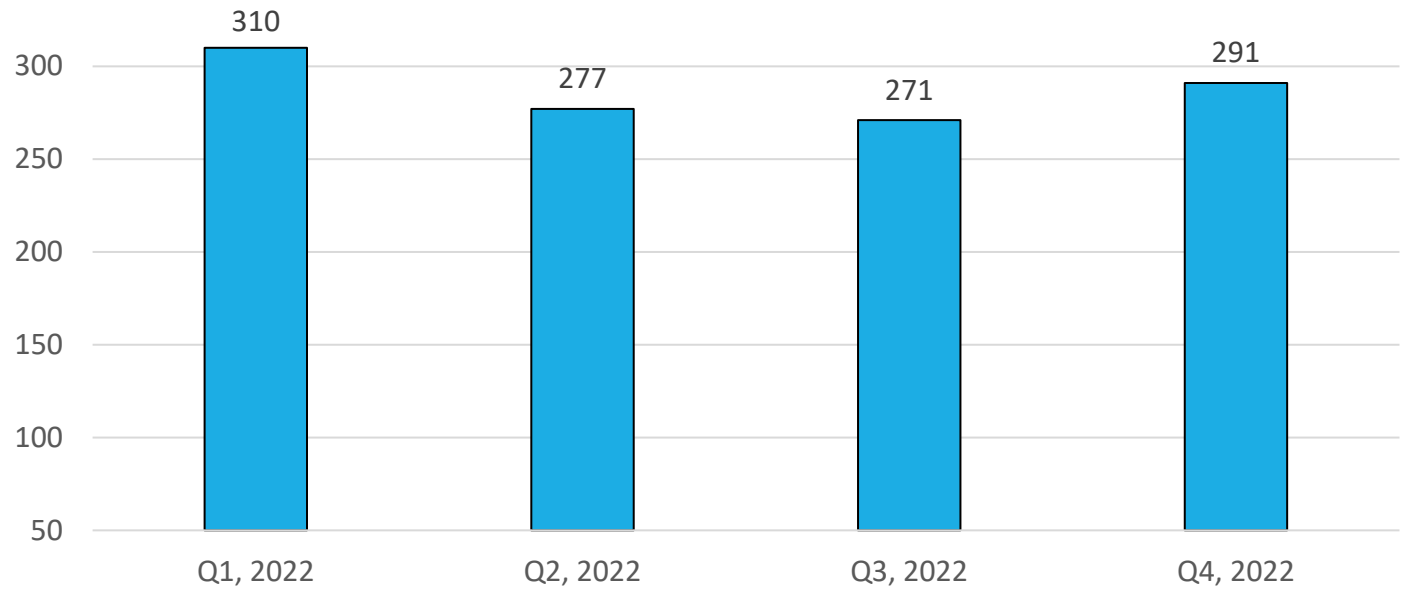


Survivors Who Improved Global Functioning, Decreased Symptoms of Anxiety and/or Depression



Civil Court Services

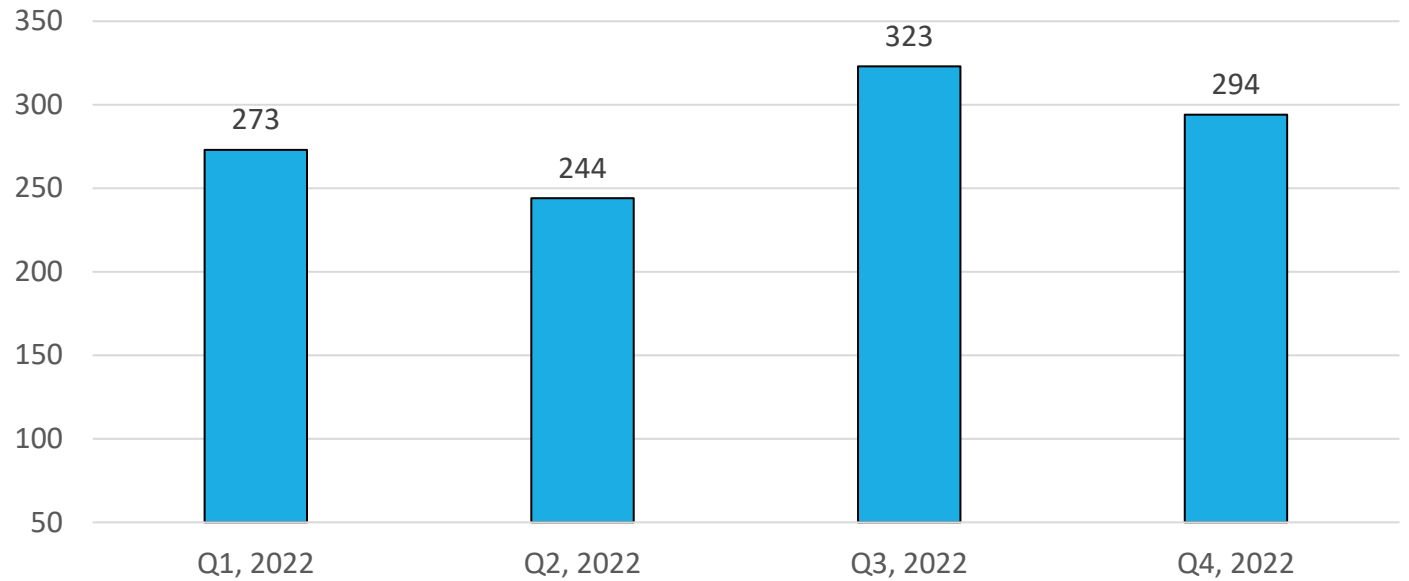
- In Civil Court, one party files a lawsuit against another party. Civil Court lawsuits can ask for money or for a court order against the other party.
- The total number of civil cases was 1,149
- Civil Court Outcomes:
 - 163 domestic violence protective orders were granted
 - 112 were dismissed for failure to prosecute
 - 98 were voluntary dismissals
 - 98 were continued for service
 - 80 were continued for the plaintiff
 - 72 were continued for the defendant
 - 29 were dismissed per Judge



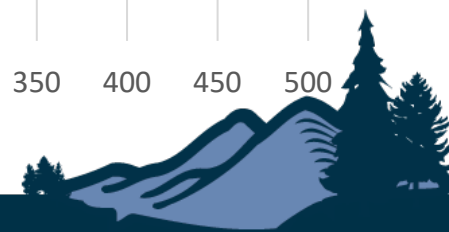
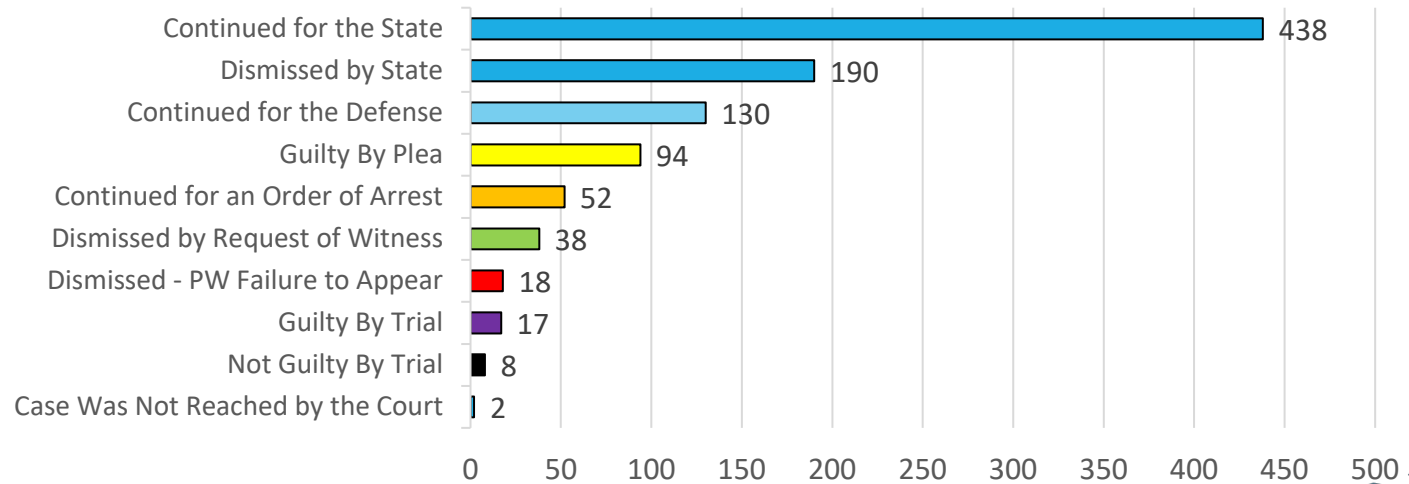
Criminal Court Services

- In Criminal Court, the government prosecutes a person for breaking the law, with the possibility of punishment such as jail time or a fine.
- The total number of domestic violence criminal cases that involved Helpmate clients: 1,134
- Criminal Court Outcomes that involved Helpmate clients*:
 - 438 were continued for the state
 - 190 were dismissed by state
 - 130 were continued for the defense
 - 94 were guilty by plea
 - 52 were continued for an order of arrest
 - 38 were dismissed by request of witness
 - 18 were dismissed – prosecuting witness failure to appear
 - 17 were guilty by trial
 - 8 not guilty by trial
 - 2 were continued by the court Criminal Court Outcomes that involved Helpmate clients

*The District Attorney’s Office provides Helpmate staff with a copy of their outcome calendar for domestic violence district court. Helpmate then uses that calendar to track the outcomes of cases that involve Helpmate clients.

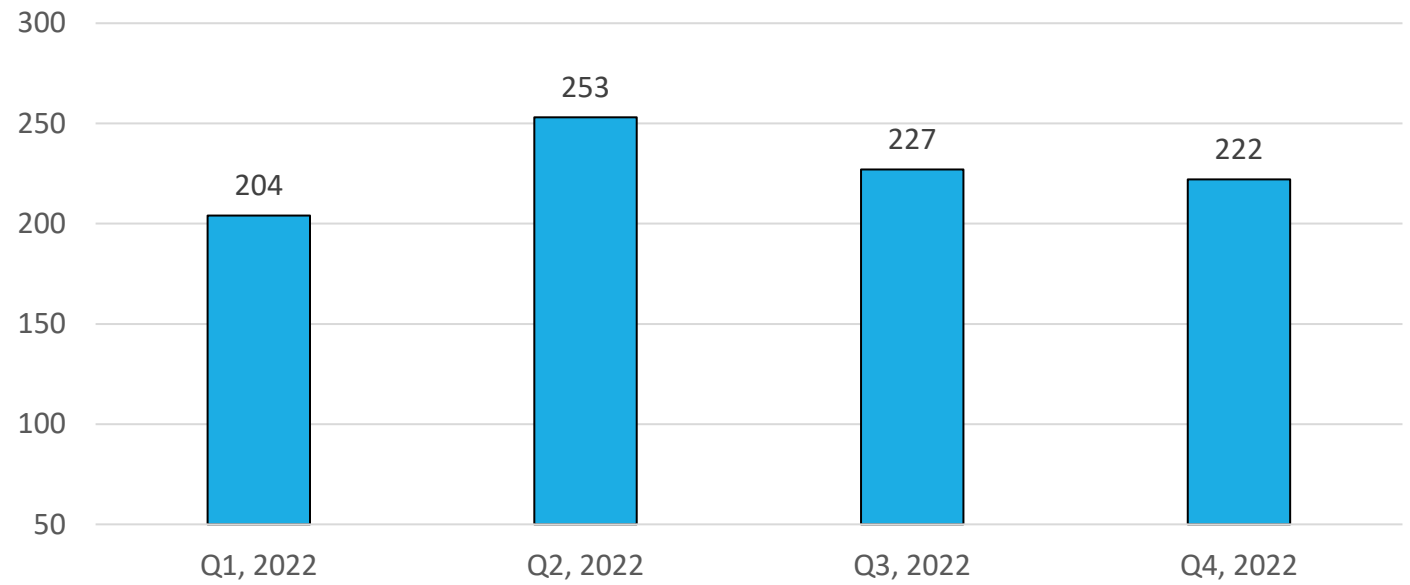


Criminal Court Outcomes

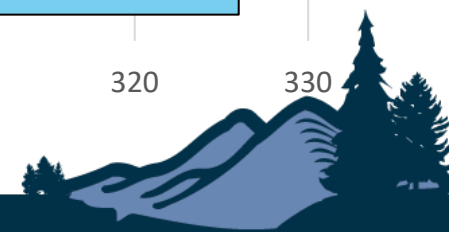
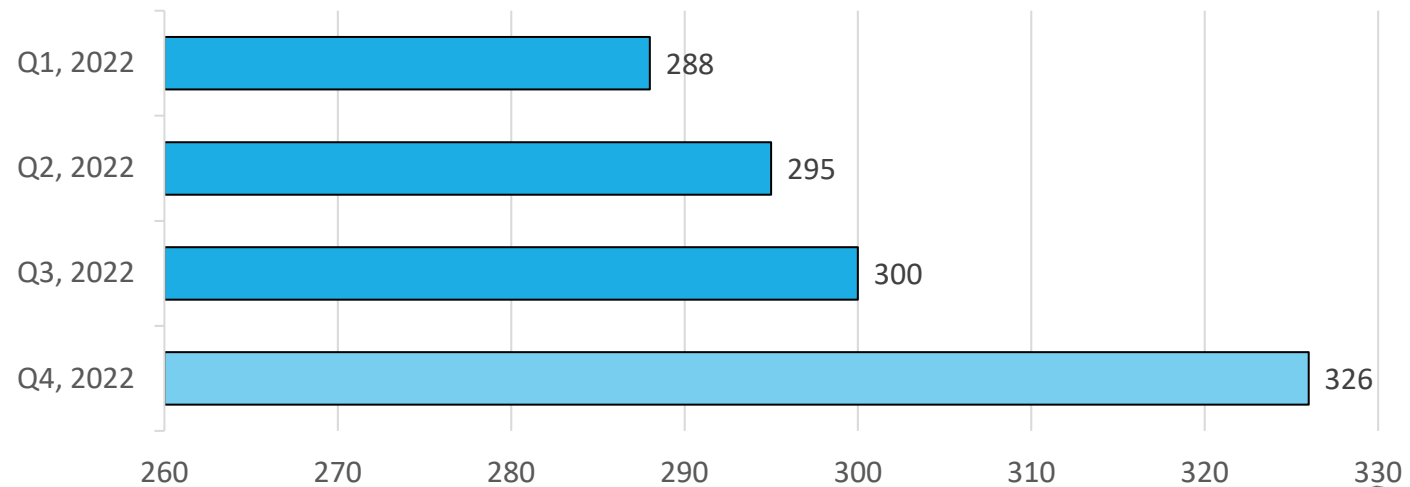


Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) Received & Responded

- The total number of LAP calls received were 906
- Overall number of Danger Assessments administered were 1,209

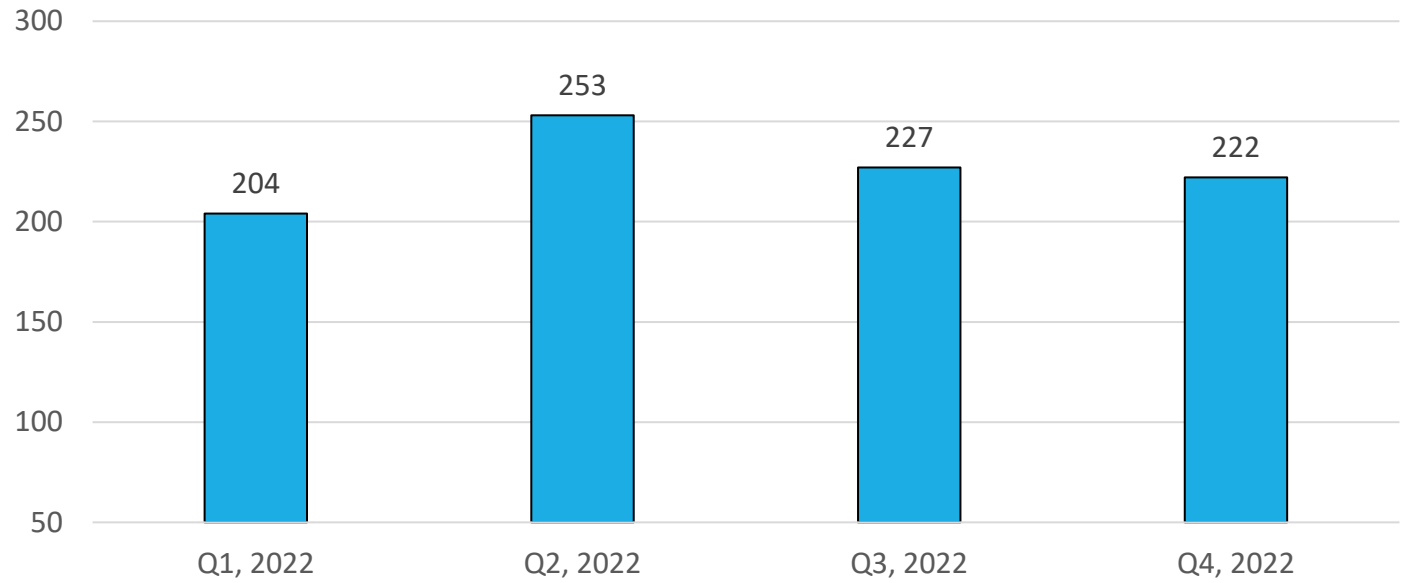


Danger Assessments Administered

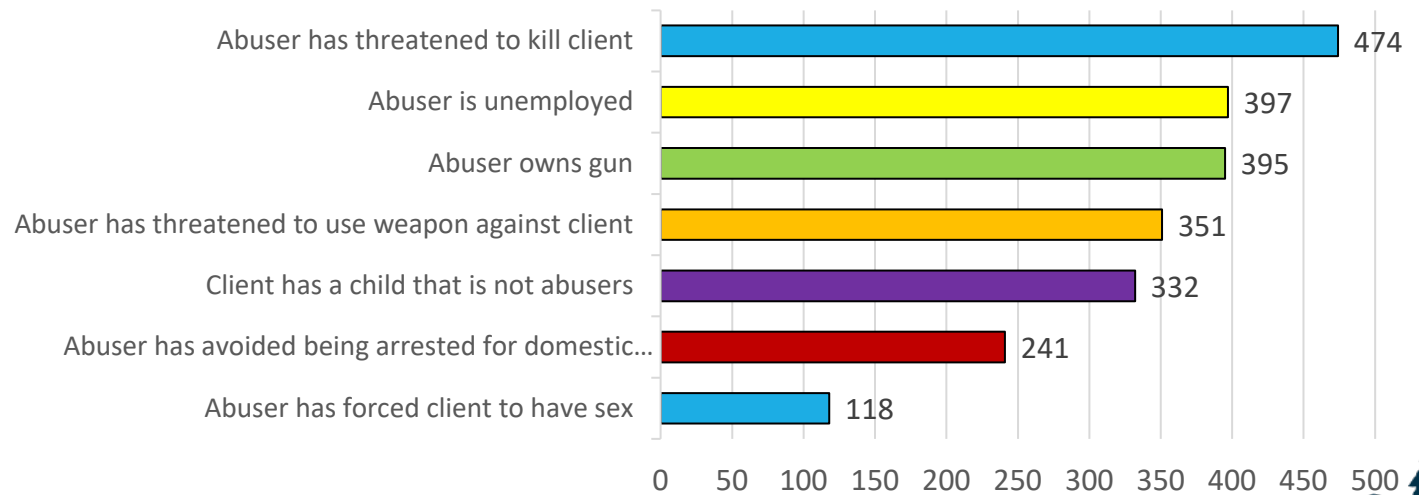


Designated Danger Assessment Concerns

- Results of clients who responded “yes” to designated Danger Assessment concerns were as follows*:
 - 474 report abuser has threatened to kill client
 - 397 report abuser is unemployed
 - 395 report abuser owns guns
 - 351 report abuser has threatened to use weapon against client
 - 332 report client has a child that is not abusers
 - 241 report abuser has avoided being arrested for domestic violence
 - 118 report abuser has forced client to have sex



Danger Assessment Concerns



*Responses reflect verbiage used on the Danger Assessment

