

# FY23 Crisis Services for Victims of Domestic Violence (DV) & 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, 2022 to June 30, 2023*

**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.

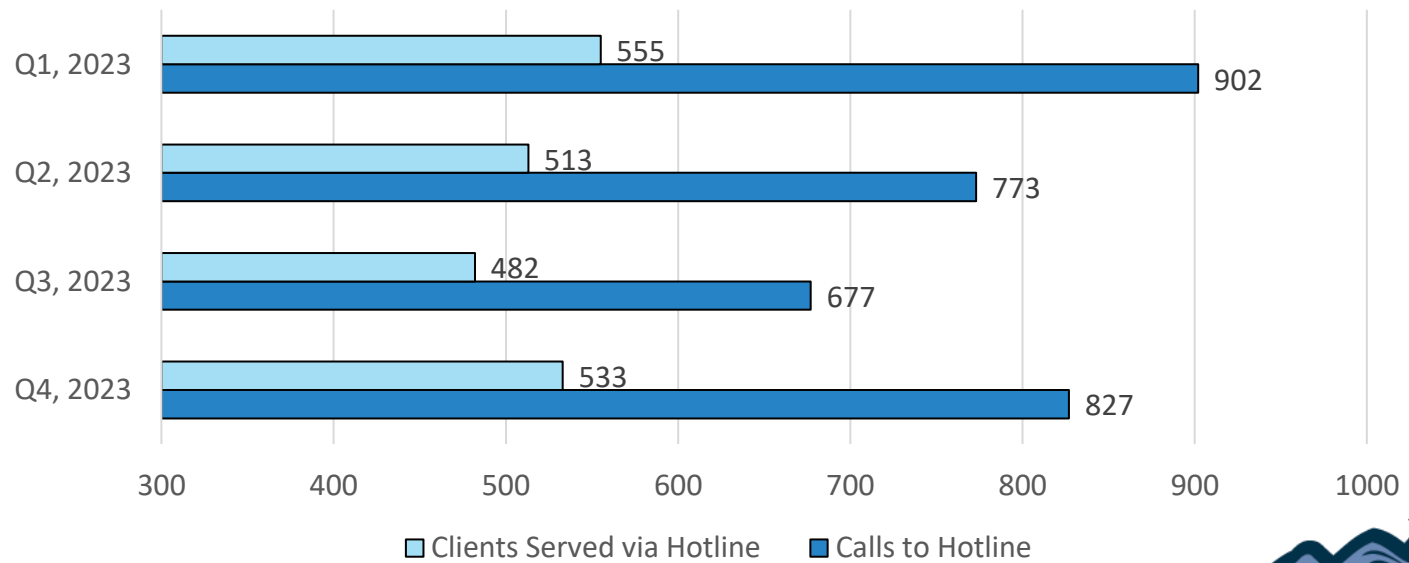
## Reporting Highlights:

- *Total number of unduplicated clients served were 5,284*
- *5,947 total bed nights provided*
- *The total number of LAP calls received were 741*
- *Overall number of Danger Assessments administered were 1,174*

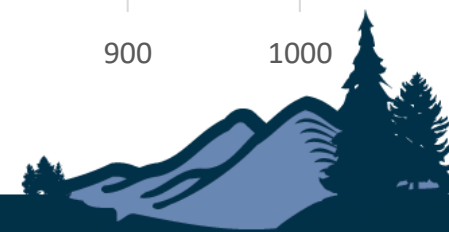


# Overall Clients Served, Safety Plans Created, & Hotline Services

- Total number of unduplicated clients served were 5,284
- Total number of unduplicated clients who created safety plans were 4,578
- Total unduplicated clients served via hotline were 2,083
- Total calls to hotline were 3,254\*



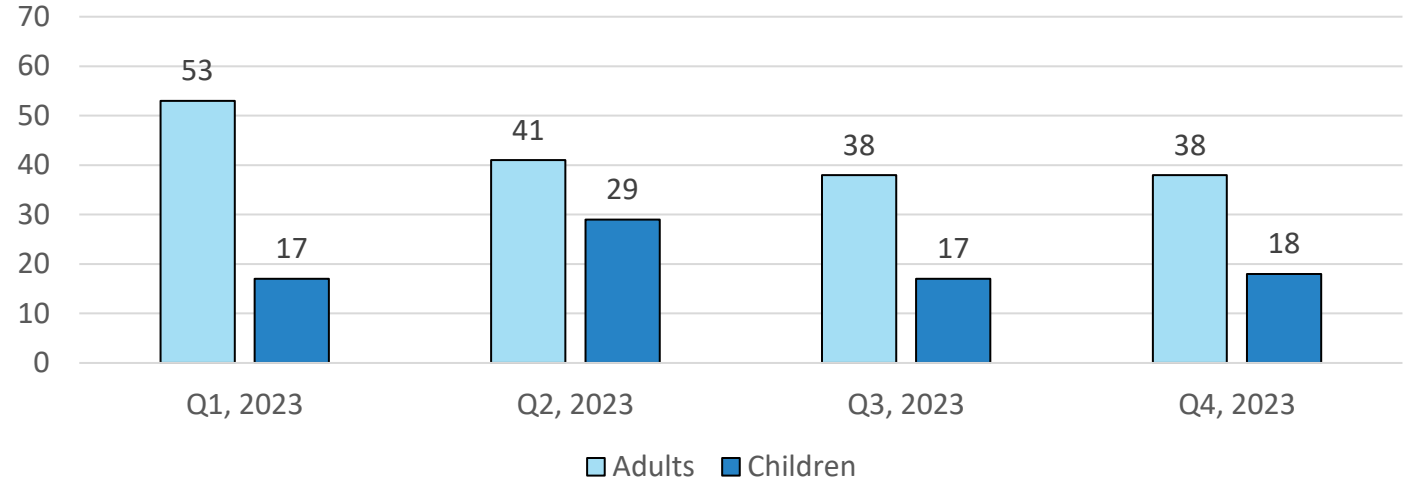
\*It is possible for a client to call the hotline multiple times



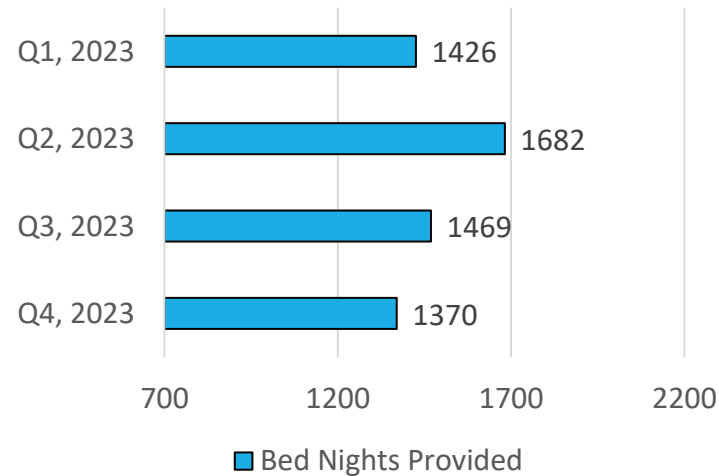
# Shelter Services

- The total number of people admitted into shelters was 251, with 81 of those being children
- 5,947 total bed nights provided for an average of 1,486.75 bed nights per quarter
- 79% left emergency shelter to reside in a safer residence

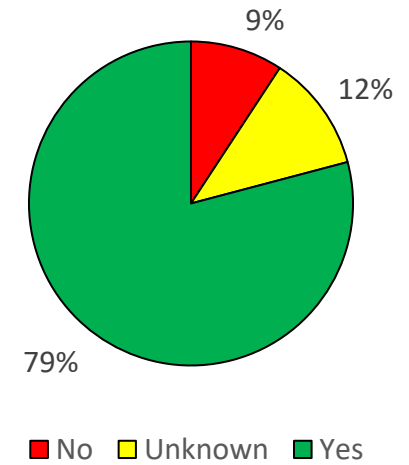
Admitted into Shelter



Bed Nights Provided



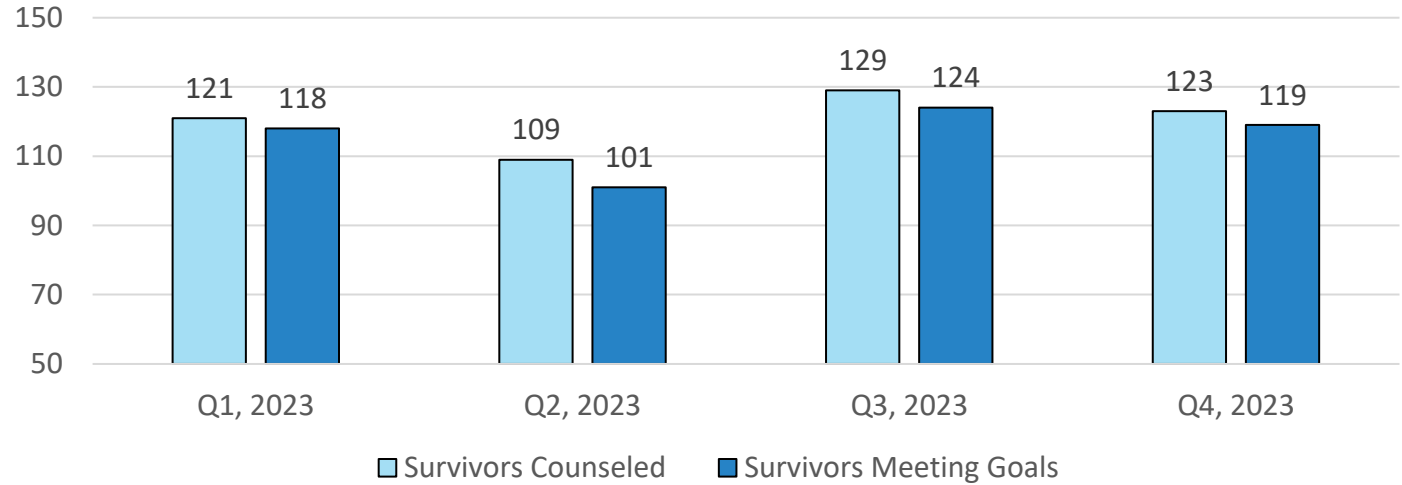
Leaving to Reside in a Safer Residence



# Counseling Services

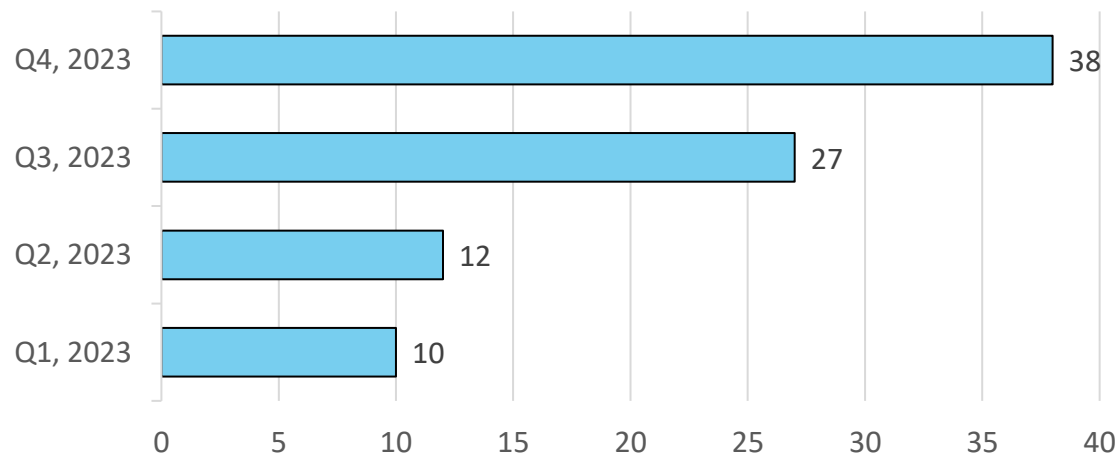
- The total unduplicated number of survivors counseled was 482 with 462 survivors having reported that they are meeting 1 of 3 counseling goals

Survivors Counseled & Survivors Meeting Goals



- During this time, 87 completed their treatment plan including the completion of an optional pre and post-assessment. Of the 87 completed treatment plans, 87 (100%) showed an improvement in PTSD, depression, and anxiety symptoms over the course of their treatment.

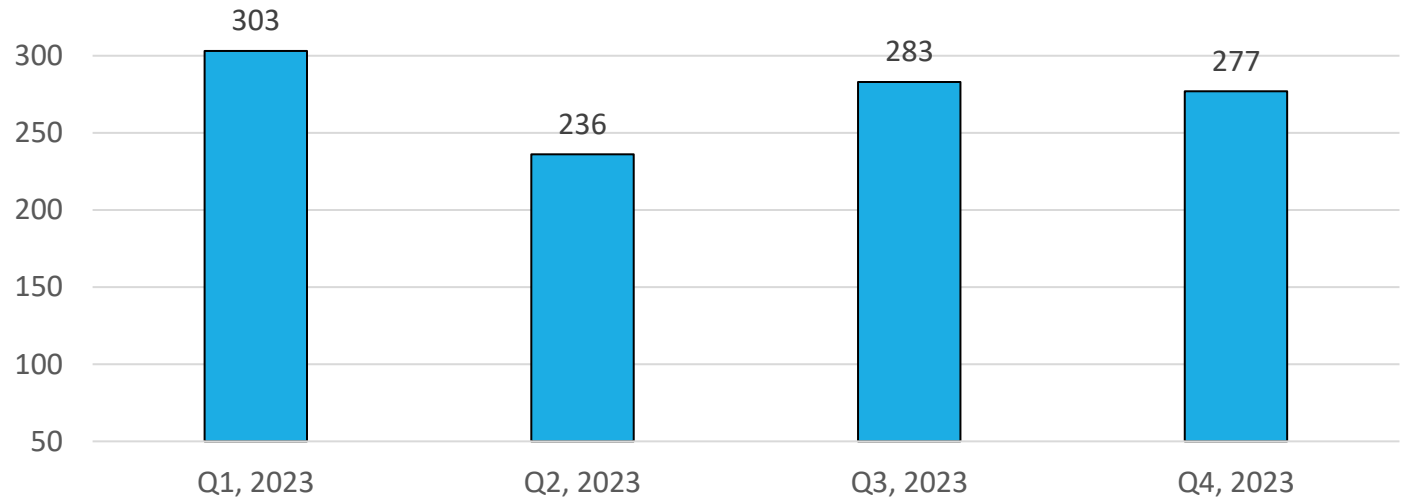
Survivors Who Improved Global Functioning, Decreased Symptoms of Anxiety and/or Depression



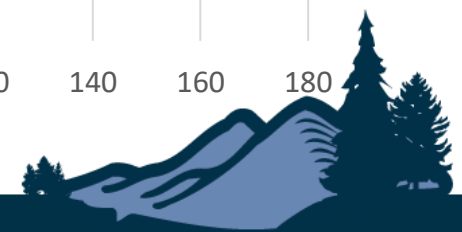
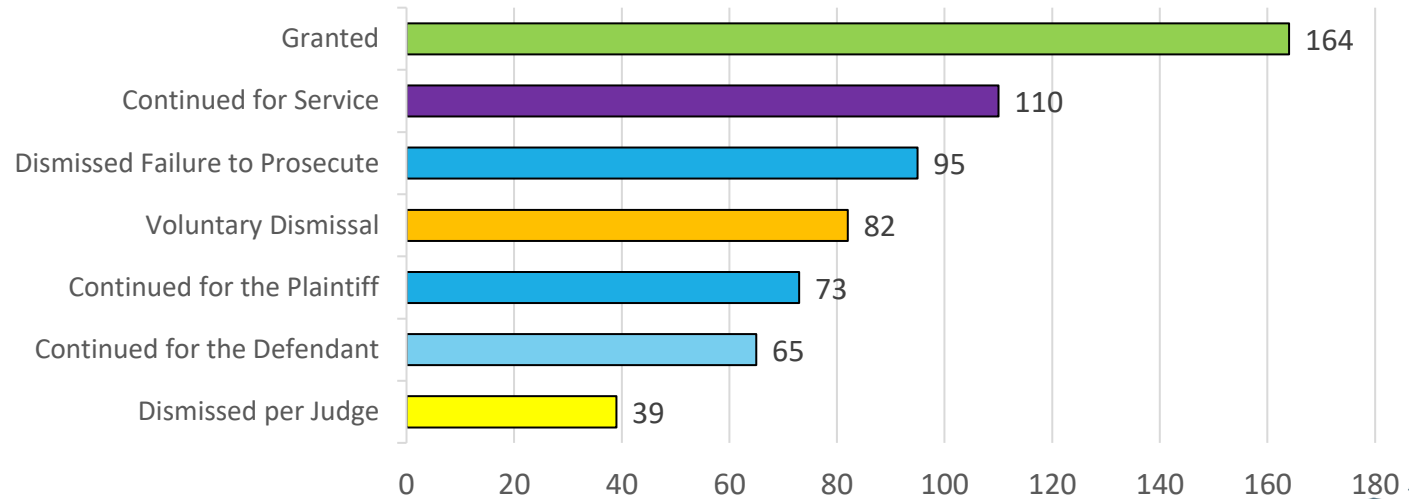
# Civil Court Services

- 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 1,099
- Civil Court Outcomes:
  - 164 domestic violence protective orders were granted
  - 110 were continued for service
  - 95 were dismissed for failure to prosecute
  - 82 were voluntary dismissals
  - 73 were continued for the plaintiff
  - 65 were continued for the defendant
  - 39 were dismissed per Judge

Number of Civil Cases By Quarter



Civil Court Outcomes

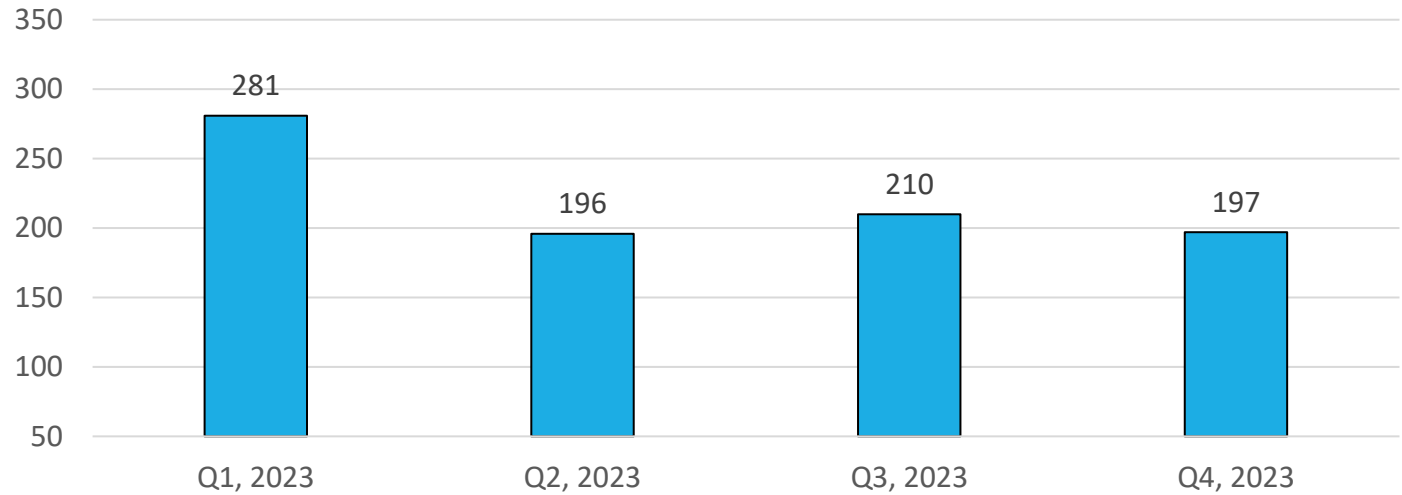


# Criminal Court Services

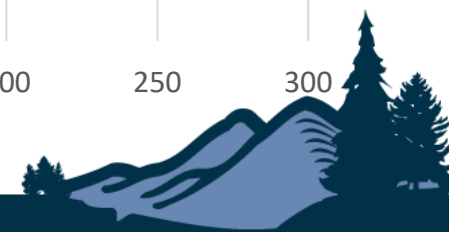
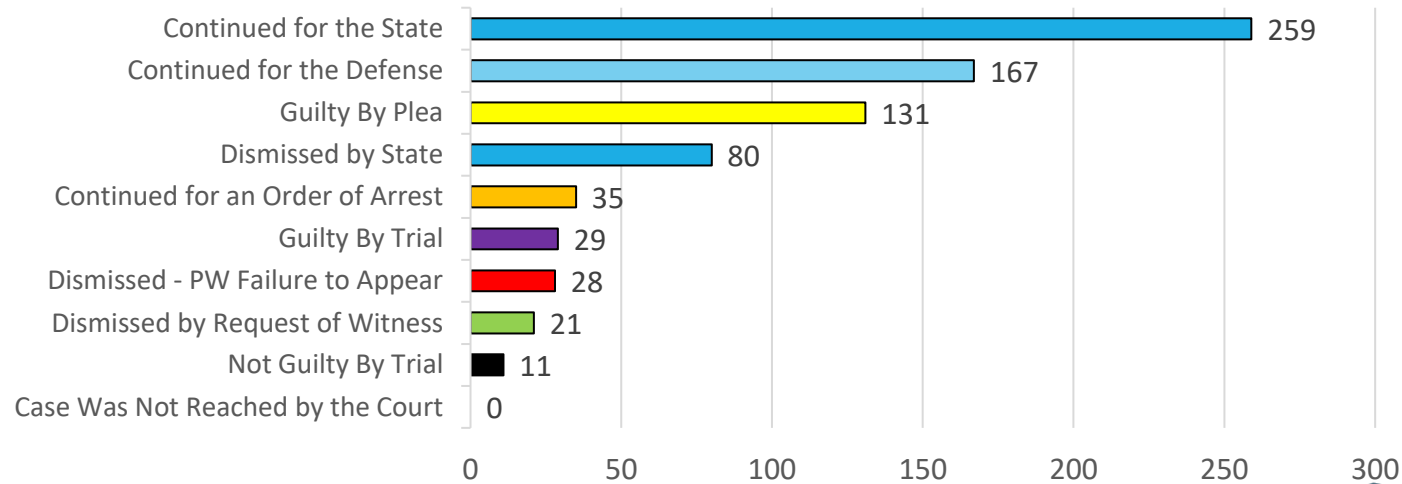
- In Criminal Court, the government prosecutes a person for breaking the law, with the possibility of punishment such as jail time or a fine.
- The total number of domestic violence criminal cases that involved Helpmate clients: 884
- Criminal Court Outcomes that involved Helpmate clients\*:
  - 259 were continued for the state
  - 167 were continued for the defense
  - 131 were guilty by plea
  - 80 were dismissed by state
  - 35 were continued for an order of arrest
  - 29 were guilty by trial
  - 28 were dismissed – prosecuting witness failure to appear
  - 21 were dismissed by request of witness
  - 11 not guilty by trial
  - 0 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.

## Number of Criminal Cases



## Criminal Court Outcomes

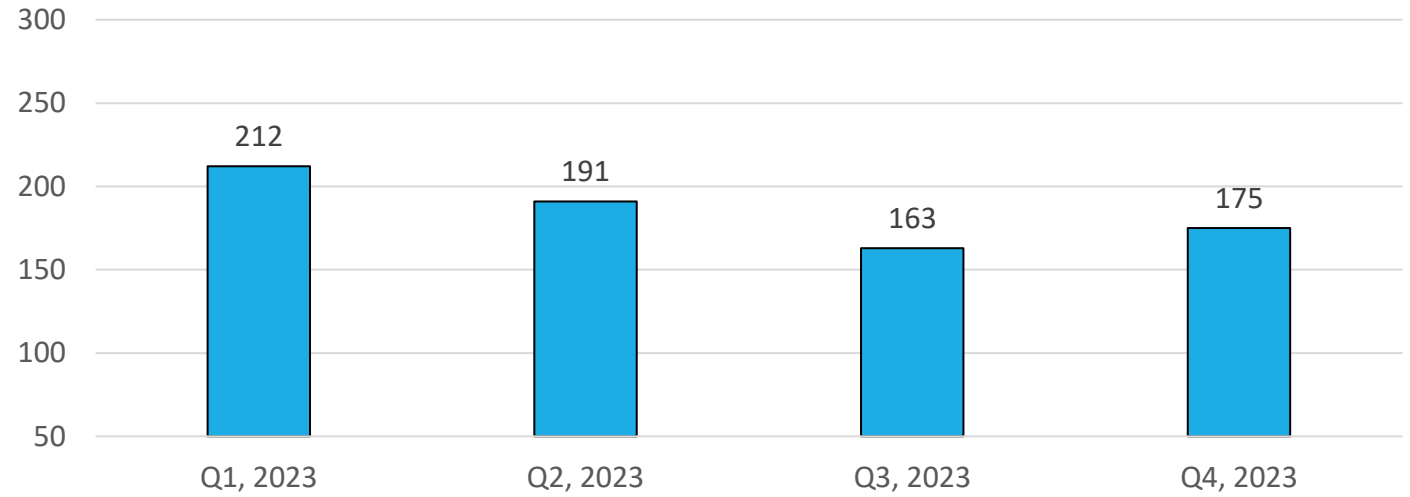


# Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) Received & Responded

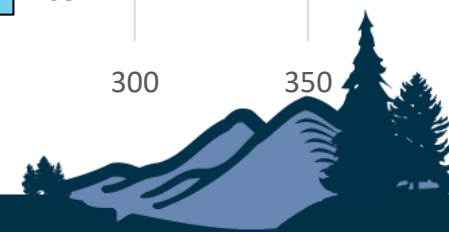
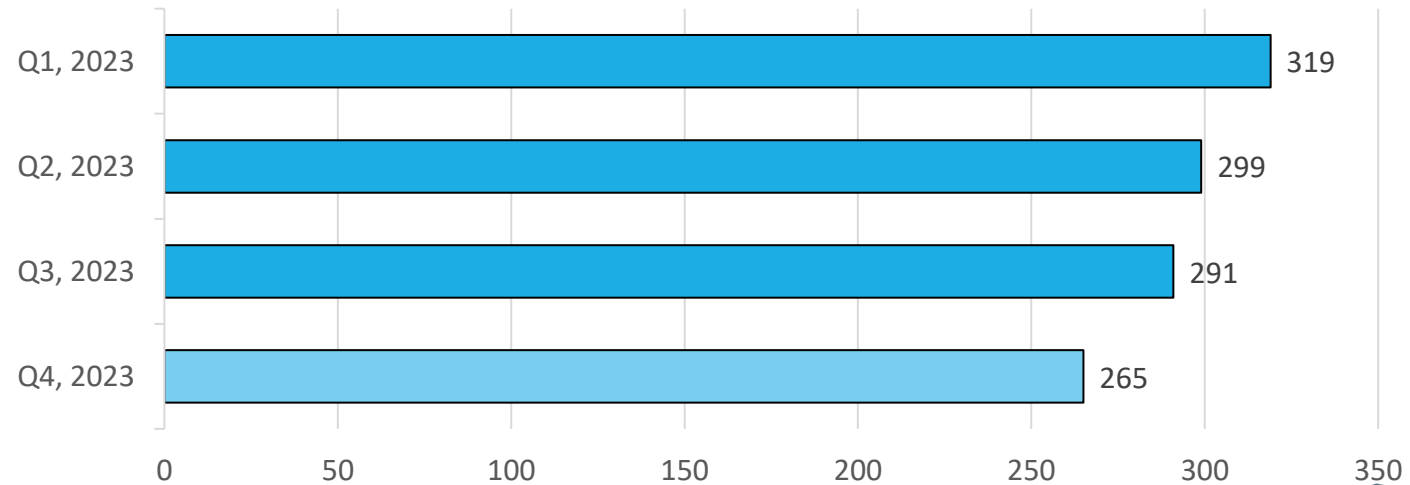
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LAP Calls Received



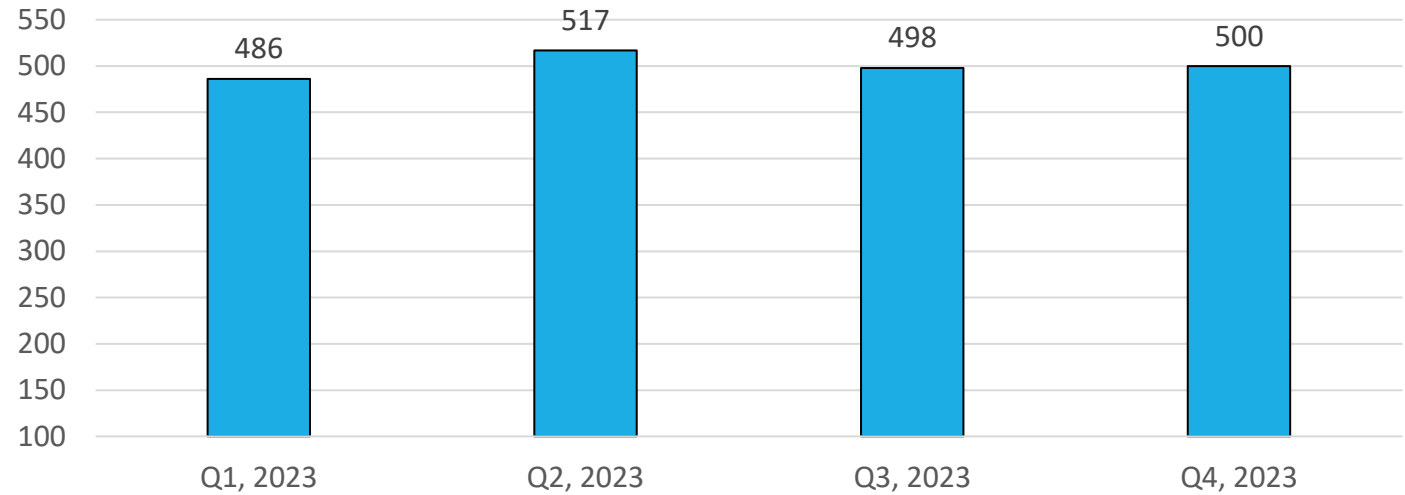
Danger Assessments Administered



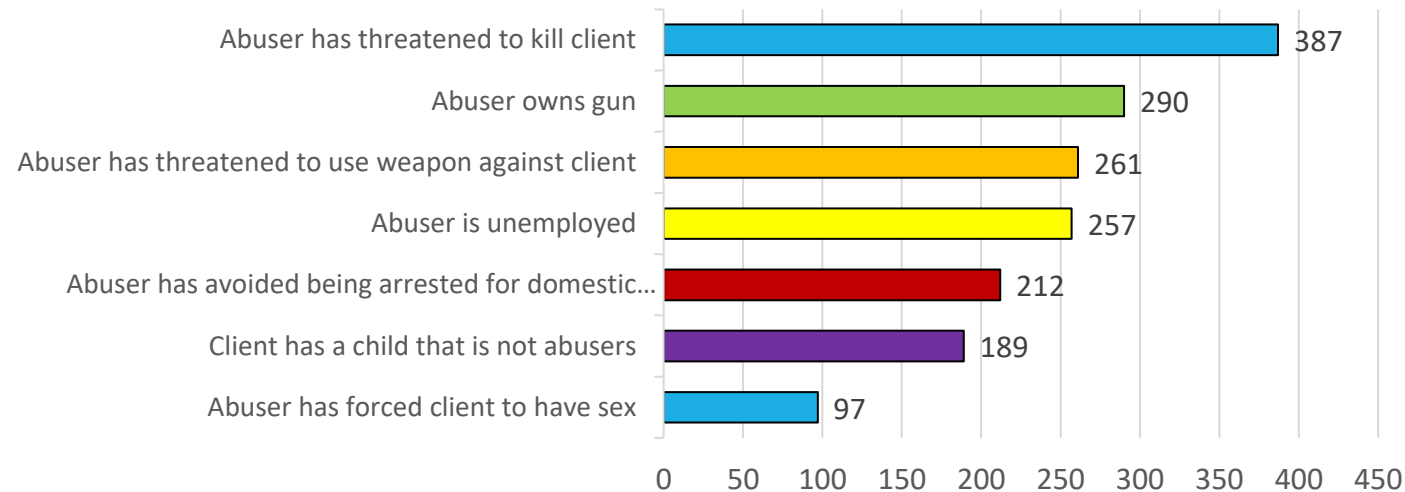
# Designated Danger Assessment Concerns

- Results of clients who responded “yes” to designated Danger Assessment concerns were as follows\*:
  - 387 report abuser has threatened to kill client
  - 290 report abuser owns guns
  - 261 report abuser has threatened to use weapon against client
  - 257 report abuser is unemployed
  - 212 report abuser has avoided being arrested for domestic violence
  - 189 report client has a child that is not abusers
  - 97 report abuser has forced client to have sex

Total Abuser Traits Indicated



Danger Assessment Concerns



\*Responses reflect verbiage used on the Danger Assessment

