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Project

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023
JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023



INTRODUCTION

Fiscal Year 2023 brought a long awaited return to in-person services coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our attorneys have stood by their clients' sides as NYC courts (slowly) begin to reopen and catch up on a vast backlog of cases. Our advocates helped survivors navigate the new realities of obtaining needed benefits and services, including finding financial stability amidst severe inflation. We launched new series of empowerment and support groups, bringing survivors together in community after so much time in isolation. And of course, we continued outreach and education throughout the five boroughs to ensure our resources are accessible to anyone who needs them.

Thank you for your part in helping survivors of intimate partner violence and their children live a life free from abuse. Continue on to discover more about the impact we made together in the past year!





OUR IMPACT

1677

**SURVIVORS
DIRECTLY
SERVED
THROUGH
FAMILY LAW,
IMMIGRATION
LAW, AND
ADVOCACY**

4278

**LIVES
IMPACTED,
INCLUDING
SURVIVORS'
CHILDREN AND
HOUSEHOLDS**

1750

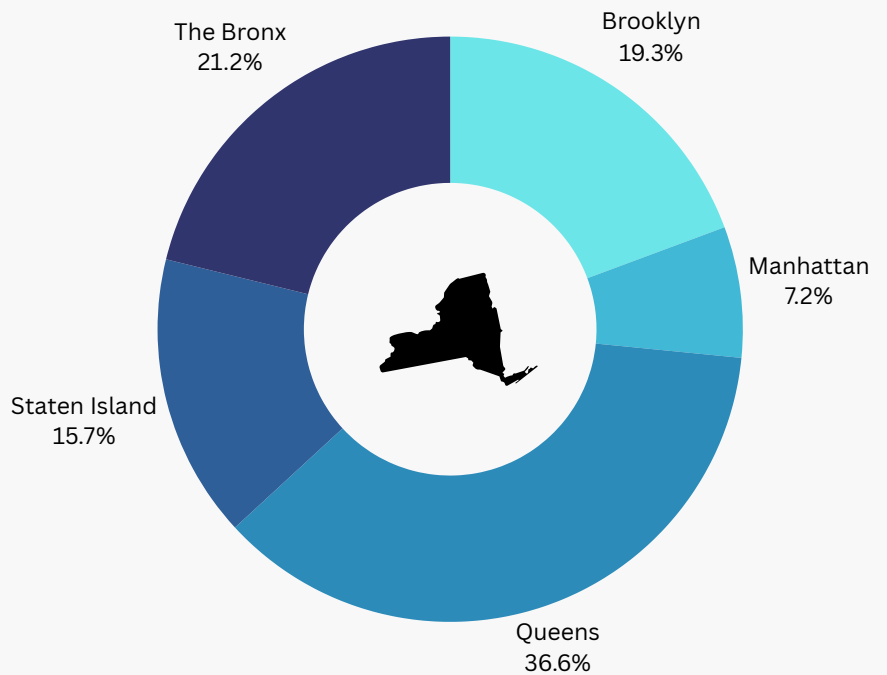
**NEW CASES
OPENED**

3239

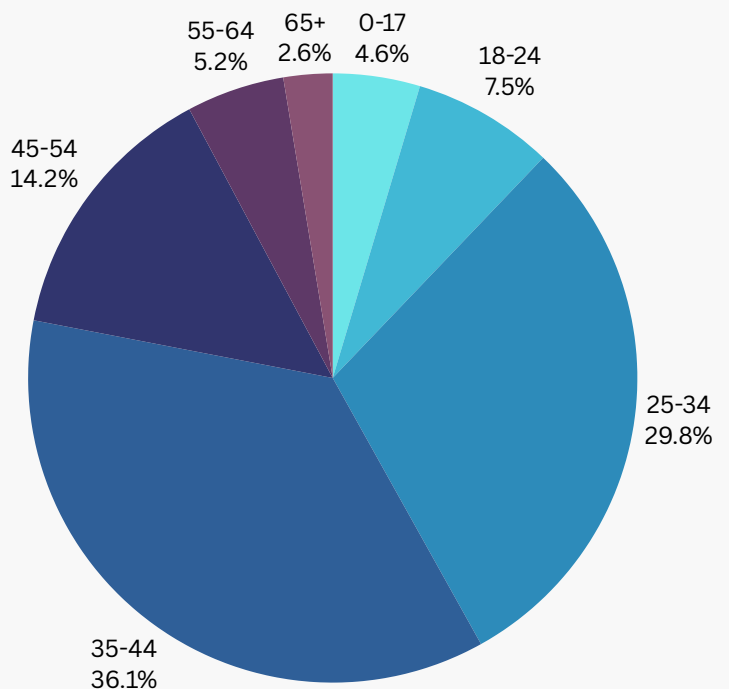
ACTIVE CASES

WHO WE SERVE

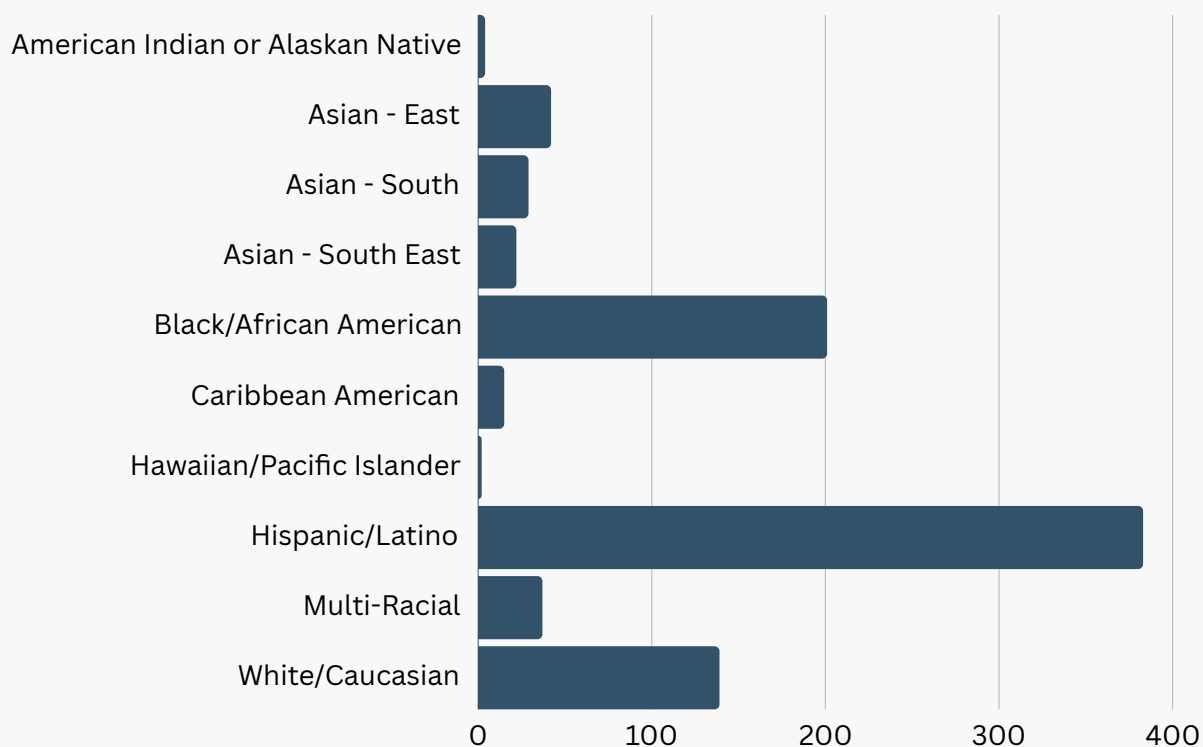
WHERE THEY LIVE



AGE GROUPS



OUR CLIENTS ARE DIVERSE

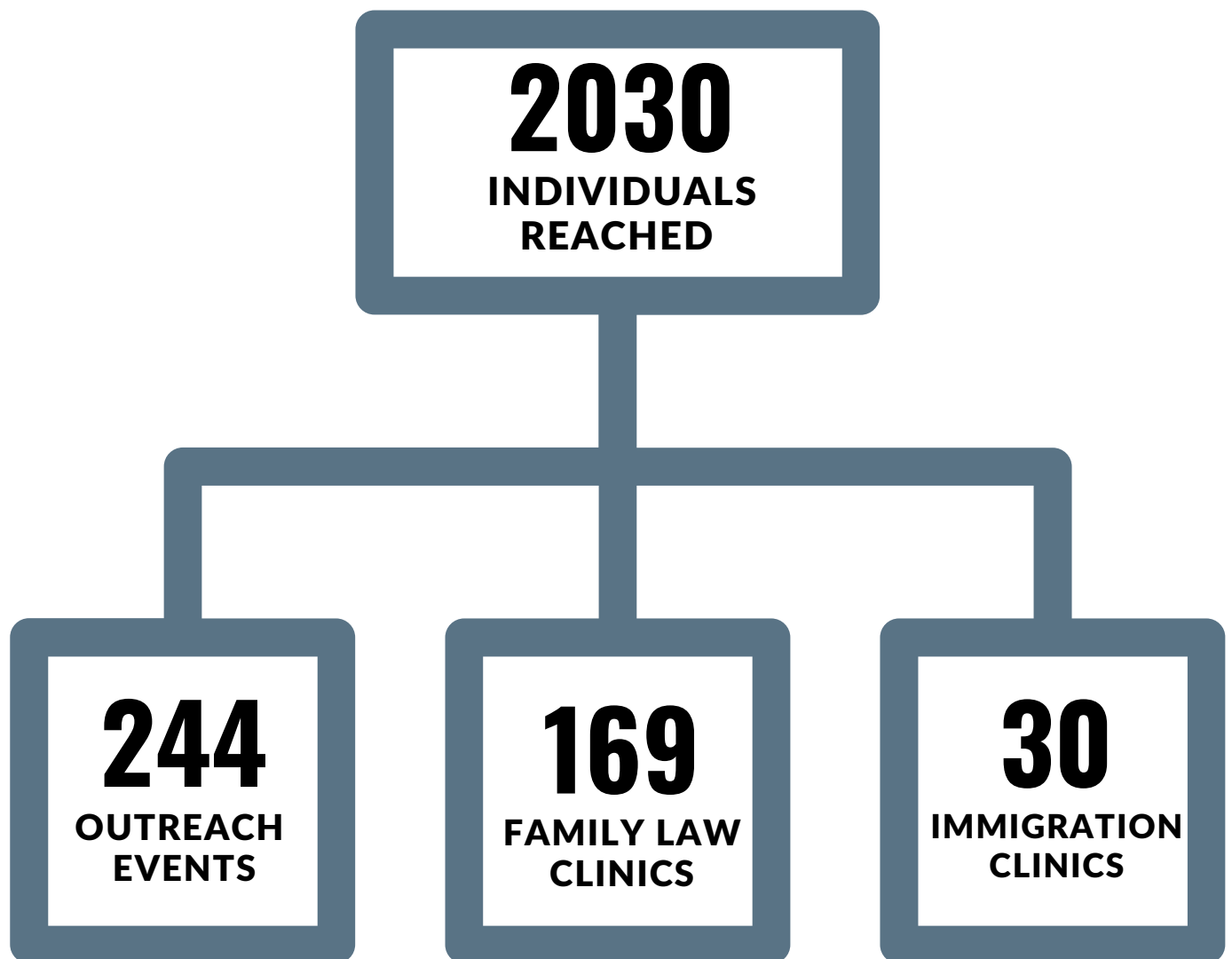


**54% OF OUR CLIENTS ARE
NON CITIZENS**



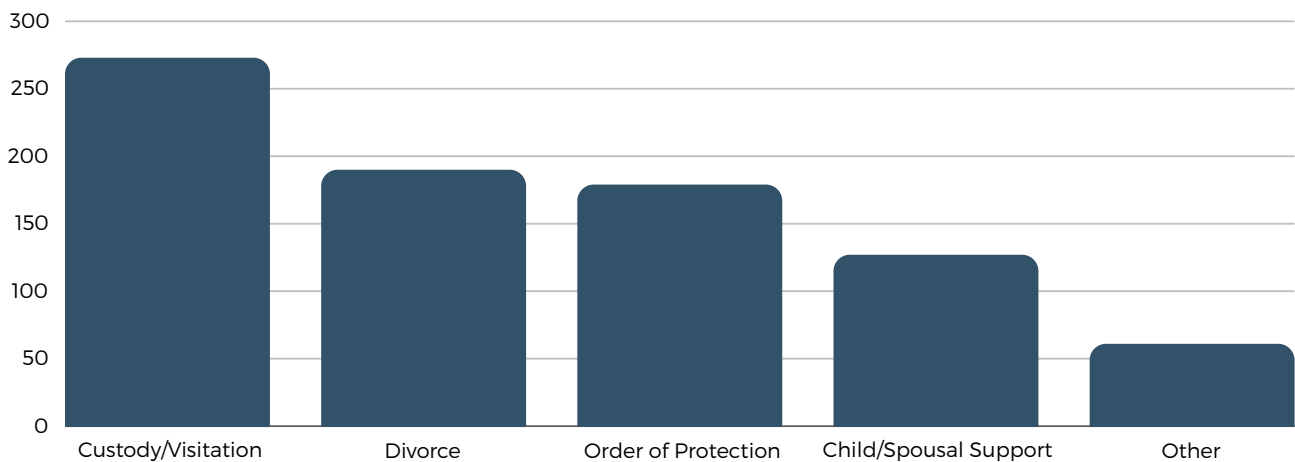
**74% OF OUR CLIENTS LIVE WITH ONE
OR MORE DEPENDENTS.
THIS MEANS THAT THE MAJORITY OF
OUR CLIENTS HAVE CHILDREN WHO
WE ALSO SERVE.**

OUR REACH

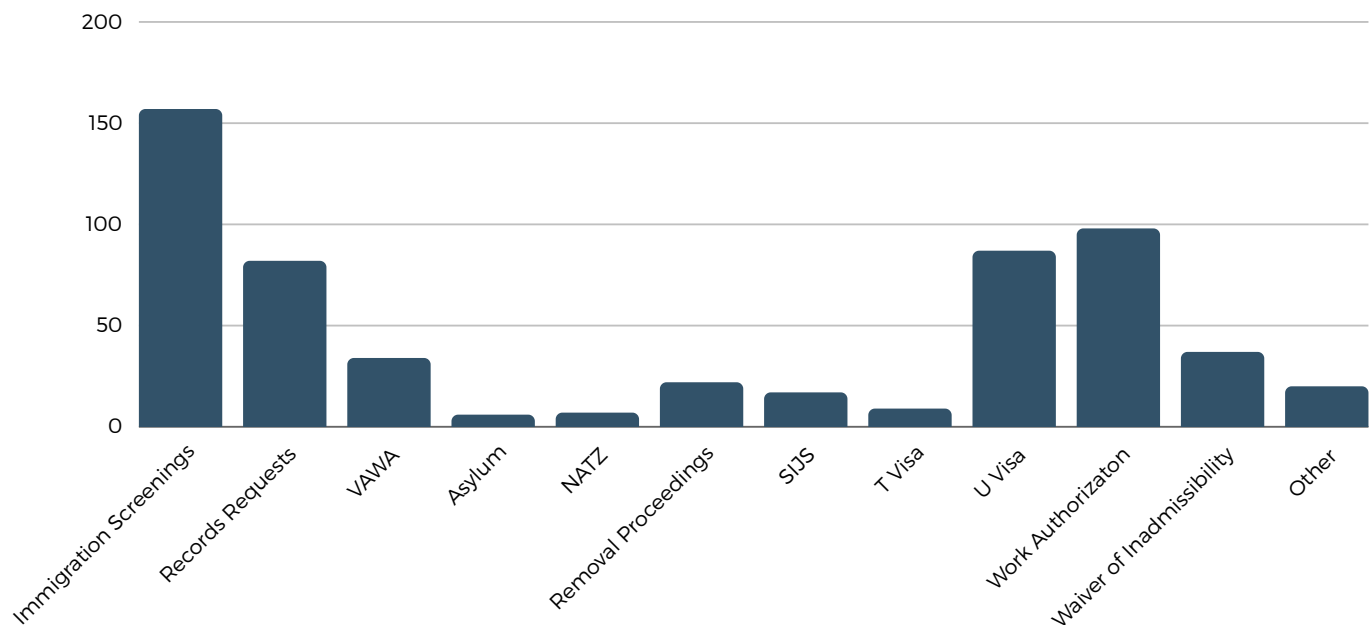


LEGAL SERVICES

830 of new cases were family law



576 of new cases were immigration law



ADVOCACY

344 of new cases were advocacy and case management, including:

- Intake Assistance
- Safety Planning
- Crisis Intervention
- Information and Education
- Legal Advocacy
- ACS Advocacy
- Benefits Assistance
- Financial Literacy
- Job Readiness
- Mental Health Support
- Direct Assistance
- Support Groups and Workshops

LETTER FROM A SURVIVOR:

"I want to thank you immensely for all that DVP staff has done to support my children and me. First off, they have opened doors that I could not open myself because of my language. They connected me with offices and staff who have supported me in everything I needed like a family lawyer and immigration.

The support groups have helped me get my emotions out and express them. I have connected with wonderful people. I have learned from their stories, and we have cried together and supported each other. They have treated me like family...The impact that the support group services have made in my life has been and continues to be enormous. **I have learned to manage my emotions, accept them, and allow myself to cry and not blame myself.** I learned to accept that it is not my fault, or it was not my fault that it happened for reasons or circumstances that were not in my control.

My children have noticed changes and have supported me. They now understand me and embrace me, calming my moments of anxiety and sadness. To see them happy and stable is the best satisfaction for my heart. To see them as they are growing up being such good and happy children. **Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the wonderful group of DVP who work with their hearts to help and listening to our voices."**



THANK YOU TO OUR FISCAL YEAR 23 LEADERSHIP SUPPORTERS

AEO Foundation

Ashurst LLP

Away

Bath & Body Works Foundation

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP

Columbia Law Women's Association

New York Bar Foundation

New York City Council DoVE Initiative Funding

New York State Office of Victim Services

New York City Human Resources Administration

New York City Council Discretionary Funding

Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton

New York State Interest on Lawyers' Account (IOLA)

New York State Office of Children and Family
Services (OCFS)

New York State Office of Court Administration
(OCA)

The Mayor's Office to End Gender Based Violence

Schulte, Roth and Zabel, LLP

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

**ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US
AT DVP,**

THANK YOU

**FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP
AND SUPPORT**



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