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**YOUTH PROGRAM:** We provide teens with empowering tools to develop community-based social justice strategies that prevent dating violence and build healthy relationships.

**LEGAL SERVICES:** We provide legal services in civil restraining order and limited family law matters to domestic violence survivors and their children.

**CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES:** We provide crisis intervention services to survivors of domestic violence 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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## SUCCESS STORY

Amanda called the Oakland Police Department after a domestic violence incident. Amanda's boyfriend shoved her into a wall and threw her onto the floor before breaking her cell phone, pouring liquid on her laptop and television, and fleeing on foot. The police were unable to immediately arrest him, and Amanda feared he might return.

A patrol officer contacted an advocate from FVLC's Mobile Response Team, who spoke confidentially with Amanda about her needs. The advocate arranged for Amanda to be transported to a hotel by taxi, secured a confidential room for her, and provided her with food vouchers. The next day, the advocate provided Amanda with transportation home so that she could change the locks on her apartment.

The advocate followed up with Amanda and explained the process for obtaining a restraining order, helped her to apply for victim compensation, and helped her create a safety plan for the next few weeks. Amanda returned to FVLC for a legal appointment, where an attorney helped her fill out and file her request for a temporary restraining order.

A week later, Amanda was able to move out of her apartment and into a new home without her abuser. FVLC will continue to assist Amanda in serving her abuser with the temporary restraining order and will support her at her hearing to be sure that she stays safe in her new home.

# WHAT IS MRT?

**MRT is our Mobile Response Team. MRT is always ready to answer a call for help.**

- It could be noon on a Saturday, 7 p.m. on a Thursday night, or 3 in the morning on Christmas Day-if our office is closed, they're on the line.
- They do not rest until the caller is physically safe, even if the shelter is full and every friend and family member's door has slammed shut.
- They help callers navigate the overwhelming maze of local service agencies, breaking down each step of the best course of action.

This holiday season, help us honor the work of these tireless advocates. In FY 2014-15, FVLC has seen a **29% increase** in the average number of calls per month to our crisis line after 5 p.m. Please give what you can so we can keep these calm, capable, and caring voices on the line .

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2013- 2014

# FVLC Impact from July 2013 to June 2014

- 8,537 crisis line calls answered
- 2,441 survivors received services
- 1,207 of these survivors were from Oakland
- 789 survivors received legal services
- 510 restraining orders were obtained
- 1,742 youth participated in our teen dating violence prevention education training

24 Hour Crisis Line: 1-800-947-8301 | All services are free of charge

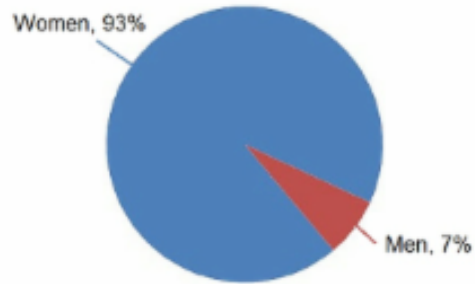
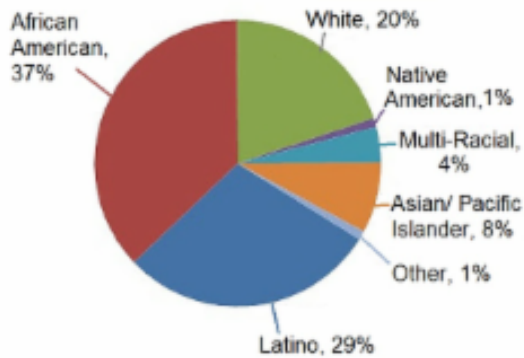
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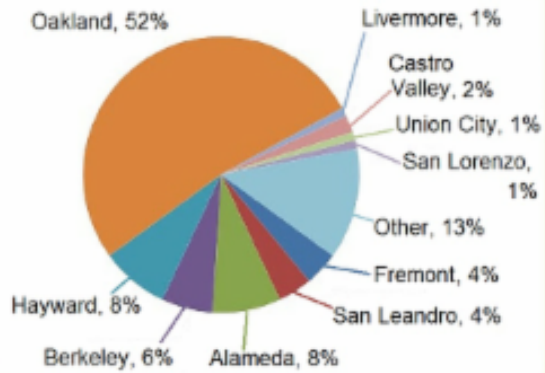
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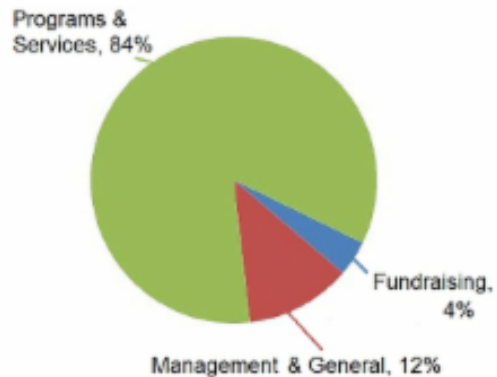
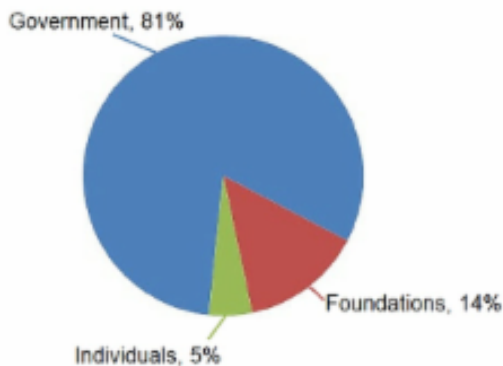
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In 2013-2014, our clients were primarily low income women of color.



# Sustainability & Accountability



## Why do you volunteer?



"I volunteer in support those who have been brave enough to come forward and break away from violence that has been imposed on them. The FVLC staff provides wonderful support to make the restraining order process as straightforward as possible. I get to focus on supporting the client in preparation for and at their hearing. It is both a great learning experience and very satisfying." **Pat Bengtsson**

Pat has been a Family Violence Law Center volunteer attorney for the past 8 years through FVLC's Pro Bono Partnership with Clorox and recently has joined our board of directors. Kristie Whitehorse, FVLC's Managing Attorney, has collaborated with Pat over the last 3 years in referring cases to Clorox for representation. "Pat has been an ideal volunteer attorney - quick to respond and always willing to pick up cases, even when we anticipate an uphill battle. The partnership with Clorox has resulted in many survivors getting much needed representation in court where they may otherwise not have."



It's been my great pleasure to serve as board chair over the past few months. This role has provided me the opportunity to work more closely with Erin and her wonderful staff to better realize their heartfelt dedication and commitment to empowering the individuals they serve.

Conversely, the greatest challenge has been realizing the impact of dwindling resources. As access to traditional government funding lessens, the need for providing essential services continues to rise.

We are extremely grateful to you, our generous donors, for your ongoing support. Looking ahead to 2015, we hope you will partner with us in spreading the word about the life changing work of FVLC. Please contact us if you are willing to host a house party or introduce us to potential corporate sponsors to allow us the opportunity to share the positive impacts of crisis intervention, legal services and educating our youth in building healthy relationships.

Warmest regards and best holiday wishes,

**Sue Stewart**



## Become our Everyday Hero!

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This is an easy way to support the FVLC's life-saving work. Your monthly gifts will enable us to give life changing services to domestic violence survivors and their children in need here in our community.

\$167.82 is the unfunded portion we have to cover for an average legal case. Your commitment of **\$14/ month for 1 year**, would help us cover that cost and continue to provide our free legal services for those in need.

Thank you on behalf of the families we serve!

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