

## Mission

Our mission is to lead Latinx victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children to safety, empower them to live free of violence and reach and sustain their full potential. We pursue our mission by raising community awareness, engaging in activism, and providing culturally specific services.

## Our Impact at a Glance

VIP directly impacted the lives of 16,404 New Yorkers in FY 2021.

**5,000+** hotline calls were answered by our highly trained, compassionate bilingual hotline staff who provide culturally-specific, immediate crisis intervention, safety planning, emergency shelter, and referrals.

**257** survivors and children received safe refuge in our shelter and transitional housing programs totaling over **38,473** nights of care.

**471** survivors were supported in obtaining their own safe and permanent housing.

**4,607** individual counseling sessions were conducted with over **1,025** survivors.

**101** community-based group-counseling sessions were held for **507** clients.

**149** survivors accessed our economic justice services including banking and financial literacy, building educational, vocational, and employment skills, and small business development.

**286** community activities were attended by our Communications and Outreach team and **16,822** community members were reached through our educational, awareness-building materials.

**11** educational workshops on topics related to intimate partner violence were held in communities throughout New York City.

**1256** NYC teens participated in intimate partner violence workshops, which utilized our specialized youth curriculum and addressed the roots of violence, teen dating violence, consent, digital abuse, gender roles, and being an ally.

**553** low-income survivors were provided ongoing assistance in accessing publicly available resources such as food, healthcare, rental assistance, children's services, and social security.

## Who We Are

Founded in East Harlem by grassroots Black and Latina activists, Violence Intervention Program (VIP) has supported survivors and their children in New York City for nearly 40 years. As always, we are Latina-led, community-based, and we work in low-income, long marginalized communities throughout the city. We have served 10,000+ survivors – mostly mothers of color and their children – and we are the only organization in NYC that provides culturally specific support to Latinx survivors.

## Who We Reach

While the majority of VIP clients are low-income Latina mothers and their children, VIP serves all survivors of domestic and sexual violence inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, language, income, or cultural background.

## How We Help

### 24/7 BILINGUAL HOTLINE + LIVE CHAT

VIP's first responders provide 24/7 crisis support, safety planning, and referrals in Spanish and English with access to language interpretation services for speakers of up to 200 other languages. We also operate live chat services through our website for survivors that have questions about our services but may not be able or ready to call. Over 5,000 New Yorkers reach VIP through our hotline and chat each year.

### INDIVIDUAL + GROUP COUNSELING

Operating out of five locations in Harlem, Queens, and the Bronx, VIP's trauma-informed counseling services underpin the foundation of all of our work. Individual counseling services are tailored to meet the specific needs of each survivor. Our empowerment-based support groups build strength and community amongst survivors and foster collective healing. To ensure our clients receive continuity and quality of care, we collaborate with other NYC service providers such as the Family Justice Center.

### Our Clients, in Numbers

In FY 2021, 88% of VIP clients were women of color.

Of those, 66% were Latinx and 16% were Black or African American.

86% had one or more children

41% were immigrants

### HOUSING

VIP's housing programs provide safe refuge to survivors and their children fleeing violence, while empowering families to rebuild their lives and achieve long-term safety and stability. In 2021, our Emergency Shelter, Morivivi, provided sanctuary to 211 survivors and their children for up to 6 months—as well as counseling, advocacy, and case management—as they moved forward in establishing violence-free lives. Through our Transitional Housing Program, Casa Sandra, 45 individuals were provided a safe home and range of supportive services including counseling, critical life skills and education, and a supportive community for up to 24 months.

## How We Help *(continued)*

### **ECONOMIC JUSTICE**

Economic security ensures survivors' remain safe and secure in the long term. Exploring the connection between trauma and money management, we provide small business development, access to education, job preparation, support in securing affordable housing, and financial counseling.

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION // ADVOCACY**

From the very beginning, VIP has been community-based and community-led. We work to educate, promote awareness and deepen understanding of domestic and sexual violence within Latinx and communities of color by providing educational workshops, distributing information at community events, conducting social media marketing, and facilitating special projects about domestic and sexual violence in both English and Spanish.

### **CASE MANAGEMENT // CLIENT ADVOCACY**

VIP provides individual case management—tailored to meet the needs of individual survivors and their children—to over 1,000 clients a year including navigating a wide range of public assistance/ systems, housing support, immigration issues, and legal advocacy and assistance.

### **SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROJECT // #YoTambién**

Expanding our healing services to address complex sexual trauma, VIP partners with our community to offer an innovative survivor-informed Sexual Violence Project. The project combines expressive art therapy in form of multimedia digital storytelling—connecting Spanish-speaking immigrant survivors with movement-building communities—and a healing workshop series. The project offers survivors a safe space to process the trauma of sexual assault, explore socio-cultural causes and influences connected to gender-based violence, and work towards the goals of healing, recovery and growth.

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