



# YOUR IMPACT

Together, we made so much happen last year.  
RESPOND Impact Report: July 2022-June 2023 Edition

## COMMUNITY INTERVENTION & EDUCATION PROGRAM

In FY23, RESPOND's Community Intervention & Education Program reached 822 survivors, providing wrap-around, trauma-informed, and client-led services. From individual counseling sessions to support groups, our program ensured survivors received the necessary emotional and practical support to navigate their unique situations. "RESPOND gave me the courage to take the first step toward a new life. Their support was unwavering," shared Mary, a survivor of domestic violence. RESPOND's skilled domestic violence counselors provided 35 education and training initiatives that empowered community members with knowledge on domestic violence, touching on topics like bystander intervention and teen dating violence, benefiting 2,628 participants at local schools and communities.



## EMERGENCY SHELTER AND YOUNG PARENTS PROGRAM

RESPOND's emergency shelter provided a haven for 53 families/individuals, offering 24-hour support and comprehensive services. During their stay, residents participated in wellness support groups, yoga classes, and children's playgroups. "The shelter was more than just a roof over our heads; it was a place of healing and growth," a Taylor enthusiastically shared. Additionally, the Young Parents Program, launched in late FY23, supported 2 young survivors who are pregnant or parenting. The program offered immediate housing and tailored support to help young parents achieve self-sufficiency. One young parent shared, "The Young Parents Program gave me the stability and resources I needed to build a better future for my child and me." This impact report showcases the profound difference RESPOND, Inc. has made in the lives of domestic violence survivors through its comprehensive and compassionate programs. Each initiative reflects our commitment to empowering individuals and fostering safer communities.

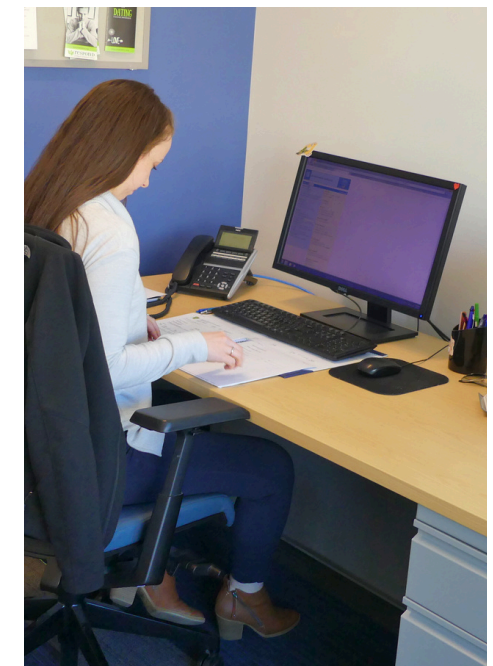


## HOUSING PROGRAM

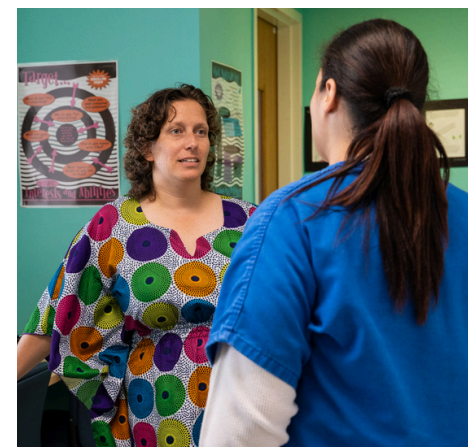
In response to the urgent need for safe housing, RESPOND began the foundation for explosive growth slated for next fiscal year. Starting the year with one full time employee, RESPOND ended the year with 4 full time staff dedicated to finding safe housing solutions for survivors of domestic violence. RESPOND's Housing Program assisted 135 survivors in securing and maintaining stable housing. Our counselor provided crucial support, from housing searches to accessing stabilization funds, ensuring survivors could transition safely. "RESPOND helped me find a home when I had nowhere to turn. Their assistance was life-changing," shared Shawn, a RESPOND client seeking safe housing solutions.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Through the formation of four multidisciplinary High-Risk Teams, RESPOND enhanced safety for 104 victims identified at high risk of severe harm or lethality. By collaborating with law enforcement, probation, mental health professionals, and other local support services, the HRT effectively monitored offenders and provided comprehensive life-saving services. One participant stated, "The coordinated efforts of the High-Risk Team gave me a sense of safety and hope that I hadn't felt in years." RESPOND partnered with Malden, Melrose, Wakefield, Woburn, Reading and Wilmington Police Department to provide on-site, rapid support to those who were involved in domestic incidents and crimes. Support, resources, safety planning and court accompaniment were provided to 1,200 victims seeking rapid assistance.



## SAFER PROGRAM



The SAFER program, in collaboration with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, supported 179 incarcerated or detained individuals experiencing domestic violence. Providing 139 classes, court accompaniment, or safety planning sessions, the program helped participants prepare for a safer reentry into the community. One participant reflected, "The SAFER program was a lifeline during my toughest times. They helped me see a future beyond abuse." The program's holistic approach ensured survivors had a supportive network while incarcerated. The work continued after release from custody when 62 women received post release support services.