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**Subject:** Delegation Request - General Issues Committee - August 14, 2023

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**Subject:** Re: Delegation Request - General Issues Committee - August 14, 2023

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached WAWG 2022 Snapshot of violence against women stats that accompanies the delegation I made this morning at the GIC. Kindly distribute it to City Council and/or add it to the agenda.

Thank you,

Thea Symonds

## POLICING & JUSTICE

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Police DV/IPV calls               | 12,514 |
| Police DV/IPV reports             | 6,844  |
| Police DV related charges         | 5,689  |
| Police reported SV                | 657    |
| Police reported human trafficking | 19     |

## SAFETY & SUPPORTS

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Women, children in shelter<br>(IH, IHOH, WP, CAP, GS)   | 878   |
| Women who received transitional living support<br>(IH, WP, YWCA)                                  | 654   |
| DV/SV/VAW reports to VAW agency<br>(WP, SADVCC, YWCA, SVPRO, CAP)                                 | 1,017 |
| Women new referrals for VAW counselling<br>(IHOH, SADVCC, SVPRO, CSCHN, IH)                       | 1,222 |
| Number of women who received VAW counselling<br>(YWCA, SACHA, IHOH, SADVCC, SVPRO, GS, CSCHN, IH) | 2,453 |
| Women accessing homeless/precariously housed supports<br>(WP, GS)                                 | 1,049 |

## CRISIS & HELPLINES

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|---|-------|
| Shelter crisis/helpline calls<br>(IHOH, WP, IH, GS) | 7,660 |
| SV crisis/helpline calls                            | 1,973 |
| Number of Supervised Parenting Services visits      | 465   |

## GAPS/BARRIERS

- **4,498** women could not access shelter due to shortage of beds. (IH, WP, GS)
- Significant gap for marginalized women experiencing VAW and homelessness.
- 6 month waitlist for service from the sexual assault centre.
- 12-18 month waitlist for Supervised Access Program services.

## WAWG MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

\*= contributed stats to this snapshot

- The AIDS Network
- Catholic Children's Aid Society
- Carol Anne's Place\* (CAP)
- Centre de Santé Communautaire Hamilton/Niagara\* (CSCHN)
- Compass Community Health
- Good Shepherd Women's Services\* (GS)
- Hamilton Health Sciences Sexual Assault/ Domestic Violence Care Centre\* (SADVCC)
- Hamilton Police Services - Domestic Violence Unit\*
- Hamilton Police Services - Victim Services\*
- Hamilton Regional Indian Centre
- Indigenous Victim Services
- Interval House of Hamilton\* (IHOH)
- Ministry of the Attorney General, Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Mission Services, Emma's Place
- Mission Services, Inasmuch House\* (IH)
- Mission Services, Willow's Place\* (WP)
- Native Women's Centre
- Sexual Assault Centre - Hamilton & Area\* (SACHA)
- Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office, McMaster University\* (SVPRO)
- Supervised Access Program\* (SAP)
- YWCA Hamilton\* (YWCA)

DV = Domestic Violence, SV = Sexual Violence  
IPV = Intimate Partner Violence, VAW = Violence Against Women