

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 30 out of 33, or 91%, of identified domestic violence programs in Oklahoma participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 30 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

810 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 350 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 460 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 90% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 27% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

90%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
73%	Emergency Shelter
67%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
53%	Advocacy with Social Services
53%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
37%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
33%	Childcare
27%	Transitional Housing

67 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Oklahoma reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

NOT ENOUGH STAFF

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims' requests for services. 80% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 47% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

335 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Oklahoma answered more than 14 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

455 PEOPLE TRAINED

Individuals across Oklahoma attended community education and trainings, gaining much needed information on prevention and early intervention.

A survivor we worked with before came in with a broken arm and bruises on her back. We transported her to the ER, bought her prescriptions, and provided her with shelter.

Our greatest challenge is funding, especially for legal services, advocacy, and transportation. A lack of funding inhibits our ability to reach populations in the most rural areas of Oklahoma.