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Domestic Violence Counts Arkansas Summary

On September 12, 2012, 28 out of 34, or 82%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Arkansas participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 28 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

463 Victims Served in One Day

327 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

136 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 12
Individual Support of Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	86%
Children's Support or Advocacy	68%
Transportation	64%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	36%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	36%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	32%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	29%

165 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

308 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 308 individuals in communities across Arkansas attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

54 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 50 request for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

72% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 39 requests unmet.

Of the unmet requests, the following services were the most requested:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Transitional Housing
3. Attorney/Legal Representation
4. Counseling

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 21% reported not enough staff.
- 21% reported limited funding for needed programs and services.
- 11% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 11% reported no beds available and no money for hotel stays.
- 4% reported not enough specialize services (e.g., drug and alcohol counselors).

"Ongoing funding cuts to our transitional housing program means that victims stay in shelter longer. This longer stay results in fewer beds available in emergency shelter for other survivors."

