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Domestic Violence Counts Alaska Summary

On September 16, 2015, 17 out of 18 (94%) identified domestic violence programs in Alaska participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 17 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

537 Victims Served in One Day

335 domestic violence victims (136 children and 199 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

202 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Children's Support or Advocacy	82%
Emergency Shelter	76%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	47%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	47%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	41%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	35%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	35%

76 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

66 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 66 individuals in communities across Alaska attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

13 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 46% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Counseling/Substance Abuse/Mental Health services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Alaska, 20 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 35% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 6% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Alaska, 14 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (64%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Since the beginning, you were there for me and my son. I won't ever forget your support, your understanding, your validation and your friendship. I wish there were more women like you all in the world. I don't know if I could have kept my sanity, were it not for you all on my 'team.' And it was you all that went out of your way to make sure I had legal representation. Without it, I don't know if I'd be doing okay at all. I just wanted to thank all of you for helping and supporting me and my girls in our fresh start at a new life. We appreciate what you do more than we can put into words. You women do life-altering work and affect our lives so positively that we are immensely grateful to you! Thank you so much for being there for us!"

— Survivor



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Domestic Violence Counts Alabama Summary

On September 16, 2015, 17 out of 17 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 17 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

620 Victims Served in One Day

336 domestic violence victims (149 children and 187 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

284 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	12%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	12%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	12%
3rd Party Translation/Interpretation Services	0%

137 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

1,303 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,303 individuals in communities across Alabama attended 38 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

50 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 74% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Translation/Interpretation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Alabama, 18 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 24% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 18% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 6% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Alabama, 9 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and all of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Crisis caller's husband was a police officer and had told her for years that she would never be able to get away from him. With the help of her attorney, she contacted our crisis hotline. Caller spoke no English, but our bilingual advocate was available to translate. Caller said she felt like giving up because she had nowhere to go and no transportation. Bilingual advocate offered shelter options, safety planning services, and other local resources. Client felt relieved once she was connected with services to assist with addressing her concerns. After over two years, an attorney in our office was able to try a divorce case for a victim."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Arkansas Summary

On September 16, 2015, 22 out of 34 (65%) identified domestic violence programs in Arkansas participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 22 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

358 Victims Served in One Day

242 domestic violence victims (113 children and 129 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

116 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	95%
Emergency Shelter	91%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	41%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	23%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	18%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	18%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	9%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	9%

112 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

329 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 329 individuals in communities across Arkansas attended 11 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

62 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 68% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Counseling/Substance Abuse/Mental Health and Childcare or Children's Services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Arkansas, 14 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 32% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 18% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 9% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 9% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Arkansas, 7 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (100%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer

"All of these requests are due to lack of funding. We have several of our clients who are needing housing but either because they have not found a job or have no income, there is little resources for them beyond our emergency shelter. We also have a huge waiting list for state assistance for childcare. We provide immediate childcare but not long term care. This is another unmet need that most all our clients with children need."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Arizona Summary

On September 16, 2015, 37 out of 40 (93%) identified domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 37 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,652 Victims Served in One Day

1,106 domestic violence victims (613 children and 493 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

546 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	86%
Emergency Shelter	84%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	35%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	27%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing /Landlord	24%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	14%

239 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 9 hotline calls every hour.

450 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 450 individuals in communities across Arizona attended 36 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

223 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 90% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities, Attorney/Legal Representation, and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Arizona, 36 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 22% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 16% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 11% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 8% of programs reported reductions in private funding.

Across Arizona, 36 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (67%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Our legal advocate helped a victim prepare for court because she was terrified to speak to a judge with her abuser there, too. She was able to convey her concerns to the judge and was granted the order. She said had it not been for the legal advocate, she might not have attended the hearing or even returned to her abuser. She thanked us for helping her find the courage to move forward.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts California Summary

On September 16, 2015, 116 out of 118 (98%) of identified local domestic violence programs in California participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 116 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

5,177 Victims Served in One Day

2,927 domestic violence victims (1,715 children and 1,212 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,250 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. 16
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	49%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	44%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing /Landlord	34%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	34%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	28%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	26%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	17%

1,471 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 61 hotline calls every hour.

1,009 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,009 individuals in communities across California attended 82 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

1,091 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 72% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across California, 142 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 34% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 23% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 16% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 14% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across California, 104 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (84%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A survivor contacted our office looking for transitional housing, without which she was going to be homeless. We already had 4 families on the waiting list and a space for her and her family wouldn’t be available for 18-36 months. We referred her to other agencies, but she had already contacted them and no one had any room for her.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Colorado Summary

On September 16, 2015, 40 out of 44 (91%) identified domestic violence programs in Colorado participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 40 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

919 Victims Served in One Day

482 domestic violence victims (241 children and 241 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

437 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	40%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	38%
Group Support or Advocacy	38%
Transportation	35%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing /Landlord	25%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	23%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	8%

323 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 13 hotline calls every hour.

407 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 407 individuals in communities across Colorado attended 19 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

158 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 79% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Colorado, 51 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 18% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 8% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 8% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 8% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Colorado, 4 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and 33% of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“One survivor lives in her abuser’s apartment and works for him. He kept her from continuing her immigration process - she is undocumented and unable to find other work. She tried to leave him but there were no openings in the housing programs in our county. She’s on a voucher waitlist but that will take a year or more. She called our emergency shelter program but there was no space. She must continue to rely upon her abuser.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Connecticut Summary

On September 16, 2015, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Connecticut participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,009 Victims Served in One Day

332 domestic violence victims (174 children and 158 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

677 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	93%
Children's Support or Advocacy	87%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	87%
Emergency Shelter	80%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	67%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	67%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	40%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	33%

229 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 9 hotline calls every hour

473 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 473 individuals in communities across Connecticut attended 23 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

71 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 76% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment, Attorney/Legal Representation, and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Connecticut, 10 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 13% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 7% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 7% of programs reported fewer individual donors.

Across Connecticut, 5 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and all of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A survivor and her 4 children are in need of permanent housing. Housing programs are very limited in the area and the waiting lists are very long. This family may have no other choice but to move to a homeless shelter or return to her hometown. Her abuser is actively looking for her and the children and their safety may be compromised."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts District of Columbia Summary

On September 16, 2015, 12 out of 12 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in the District of Columbia participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 12 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

511 Victims Served in One Day

302 domestic violence victims (181 children and 121 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

209 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	92%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing /Landlord	50%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	42%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	42%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	42%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	25%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	25%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	8%

121 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

83 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 83 individuals in communities across the District of Columbia attended 5 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

43 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 35% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation, Rental Assistance/Utilities, and Counseling/Substance Abuse/Mental Health services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across the District of Columbia, 5 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 25% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 8% of programs reported reductions in private funding.

Across the District of Columbia, 7 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and all of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A woman who had a son with special needs who is also wheelchair bound was in need of transitional housing services as her stay at an emergency domestic violence shelter was coming to an end. Regrettably, our ADA units were all occupied and we could not assist her. There was nowhere else for her to go.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Delaware Summary

On September 16, 2015, 7 out of 7 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Delaware participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 7 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period

203 Victims Served in One Day

129 domestic violence victims (76 children and 53 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

74 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	71%
Emergency Shelter or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	57%
Transportation	43%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	43%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	43%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	29%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	14%

9 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered 9 calls for help and support.

43 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 43 individuals in communities across Delaware attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

17 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 88% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Delaware, 7 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 43% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 14% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 14% of programs reported fewer individual donors.

Across Delaware, 2 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; both of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“The Census Day was a particularly frustrating day for shelter providers. Both of our shelters were full, as is often the case, requiring emergency hotel funds to be used for four families. While these families are placed in safe accommodations, it is difficult to provide the additional supports needed (such as adequate food, laundry, childcare, domestic violence education, support and a sense of community). Until there is access to affordable housing, lengthy shelter stays will continue to be a major obstacle for survivors of domestic violence.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Florida Summary

On September 16, 2015, 43 out of 43 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Florida participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 43 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

3,349 Victims Served in One Day

2,293 domestic violence victims (1,164 children and 1,129 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,056 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. 16
Emergency Shelter	98%
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	95%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	56%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	47%
Rural Outreach	37%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	26%
Support/Advocacy Related to Technology Use (cyberstalking, etc.)	26%

806 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 33 hotline calls every hour.

962 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 962 individuals in communities across Florida attended 42 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

123 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 61% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities, Attorney/Legal Representation, and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Florida, 21 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 16% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 9% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Thirty-two staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (78%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A survivor and her two children were accepted into a transitional housing program after a four-month stay in our shelter. Prior to staying in shelter, the abuser harassed her at three different places of employment. While in shelter, she was able to stay safe and secure employment. After a referral from her advocate, she was approved for the transitional housing program. She shared that she was grateful for her stay in shelter.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Georgia Summary

On September 16, 2015, 47 out of 52 (90%) identified domestic violence programs in Georgia participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 47 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,027 Victims Served in One Day

1,306 domestic violence victims (735 children and 571 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

721 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. 16
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	49%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing /Landlord	47%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	43%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	40%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	32%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	26%
Hotel/Motel Stay	21%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	17%

370 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 15 hotline calls every hour.

210 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 210 individuals in communities across Georgia attended 19 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

531 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 79% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Georgia, 37 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 32% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 15% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 13% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 13% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Georgia, 37 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (82%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"During this 24-hour period, we were unable to provide shelter to a family of 5 due to our shelter being at capacity. Families of this size often have no choice but to relocate to shelters in rural areas with limited resources. They may return to abusive relationships due to the difficulties of providing for a large family on a single income in an area with limited resources."

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Guam Summary

On September 16, 2015, 4 out of 4 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Guam participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 4 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

10 Victims Served in One Day

8 domestic violence victims (5 children and 3 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	75%
Children's Support or Advocacy	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	50%
Emergency Shelter	25%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	25%
Transportation	25%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	25%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	25%

9 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered 9 hotline calls.

Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, training sessions on domestic violence prevention and intervention, provided by local domestic violence programs, were not held.

Requests for Services

Guam faces a number of unique barriers for survivors to access services. Transportation is often one of the highest barriers for survivors to receive services at a local domestic violence program. Due to this barrier and many others, domestic violence is often underreported and survivors are underserved.

Reduction of Services

Across Guam, 2 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A client who does not have housing was provided assistance with filling out applications for programs that assist persons with low income in obtaining affordable housing."

— Advocate

"We assisted a woman and her two children in our program for less than six months. She was able to secure a full-time job and housing. She has moved out on her own with her children and is doing great."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Hawaii Summary

On September 16, 2015, 13 out of 19 (68%) identified domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

493 Victims Served in One Day

170 domestic violence victims (80 children and 90 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

323 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	92%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	85%
Emergency Shelter	69%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	46%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	38%
Group Support or Advocacy	38%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	31%

131 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

8 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 8 individuals in communities across Hawaii attended 2 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

110 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 2% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities, Attorney/Legal Representation, and Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Hawaii, 18 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 46% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 15% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 15% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 15% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Hawaii, 9 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (90%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“The services we are able to provide our survivors provide them with a sense of safety, a sense of hope, and the idea that they can and will survive.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Iowa Summary

On September 16, 2015, 23 out of 23 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Iowa participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 23 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,274 Victims Served in One Day

888 domestic violence victims (421 children and 467 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

386 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	87%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing /Landlord	70%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	61%
Emergency Shelter	43%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	43%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	35%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	13%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	4%

336 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered 14 hotline calls every hour.

289 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 289 individuals in communities across Iowa attended 49 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

105 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 78% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Iowa, 31 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 17% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 9% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 9% of programs reported reductions in private funding.

Across Iowa, 21 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and all of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"We had a mother and child contact us and reported that they needed a place to stay. She had gotten into another argument with her boyfriend, and he threatened to slam her head into the wall. She wanted to leave, but was from a southern county - a very rural area, and had no access to transportation to be able to leave. After figuring out some logistics, we arranged for her to go to her local grocery store that was just down the street while her abuser was at work that afternoon. We were then able to meet her in her community, and pick her and her son up to bring them to shelter."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Idaho Summary

On September 16, 2015, 19 out of 21 (90%) identified domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 19 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

593 Victims Served in One Day

215 domestic violence victims (106 children and 109 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

378 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. 16
Children's Support or Advocacy	79%
Rural Outreach	42%
Transportation	32%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	26%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	26%
Support/Advocacy Related to Technology Use (Cyberstalking, etc.)	21%

141 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

135 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 135 individuals in communities across Idaho attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

206 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 64% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Transportation/Gas and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Idaho, 25 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 26% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 11% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 11% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 5% of programs reported fewer individual donors.

Across Idaho, 17 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (75%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Our counties are so rural and a lot of the low-income housing is full so it takes a very long time to get into. Our clients struggle with housing, medical insurance, and are struggling with jobs. They also struggle with legal services and many of them cannot afford an attorney or pay for counseling."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Illinois Summary

On September 16, 2015, 54 out of 54 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Illinois participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 54 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,216 Victims Served in One Day

1,000 domestic violence victims (542 children and 458 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,216 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. 16
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	44%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	39%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	31%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	22%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	20%
Support/Advocacy Related to Technology Use (cyberstalking, etc.)	15%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	9%

724 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 30 hotline calls every hour.

912 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 912 individuals in communities across Illinois attended 71 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

501 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 55% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Illinois, 89 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 44% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 24% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 19% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 15% of programs reported fewer individual donors.

Across Illinois, 62 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (85%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Each day we struggle with transportation and lack of housing for our clients. We, as advocates, can do our part to get the victim emotionally ready and motivated to find work and a new residence but we are failing in our lack of ways to get clients to interviews and many struggle to find housing in the time our emergency shelter provides.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Indiana Summary

On September 16, 2015, 45 out of 45 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 45 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,863 Victims Served in One Day

1,231 domestic violence victims (619 children and 612 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

632 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	89%
Group Support or Advocacy	62%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	58%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	51%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	51%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	42%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	33%

522 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 21 hotline calls every hour.

1,069 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,069 individuals in communities across Indiana attended 64 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

255 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 72% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Indiana, 59 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 24% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 18% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 13% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 4% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Indiana, 37 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (89%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Since early Spring of this year, our program has had to refer victims to other programs for emergency shelter. We have had every bed and every cot in use. Our CEO of 23 years told us, ‘This is the first time in my 23 years leading the agency we have had to turn away so many victims.’ I worry every night, concerned about the safety of the victims we could not shelter.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Kansas Summary

On September 16, 2015, 26 out of 26 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 26 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

673 Victims Served in One Day

373 domestic violence victims (188 children and 185 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

300 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	88%
Emergency Shelter	88%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	62%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	62%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	46%
Rural Outreach	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	42%

264 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 11 calls every hour.

701 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 701 individuals in communities across Kansas attended 39 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

101 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 60% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Kansas, 33 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 23% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 19% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 15% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 8% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Kansas, 20 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (74%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A client escaped from her horribly abusive boyfriend and worked closely with advocate staff to ensure her safety. On the day of the Census, her advocate attended trial with her where she built up enough courage to testify against her abuser! After she finished testifying, in tears, she looked at her advocate and said, 'I couldn't have ever done any of this without you! You saved my life and gave me courage to move forward!'"

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Kentucky Summary

On September 16, 2015, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Kentucky participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,004 Victims Served in One Day

628 domestic violence victims (250 children and 378 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

376 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	67%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	60%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	60%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	60%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	53%

167 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

150 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 150 individuals in communities across Kentucky attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

129 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 68% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities, Transportation/Gas, and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Kentucky, 40 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 40% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 27% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 27% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 27% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Kentucky, 18 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and all of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A nonresidential client requested assistance finding alternative housing. Currently, she lives in a very rural community and is in the same neighborhood as her abuser. He has made efforts to contact her and she is afraid that being out in the country away from people would make it easier for him to hurt her. She wants to move closer to town where she would be near more people, not so isolated and further from him. Our advocate worked diligently with her to attempt to locate other housing options, but waiting lists for rentals and apartments in the town are very long."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Louisiana Summary

On September 16, 2015, 16 out of 16 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Louisiana participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

714 Victims Served in One Day

449 domestic violence victims (269 children and 180 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

265 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. 16
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Rural Outreach	75%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	50%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	50%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	31%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	19%

285 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 11 hotline calls every hour.

200 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 200 individuals in communities across Louisiana attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

126 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 48% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Louisiana, 16 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 25% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 19% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 6% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Louisiana, 13 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (67%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A survivor with 7 children needed safe shelter and relocation assistance. She had planned to flee her abuser while he was away at work. The shelter was at capacity and the crisis line worker contacted every shelter in Louisiana but no one was able to accommodate. We were able to connect her to family in Texas and refer her to another agency to assist with relocation funds."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Massachusetts Summary

On September 16, 2015, 52 out of 52 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Massachusetts participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 52 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,970 Victims Served in One Day

742 domestic violence victims (372 children and 370 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,228 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	74%
Emergency Shelter	54%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	52%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	46%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	40%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	38%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	38%

474 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 19 hotline calls every hour.

509 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 509 individuals in communities across Massachusetts attended 25 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

322 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 63% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Massachusetts, 30 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 23% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 21% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 10% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 8% of programs reported fewer individual donors.

Across Massachusetts, 32 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (73%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Affordable housing is our clients’ biggest need. Without housing, they have fewer options to leave an unsafe relationship, fewer options when trying to start their life over after leaving, and survivors stay longer in our shelter because they have nowhere else to go.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Maryland Summary

On September 16, 2015, 22 out of 22 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Maryland participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 22 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,095 Victims Served in One Day

407 domestic violence victims (208 children and 199 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

688 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. 16
Emergency Shelter	73%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	55%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	55%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	45%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	41%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	36%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	23%

531 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 22 hotline calls every hour.

51 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 51 individuals in communities across Maryland attended 8 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

76 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 45% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Counseling/Substance Abuse/Mental Health services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Maryland, 17 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 27% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 27% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 18% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 18% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Maryland, 16 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (77%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"In our emergency shelter we provided support to a family as they transitioned into a long-term supportive housing program that focuses on educational goals. This family successfully completed a 45-day stay in our shelter as well as an extension while awaiting placement in this new program. The mom of twins is very excited to go back to school and is grateful that our program was able to provide an extended stay."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Maine Summary

On September 16, 2015, 8 out of 8 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Maine participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 8 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

416 Victims Served in One Day

245 domestic violence victims (132 children and 113 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

171 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	88%
Emergency Shelter	88%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	75%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	75%
Rural Outreach	63%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	38%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	13%

87 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

485 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 485 individuals in communities across Maine attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

36 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 53% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Transportation/Gas services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Maine, 10 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 38% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 25% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 25% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 25% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Maine, 8 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (83%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Of the unmet needs on Census Day, our most in demand was legal representation. We worked with a few women who wanted representation for their family matter cases against their abusive partners. All of the women we worked with that day were threatened by their abusers, and told that they would win custody of their children."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Michigan Summary

On September 16, 2015, 53 out of 60 (88%) identified domestic violence programs in Michigan participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 53 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,607 Victims Served in One Day

1,762 domestic violence victims (1,060 children and 702 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

845 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Emergency Shelter	91%
Children's Support or Advocacy	89%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	60%
Group Support or Advocacy	53%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	47%
Support/Advocacy Related to Technology Use (cyberstalking, etc.)	13%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	6%

593 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 24 hotline calls every hour.

515 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 515 individuals in communities across Michigan attended 28 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

318 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 51% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Michigan, 47 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 19% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 15% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 13% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 11% of programs reported fewer individual donors.

Across Michigan, 36 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (75%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Our shelter has been at complete capacity since April of 2015. Like many other days, we had several women requesting immediate shelter. When assessed, two of these women scored incredibly high on our lethality assessment tool. Unfortunately, many of the surrounding shelters in other counties were also at capacity."

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Minnesota Summary

On September 16, 2015, 52 out of 61 (85%) identified domestic violence programs in Minnesota participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 52 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,369 Victims Served in One Day

960 domestic violence victims (554 children and 406 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,409 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	96%
Emergency Shelter	58%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	50%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	44%
Transportation	44%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	38%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	37%

745 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 31 hotline calls every hour.

674 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 674 individuals in communities across Minnesota attended 34 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

810 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 47% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Minnesota, 89 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 25% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 21% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 13% of programs reported fewer individual donors.
- 12% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Minnesota, 41 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (79%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A client called for housing and was unable to come to our shelter because we were full. Another client called for shelter and chose not to come because of lack of transportation. We receive many crisis calls each day. Most of these calls are from women in our state who are in need of safe housing/shelter. Because of the demand and high occupancy rates of shelter programs, we are forced to turn these women away and point them in the direction of other resources because we cannot meet their needs at the time. On the Census Day, we received 5 calls for shelter, a need we could not meet because we didn’t have any bed space available.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Missouri Summary

On September 16, 2015, 67 out of 69 (97%) identified domestic violence programs in Missouri participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 67 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,145 Victims Served in One Day

1,366 domestic violence victims (696 children and 670 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

779 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	99%
Children's Support or Advocacy	82%
Emergency Shelter	78%
Transportation	63%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	55%
Group Support or Advocacy	54%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	51%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	45%

613 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 25 hotline calls every hour.

1,046 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,046 individuals in communities across Missouri attended 37 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

413 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 64% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities, Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance, Transportation/Gas, and Counseling/Substance Abuse/Mental Health services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Missouri, 53 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 21% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 16% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 15% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 10% of programs reported fewer individual donors.

Across Missouri, 37 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (76%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Additional VOCA funds will be awarded to programs in spring 2016 to help address unmet requests for help.

"Housing is a request that we get on a daily basis. In our area we have a shortage of affordable housing. Even after shelter, clients have nowhere to go on a long-term basis."

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Mississippi Summary

On September 16, 2015, 13 out of 13 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Mississippi participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

338 Victims Served in One Day

259 domestic violence victims (141 children and 118 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

79 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Transportation	69%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	69%
Childcare/Daycare	54%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	31%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	15%
Rural Outreach	15%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	15%

176 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 7 hotline calls every hour.

226 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 226 individuals in communities across Mississippi attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

30 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 97% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment and Counseling/Substance Abuse/Mental Health services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Mississippi, 18 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 23% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 23% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 15% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 15% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Mississippi, 5 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (75%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A frightened pregnant mother of two, who endured abuse for an extended period of time and often contemplated leaving, successfully left her abuser. In an effort to keep him from tracking her location through her cell phone, she threw it out the window as she was driving. She was later notified that the phone had been located and returned to the abuser. Upon safe arrival at our location, she was flooded with emotion and relief.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Montana Summary

On September 16, 2015, 17 out of 21 (81%) identified domestic violence programs in Montana participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 17 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

364 Victims Served in One Day

199 domestic violence victims (95 children and 104 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

165 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	88%
Emergency Shelter	71%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	65%
Transportation	59%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	47%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	41%
Rural Outreach	41%

143 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

150 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 150 individuals in communities across Montana attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

92 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 86% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Montana, 28 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 29% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 18% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 18% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 12% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Montana, 14 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (85%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A woman came to us today after being in an abusive relationship for 6 years. She had been wanting to leave the relationship for a long time, but she had a service animal that she could not bear to part with. After learning that we accept service animals, she came into our shelter. She said she it was such a relief to be here because she knew in her heart because the abuse had escalated so much, that if she stayed with him any longer, she was going to end up dead.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts North Carolina Summary

On September 16, 2015, 60 out of 86 (70%) identified domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 60 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,576 Victims Served in One Day

820 domestic violence victims (429 children and 391 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

756 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Children's Support or Advocacy	93%
Emergency Shelter	90%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	60%
Transportation	52%
Group Support or Advocacy	47%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	23%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	10%

461 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 19 hotline calls every hour.

913 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 913 individuals in communities across North Carolina attended 39 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

102 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 61% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across North Carolina, 68 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 25% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 17% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 17% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 12% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across North Carolina, 27 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (73%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A survivor and her three kids were literally thrown out of their house. The dad said he would call the police on her if she returned. She came to our shelter with a broken jaw and lacerations on her face. The children had burn scars. She and the kids came to us on Census Day. The children kept saying, 'Is this really our room?' They were all very grateful to have a safe place to stay."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts North Dakota Summary

On September 16, 2015, 20 out of 20 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in North Dakota participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 20 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

300 Victims Served in One Day

129 domestic violence victims (65 children and 64 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

171 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	70%
Children's Support or Advocacy	55%
Emergency Shelter	45%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	35%
Transportation	30%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	20%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	15%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	10%

95 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

291 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 291 individuals in communities across North Dakota attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

14 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across North Dakota, 16 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 35% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 10% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 10% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 5% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across North Dakota, 19 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and all of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A client wants to leave an abusive relationship but cannot find housing. Due to the oil boom in ND in recent years, any housing is difficult to find--especially affordable housing. This client did not want to go to a shelter because she would have to take her children to school in a different community and does not have a vehicle. This client stayed with friends for a while but ended up returning to the home."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Nebraska Summary

On September 16, 2015, 21 out of 21 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Nebraska participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 21 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

472 Victims Served in One Day

153 domestic violence victims (86 children and 67 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

319 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	95%
Emergency Shelter	67%
Transportation	62%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	57%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	52%
Rural Outreach	38%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	5%

222 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 9 hotline calls every hour.

1,053 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,053 individuals in communities across Nebraska attended 51 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

105 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 76% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Nebraska, 15 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 24% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 10% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 10% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 5% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Nebraska, 10 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (78%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A survivor called stating that she had fled a domestic violence relationship, and needed legal representation in order to address child custody. She was unable to access services from Legal Aid due to a conflict of interest, and the WCA’s legal program was unable to represent her as a result of capacity issues.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts New Hampshire Summary

On September 16, 2015, 13 out of 13 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in New Hampshire participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

313 Victims Served in One Day

123 domestic violence victims (58 children and 65 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

190 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. 16
Children’s Support or Advocacy	92%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	77%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	62%
Transportation	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	46%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	23%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	23%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	8%

74 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

427 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 427 individuals in communities across New Hampshire attended 10 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, of Which 91% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across New Hampshire, 34 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 46% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 31% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 23% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 23% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across New Hampshire, 14 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (71%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“We were unable to shelter a woman and her three children on Census Day due to the capacity of our shelter. This woman struggled to find an available shelter in the state of New Hampshire. We wanted to help out and put them in a hotel until we were able to find a safe place for them to stay so they would not have to return to the home their abuser lived in, however due to financial limitations, our agency was not able to accommodate this request. The mother and her children were all scared of the possibility they would not find a place to stay and we could only make referrals to other area domestic violence shelters and homeless shelters.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts New Jersey Summary

On September 16, 2015, 28 out of 28 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in New Jersey participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 28 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,216 Victims Served in One Day

543 domestic violence victims (305 children and 238 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

673 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	96%
Children's Support or Advocacy	93%
Emergency Shelter	68%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	57%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	57%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	36%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	18%

607 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 25 hotline calls every hour.

140 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 140 individuals in communities across New Jersey attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

122 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 39% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation, Rental Assistance/Utilities, and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across New Jersey, 23 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 29% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 11% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 11% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 11% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across New Jersey, 26 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (89%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Many of the calls we received on the Census Day were callers in need of housing assistance. They requested assistance with paying utilities or their rent. These were callers who were not eligible for social services or who had maxed out their eligibility. We were unable to provide any assistance."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts New Mexico Summary

On September 16, 2015, 23 out of 32 (72%) identified domestic violence programs in New Mexico participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 23 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

643 Victims Served in One Day

460 domestic violence victims (264 children and 196 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

183 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. 16
Children’s Support or Advocacy	78%
Emergency Shelter	70%
Transportation	52%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	39%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	30%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	26%
Therapy/Counseling for Children or Youth (by a licensed practitioner)	17%

166 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

171 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 171 individuals in communities across New Mexico attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

95 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 58% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across New Mexico, 24 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 26% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 17% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 13% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 13% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across New Mexico, 17 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (82%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“One of the children said that before he and his family came to our shelter, the people where they used to live hurt him and liked hurting him; that they did not like him very much. The child said how happy he was to be here because nobody hurt him, everyone liked him and it was the first time ever he was safe.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Nevada Summary

On September 16, 2015, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

334 Victims Served in One Day

182 domestic violence victims (98 children and 84 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

152 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	87%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	80%
Emergency Shelter	73%
Group Support or Advocacy	60%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	47%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	47%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	40%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	13%

105 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

75 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 75 individuals in communities across Nevada attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

108 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 69% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Transportation/Gas services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Nevada, 34 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 33% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 33% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 7% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 7% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Nevada, 20 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (86%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Due to the reduction in funding, our organization no longer has a full-time staff member available to provide legal advocacy to victims, especially those needing assistance with protection orders or in court. If things don’t change, rural victims are going to be left to fend for themselves and that will be a death sentence for many of them.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts New York Summary

On September 16, 2015, 99 out of 102 (97%) identified domestic violence programs in New York participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 99 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

6,950 Victims Served in One Day

3,711 domestic violence victims (2,109 children and 1,602 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

3,239 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	97%
Emergency Shelter	72%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	65%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	57%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	55%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	45%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	42%

1,360 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 56 hotline calls every hour.

1,619 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,619 individuals in communities across New York attended 70 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

956 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 61% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across New York, 148 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 39% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 18% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 9% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 7% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across New York, 115 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (76%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Another organization called on behalf of a woman and her 4 children who were seeking shelter. Our shelter was at capacity and we could not accept her. She was referred to other programs that may not have been able to help her either with all the services she needed.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Ohio Summary

On September 16, 2015, 69 out of 69 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 69 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,047 Victims Served in One Day

1,252 domestic violence victims (683 children and 569 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

795 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	99%
Children's Support or Advocacy	81%
Emergency Shelter	72%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	59%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	48%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	38%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	20%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	10%

618 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 25 hotline calls every hour.

1,361 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,361 individuals in communities across Ohio attended 44 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

146 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 66% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Ohio, 77 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 13% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 12% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 10% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 7% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Ohio, 32 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (72%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help

"A client who worked with a legal advocate in court stated that the court process was much less stressful with the advocate there to assist the client. The client stated, 'It is a wonderful thing that you do in your work. It is much needed and appreciated.'"

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Oklahoma Summary

On September 16, 2015, 31 out of 31 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Oklahoma participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 31 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,041 Victims Served in One Day

572 domestic violence victims (272 children and 300 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

469 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. 16
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	26%
Therapy/Counseling for Children or Youth (by a licensed practitioner)	23%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	16%
Rural Outreach	16%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	13%

332 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 13 hotline calls every hour.

163 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 163 individuals in communities across Oklahoma attended 18 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

339 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 19% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Oklahoma, 45 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 16% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 13% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 13% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 10% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Oklahoma, 20 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (82%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A victim and her two children were all being victimized by the father who was on meth and was chasing all of them with an axe. The mother called the police and they did not assist her and instructed him to go lay down due to he lived there as well. They lived in fear for the remainder of the night and escaped to emergency shelter. Since being in shelter, the children have been in counseling, changed schools successfully and she has been approved for housing and obtained a job within the first week of being in shelter.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Oregon Summary

On September 16, 2015, 47 out of 51 (92%) identified domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 47 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,889 Victims Served in One Day

870 domestic violence victims (473 children and 397 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,019 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. 16
Children’s Support or Advocacy	77%
Emergency Shelter	68%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	49%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	47%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	43%
Rural Outreach	43%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	49%

658 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 27 hotline calls every hour.

458 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 458 individuals in communities across Oregon attended 52 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

473 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 74% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Oregon, 81 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 26% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 19% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 17% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 15% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Oregon, 41 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (82%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Getting a survivor into emergency DV shelter is a time-consuming and complex process in our community now, and there are not enough shelter beds. The scarcity of this resource really adds to the danger, violence, and abuse for which survivors are already at such high risk.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Pennsylvania Summary

On September 16, 2015, 60 out of 60 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Pennsylvania participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 60 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,600 Victims Served in One Day

1,332 domestic violence victims (697 children and 635 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,268 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	82%
Emergency Shelter	80%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	72%
Transportation	40%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	28%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	25%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	22%

748 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 31 hotline calls every hour.

2,475 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 2,475 individuals in communities across Pennsylvania attended 74 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

444 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 84% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Pennsylvania, 23 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 15% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 15% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 5% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 3% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Pennsylvania, 35 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (77%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“For some time we had been providing safety planning, legal coordination and support for a woman and her four children who have been in an abusive relationship for almost 10 years. Advocates were able to provide her with assistance locating adequate permanent housing, financial assistance to cover the necessary security deposit, furniture and household items. They were also able to obtain on-going counseling services for her and her children. As it happened, she came to our facility on Census Day to pick up her rental assistance check for her security deposit on her ‘safe haven,’ as she called it. As she walked around to all the staff that assisted her to make this life-changing event, she cried and said ‘Thank you for saving our lives.’”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Puerto Rico Summary

On September 16, 2015, 12 out of 14 (86%) identified domestic violence programs in Puerto Rico participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 12 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

513 Victims Served in One Day

342 domestic violence victims (188 children and 154 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

171 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	83%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	67%
Emergency Shelter	58%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	42%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	42%
Transportation	33%
Group Support or Advocacy	17%

129 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

333 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 333 individuals in communities across Puerto Rico attended 41 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

20 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 100% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Puerto Rico, 3 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 33% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 25% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 8% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 8% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Puerto Rico, 12 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (71%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Although this program does not routinely provide medical services, they expressed they were unable to appropriately address two needs: an immigrant woman without legal status who needed medical attention and could not access services; and a second woman who needed food. They were able to provide groceries for the second woman a couple of days later. They are still struggling with the first victim.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Rhode Island Summary

On September 16, 2015, 6 out of 6 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Rhode Island participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 6 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

290 Victims Served in One Day

132 domestic violence victims (72 children and 60 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

158 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. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	100%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	83%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	67%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	50%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	33%

165 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

106 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 106 individuals in communities across Rhode Island attended 6 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

187 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 91% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Rhode Island, 6 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 33% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 17% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

“Due to the fact that we were at capacity, we were unable to assist several callers who were seeking emergency shelter.”

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts South Carolina Summary

On September 16, 2015, 12 out of 13 (92%) identified domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 12 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

437 Victims Served in One Day

252 domestic violence victims (124 children and 128 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

185 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	92%
Transportation	75%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	58%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	33%
Rural Outreach	25%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	17%

115 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

447 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 447 individuals in communities across South Carolina attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

40 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 83% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across South Carolina, 23 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 17% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 8% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across South Carolina, 9 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and half (50%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“We had a client who needed legal representation for a family court matter for her to obtain visitation for her children who is in the custody of her abuser. Due to our agency not having staff that provides legal representation to our DV victims, she was referred to the local Legal Services office, which has a long waiting list and she may or may not qualify for their services so that she would be able to get the legal representation that’s needed.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts South Dakota Summary

On September 16, 2015, 13 out of 30 (43%) identified domestic violence programs in South Dakota participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

281 Victims Served in One Day

156 domestic violence victims (94 children and 62 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

125 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	77%
Emergency Shelter	77%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	54%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	46%
Rural Outreach	31%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	31%

122 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

35 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 35 individuals in communities across South Dakota attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

16 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across South Dakota, 12 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 38% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 31% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 23% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 8% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across South Dakota, 2 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and both of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“One of our case managers worked with a survivor in shelter to apply for a job, housing, and completed a Dress for Success referral. She had been with her partner for years and for the first time said she felt ‘free’ because she was able to make choices about where she lived and worked. Her first job interview is tomorrow!”

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Tennessee Summary

On September 16, 2015, 32 out of 32 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Tennessee participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 32 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

858 Victims Served in One Day

525 domestic violence victims (237 children and 288 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

333 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	97%
Children's Support or Advocacy	91%
Transportation	66%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	56%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	44%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing /Landlord	31%

306 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

682 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 682 individuals in communities across Tennessee attended 27 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

60 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 55% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Tennessee, 36 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 19% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 16% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 9% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 6% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Tennessee, 11 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (89%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A mother with five children escaped her abuser and needed shelter. Unfortunately, we did not have room in our shelter and all other shelters in the area were full. We were able to provide her with a hotel voucher to give her a place to stay until space in a shelter became available."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Texas Summary

On September 16, 2015, 85 out of 85 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Texas participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 85 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

5,807 Victims Served in One Day

3,801 domestic violence victims (2,147 children and 1,654 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,006 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. 16
Emergency Shelter	86%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	56%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	34%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	32%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	19%

1,898 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 79 hotline calls every hour.

2,633 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 2,633 individuals in communities across Texas attended 83 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

1,539 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 48% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Texas, 59 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 13% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 9% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 8% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 5% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Texas, 46 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (80%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates available to assist clients seeking safety and self-sufficiency.

“A woman needed shelter because her spouse physically assaulted her, leaving her with numerous injuries. She fled the scene, but still felt unsafe. We provided her with transportation, immediate emergency shelter, and accompanied her to the local hospital, where she received treatment for her injuries. The woman stated that she now felt safe and was thankful for our assistance and support.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Utah Summary

On September 16, 2015, 17 out of 17 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 17 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

874 Victims Served in One Day

636 domestic violence victims (383 children and 253 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

238 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. 16
Emergency Shelter	94%
Children's Support or Advocacy	94%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	59%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	59%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	53%

169 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 7 hotline calls every hour.

193 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 193 individuals in communities across Utah attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

133 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 82% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Utah, 22 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 18% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 18% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 18% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 12% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Utah, 13 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (60%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Our agency lost funding for our transitional housing program. The loss of this funding forces survivors to stay in shelter causing these families to remain homeless. Safe, stable, affordable housing is a critical need for those fleeing domestic violence."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Virginia Summary

On September 16, 2015, 51 out of 51 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Virginia participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 51 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,613 Victims Served in One Day

793 domestic violence victims (397 children and 396 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

820 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	88%
Emergency Shelter	84%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	49%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	33%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	27%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	22%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	8%

565 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 23 hotline calls every hour.

326 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 326 individuals in communities across Virginia attended 28 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

156 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 70% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Counseling/Substance Abuse/Mental Health services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Virginia, 31 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 18% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 18% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 12% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 8% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Virginia, 42 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (83%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“After spending two months in shelter, a young woman and her two children moved into their new home today. It was a very happy, exciting day. They received help from a rental assistance program in the community and furniture was provided by a faith-based organization. [We] provided her with household items and two tricycles for the children. She is able to afford rent and bills through wages from her full-time job.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts The Virgin Islands Summary

On September 16, 2015, 2 out of 2 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in the Virgin Islands participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 2 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

76 Victims Served in One Day

31 domestic violence victims (17 children and 14 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

45 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	100%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	100%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	100%
Transportation	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	50%

23 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered 23 hotline calls.

20 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 15% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across the Virgin Islands, 2 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 100% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 100% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 50% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

"A woman who was recently forced to run for her life was in court seeking a permanent restraining order. During the hearing, she indicated that she was staying at her cousin's house with her six children. She was so scared of the perpetrator, that she told the judge that they were more comfortable in the two-bedroom home rather than the larger apartment where her perpetrator resided. The court advocate clarified to the judge that her name was on the lease and technically, her live-in boyfriend had no rights to occupy the apartment. Therefore, the judge had more information on which to base his decisions."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Vermont Summary

On September 16, 2015, 11 out of 11 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Vermont participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 11 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

370 Victims Served in One Day

194 domestic violence victims (79 children and 115 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

176 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. 16
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	64%
Children's Support or Advocacy	64%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	55%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	45%
Safe Exchange/Visitation	36%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	27%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	27%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	18%

109 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

107 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 107 individuals in communities across Vermont attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

53 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 47% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Vermont, 8 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 18% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 9% of programs reported government funding cuts.

Across Vermont, 3 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and all of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A mother and young child called our hotline after dark. They had fled their home and were calling from the side of the road in a different town. They had nowhere to stay that night. Our shelter was full along with the area homeless shelter. Our hotline worker was able to coordinate a safe motel stay for this mom and child."

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Washington Summary

On September 16, 2015, 59 out of 67 (88%) identified domestic violence programs in Washington participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 59 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,375 Victims Served in One Day

1,391 domestic violence victims (793 children and 598 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

984 adults and children received advocacy and services other than shelter, including help finding or retaining permanent housing, individual support and 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	95%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	75%
Emergency Shelter	68%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	44%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	42%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	39%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	31%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	17%

660 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 27 hotline calls every hour.

323 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 323 individuals in communities across Washington attended 21 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

814 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 86% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Washington, 54 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 🏠 22% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 🏠 14% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 🏠 10% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 🏠 5% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Washington, 33 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (82%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A woman with a 2-month old baby called looking for shelter. She had fled her abuser with nothing but her purse and her baby and had nowhere to go. She was new to the area and her cell phone was about to die. We did not have emergency shelter space for her and she didn’t have a way to make a bunch of phone calls to find a place. This kind of request happens often and we do our best to come up with money for a hotel night, but we don’t have a budget for this. We often have to point people to a general homeless shelter where they can only stay from one night to the next. It’s heartbreaking.”

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts Wisconsin Summary

On September 16, 2015, 57 out of 72 (79%) identified domestic violence programs in Wisconsin participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 57 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,765 Victims Served in One Day

893 domestic violence victims (489 children and 404 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

872 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	93%
Children's Support or Advocacy	77%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	49%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	40%
Transportation	40%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	35%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	32%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	30%

615 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 25 hotline calls every hour.

793 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 793 individuals in communities across Wisconsin attended 31 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

176 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 74% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Wisconsin, 69 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 18% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 11% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 11% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 9% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Wisconsin, 31 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (66%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A woman and her 3 children came into the agency. She had heard about our services from a friend. She was fleeing an abusive relationship. The abusive person was her husband and father of her 3 children. She did not have a safe place to stay and had decided the best way to keep her family safe was to file a TRO. The legal advocate was able to meet with her. They completed the TRO and filed it at the Justice Center. We were able to put her and her children in temporary safe housing. We were able to notify the school of the circumstances so that the mother had a sense of comfort sending her children to school."

— Advocate



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Domestic Violence Counts West Virginia Summary

On September 16, 2015, 14 out of 14 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in West Virginia participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 14 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

350 Victims Served in One Day

162 domestic violence victims (81 children and 81 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

188 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	93%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	93%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	50%
Rural Outreach	50%
Transportation	29%

102 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

30 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 30 individuals in communities across West Virginia attended 2 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

16 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 56% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across West Virginia, 20 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 21% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 21% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 14% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 7% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across West Virginia, 9 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (67%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A victim sat in the courtroom to request protection from her abusive partner and repeatedly said, 'I don't know if I can do this. I don't know if I can face him.' The domestic violence advocate sat with her through the proceedings and the victim was granted a protection order. After the hearing she hugged the advocate and said, 'I can't thank you enough, I could have never gone in there alone. You helped me so much.'"

— Advocate

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Domestic Violence Counts Wyoming Summary

On September 16, 2015, 23 out of 23 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Wyoming participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 23 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

332 Victims Served in One Day

155 domestic violence victims (83 children and 72 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

177 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	83%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	70%
Emergency Shelter	52%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	52%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	48%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	43%
Transportation	39%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	35%

121 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

93 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 93 individuals in communities across Wyoming attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

17 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 59% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Wyoming, 37 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 🏠 26% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 🏠 26% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 🏠 22% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 🏠 17% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Wyoming, 10 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (67%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“We had a victim come to our office who needed a place to live. By not having a place to live, she had to sign over guardianship of her children to her mother-in-law. We were able to find a relative for her to stay with, but the relative couldn’t accommodate the children. It was a very frustrating feeling not being able to do more for this woman and her children.”

— Advocate

“We’re working with a client whose abuser recently left their shared residence. She relied 100% on him for income. She was destitute, hadn’t worked in years and didn’t know how to find daycare. We’ve helped her safety-plan, obtain a protection order, pay rent, shop for necessities, and find daycare. She’s working full-time, saving money and participating in financial empowerment classes. She’s getting on her feet, feeling better about her abilities to care for her son and is thriving.”

— Advocate

