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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

