



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Mississippi Summary

On September 14, 2016, 13 out of 13 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Mississippi participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

484 Victims Served in One Day

225 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

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

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Children’s Support or Advocacy	85%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	8%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	8%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	8%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	8%

78 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 hotline staff answered **78** calls, averaging **3** hotline calls every hour.

535 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **535** individuals in communities across Mississippi attended **11** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

32 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 100% (32) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **32** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Mississippi, **8** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Some (**25%**) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “The victim was quiet during the shelter intake process. When asked why, she replied, ‘I don’t know if I can sleep in an open room with other women.’ For comfort, I gave her the tour of the shelter, and set her up in a private room. The next morning, her fear and uncertainty had vanished. She landed a job that day and was promoted to manager after three short months.”