



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS

South Carolina

Summary

On September 14, 2016, 13 out of 13 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in South Carolina 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.

538 Victims Served in One Day

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

221 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	92%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	85%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	62%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	31%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	8%
Transitional or Other Housing Program	0%

177 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 **177** calls, averaging **7** hotline calls every hour.

566 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **566** individuals in communities across South Carolina attended **17** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

44 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 86% (38) 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 44 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 South Carolina, **4** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**67%**) 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, “A survivor came to us covered in bruises. She was scared to file for a protection order and testify in court against her abuser. We offered legal advocacy and court accompaniment. After getting the protection order, she wanted to go back to New York. With our advocate’s assistance, she was able to transfer her Section 8 housing and reconnect with family. We provided her gas money for her long trip back to NY.”