



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Tennessee Summary

On September 14, 2016, 33 out of 33 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Tennessee participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 33 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,094 Victims Served in One Day

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

**365** 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	<b>100%</b>
Children’s Support or Advocacy	<b>91%</b>
Emergency Shelter	<b>85%</b>
Transportation	<b>82%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>58%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	<b>42%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	<b>39%</b>
Group Support/Advocacy	<b>27%</b>

### 314 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 **314** calls, averaging **13** hotline calls every hour.

### 396 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **396** individuals in communities across Tennessee attended **12** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 698 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 43% (300) 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 **698** 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 Tennessee, **28.5** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**75%**) 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 woman came to our shelter today who was five months pregnant and had been brutally beaten by her husband. We helped her get medical care but she unfortunately lost the baby.”

