

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 12 out of 19, or 63%, of identified domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 12 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

532 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 252 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 280 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 92% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 50% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

92% Emergency Shelter

92% Individual Counseling or Advocacy

83% Legal Accompaniment/ Services

75% Group Counseling or Advocacy

67% Children's Counseling/ Advocacy

58% Advocacy with Social Services

50% Transitional Housing

42% Childcare

4 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Alabama reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

NOT ENOUGH STAFF

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims' requests for services. 58% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 33% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

102 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Alabama answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

926 PEOPLE TRAINED

Individuals across Alabama attended community education and trainings, gaining much needed information on prevention and early intervention.

After working with us, a domestic violence victim took a deep breath and realized things could and will get better.

We currently have six clients between the ages of 18-24 who are in need of transitional housing. There are little to no resources for transitional housing for that age group.