

# Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 19 out of 35, or 54%, of identified domestic violence programs in Arkansas participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 19 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 341 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 226 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 115 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.
- In just one day, 84% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 26% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

84%	Emergency Shelter
84%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
63%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
53%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
47%	Children’s Counseling/ Advocacy
32%	Advocacy with Social Services
32%	Childcare
26%	Transitional Housing

## 35 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Arkansas 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. Of those unmet requests for services, 14 were for shelter, 19 for transitional housing, and 2 for nonresidential advocacy services.

## 72 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Arkansas answered more than 3 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

## 1,277 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

A woman came in today who was so badly beaten that she was coughing up blood. We were able to help her obtain a protection order against her abuser that afternoon.

A woman came in scratched from head to toe after being dragged through a thorn bush by her husband. We don’t have grant money for an attorney, so we were not able to help her with legal counsel. We tried to refer her, but we only have a handful of attorneys willing to assist when Legal Aid cannot, and their ability to assist is becoming less and less frequent.