

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 57 out of 94, or 61%, of identified domestic violence programs in California participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 57 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

3,049 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 1,505 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 1,544 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 100% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 49% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

100%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
88%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
84%	Emergency Shelter
81%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
79%	Advocacy with Social Services
77%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
49%	Childcare
49%	Transitional Housing

571 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in California 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. 47% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 18% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

794 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in California answered more than 33 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

1,370 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

A domestic violence survivor has finally found a place here in town to live after many days of apartment searching. She is excited because she will not have to find a new job or move her children to a new school.

Our shelter was full, which means we had to turn away women seeking shelter. Our funding for emergency motels is very limited, and we lack funding for basic things such as clothing, personal care items, and transportation. Victims must seek those things from other community resources, which are equally limited, or go without.