

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 22 out of 53, or 42%, of identified domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 22 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

844 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 607 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 237 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 91% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 59% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

91% Individual Counseling or Advocacy

68% Emergency Shelter

64% Legal Accompaniment/ Services

59% Advocacy with Social Services

59% Children's Counseling/ Advocacy

59% Group Counseling or Advocacy

59% Transitional Housing

45% Childcare

93 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Indiana 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. 82% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 32% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

306 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Indiana answered more than 13 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

644 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

One of our case managers was able to collaborate with another domestic violence agency in the community to secure the funds to help a resident rent a car to travel out of state for an important court date.

Due to limited staff, we were unable to serve over 30 women today, all of whom were requesting help in gaining protective orders.