

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 23 out of 27, or 85%, of identified domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 23 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,063 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 274 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 789 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 22% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

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| 100% | Individual Counseling or Advocacy |
| 83% | Advocacy with Social Services |
| 78% | Emergency Shelter |
| 74% | Children's Counseling/ Advocacy |
| 70% | Legal Accompaniment/ Services |
| 61% | Group Counseling or Advocacy |
| 26% | Childcare |
| 22% | Transitional Housing |

141 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Kansas 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. 74% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 39% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

300 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

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

1,194 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

Today our program sheltered a woman who endured abuse for 37 years and has now escaped for the first time. We were also able to help another one of our clients whose car broke down on her first day at a new job and another had her electricity turned off.

Because we serve rural communities, our staff spend most of their time driving to meet victims. While the total number of victims served may not be as high as in more populated areas, more resources are needed due to the many miles we must cover and the limited resources in each community.