

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 47 out of 62, or 76%, of identified domestic violence programs in Michigan participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 47 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,171 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 1,403 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 768 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 98% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 47% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

98%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
85%	Emergency Shelter
72%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
70%	Advocacy with Social Services
66%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
62%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
57%	Childcare
47%	Transitional Housing

256 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Michigan 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. 64% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 23% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

1,151 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Michigan answered more than 48 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

557 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

Our program was able to help a woman who was severely beaten and held hostage for two days in her house. We helped the victim through her police interview and her medical examination.

We're housed in a healthcare setting and a woman came in with her husband for a regular check-up. We took photos of her bruises and gave her domestic violence information, but because there were no beds available at any shelters, she returned home with her husband.