

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 20 out of 25, or 80%, of identified domestic violence programs in New Jersey participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 20 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,412 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 688 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 724 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 95% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 55% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

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| 95% | Individual Counseling or Advocacy |
| 90% | Children's Counseling/ Advocacy |
| 90% | Emergency Shelter |
| 85% | Advocacy with Social Services |
| 75% | Legal Accompaniment/ Services |
| 70% | Group Counseling or Advocacy |
| 60% | Childcare |
| 55% | Transitional Housing |

187 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in New Jersey 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. 40% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 10% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

464 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in New Jersey answered more than 19 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

461 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

A new residential client came to us from the police station today. The mother and her children only had the clothes on their back, and we were able to give them new clothing, shoes, and food.

Due to the high cost of housing here, clients have an extraordinarily difficult time finding affordable housing. There is also a great need for legal services and more shelter space.