

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 6 out of 6, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Rhode Island participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 6 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

292 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 76 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 216 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 83% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 67% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

100%	Emergency Shelter
100%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
83%	Childcare
83%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
67%	Advocacy with Social Services
67%	Transitional Housing
50%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
50%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services

32 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Rhode Island 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. 33% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff.

129 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Rhode Island answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

125 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

During this reporting period the residential staff received a thank you card from a former resident who had recently moved into her own apartment. She thanked our agency for everything we had taught her.

Our agency only has one separate transitional [housing] unit outside of the shelter to offer our clients. Affordable housing is virtually nonexistent here. If we had additional resources, we would be able to offer our clients more of what they need—safe and affordable housing.