

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 10 out of 13, or 77%, of identified domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 10 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

438 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 212 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 226 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 50% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

100%	Emergency Shelter
100%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
90%	Advocacy with Social Services
80%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
80%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
70%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
50%	Transitional Housing
30%	Childcare

4 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in South Carolina 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. 60% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 10% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

108 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

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

132 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

We worked with another domestic violence program to locate housing assistance for a victim.

Limited funding resources, such as rent deposits and lack of subsidized housing, make it difficult for battered women to leave abusive relationships, especially if they are financially dependent on the batterer.