

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 2 out of 3, or 67%, of identified domestic violence programs in Virgin Islands participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 2 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

25 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 4 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 21 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 emergency shelter. Other services provided by programs include:

- 100% Children’s Counseling/Advocacy
- 100% Individual Counseling or Advocacy
- 50% Advocacy with Social Services
- 50% Childcare
- 50% Emergency Shelter
- 50% Group Counseling or Advocacy
- 50% Legal Accompaniment/Services
- 50% Childcare

7 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Virgin Islands 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. 0% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 0% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

24 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Virgin Islands answered more than 1 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

51 PEOPLE TRAINED

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