

# Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 45 out of 77, or 58%, of identified domestic violence programs in Wisconsin participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 45 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 1,560 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 696 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 864 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 36% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

98% Individual Counseling or Advocacy

84% Legal Accompaniment/ Services

73% Children's Counseling/ Advocacy

71% Emergency Shelter

56% Group Counseling or Advocacy

49% Advocacy with Social Services

42% Childcare

36% Transitional Housing

## 263 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Wisconsin 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. 76% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 24% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

## 682 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Wisconsin answered more than 28 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

## 481 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

During the 24-hour survey period, our program was still coping with the aftermath of a domestic violence homicide that occurred in our community a few weeks ago. Advocates from the program provided support to grieving friends and family and are working to create community change.

In our rural community, domestic violence and sexual assault are still the most underreported crimes. We need more funding for prevention education.