

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Kansas Summary

On September 17, 2008, 25 out of 25, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

912 Victims Served In One Day

325 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

587 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

88%	Individual Support or Advocacy
72%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
64%	Children's Support or Advocacy
64%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
56%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
52%	Rural Outreach
36%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
32%	Medical Services/Accompaniment

280 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

635 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 635 individuals in communities across Kansas attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

50 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 30 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 68% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 36% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$25,306.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 4% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Because of no available bed space, we couldn't take in a woman who had been pushed down a flight of stairs by her abuser. We safety planned with her and found space at another shelter."

"Demand for services has gone up—in fact, we sheltered 20 percent more clients this year compared to the past year."