

'10 Domestic Violence Counts Delaware Summary

On September 15, 2010, 7 out of 7, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Delaware participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

223 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 15
Individual Support or Advocacy	86%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	57%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	43%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	43%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	29%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	14%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	14%
Group Support or Advocacy	14%

7 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

10 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 3 (30%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 14% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 14% reported not enough staff.
- 14% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.

57% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 57% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 71% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"We provided crisis counseling for a mother who was concerned about her daughter who has a disability and is being abused by the person she is dating."

