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Domestic Violence Counts Guam Summary

On September 15, 2010, 3 out of 3, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Guam participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 46 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

28 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

| Services Provided by Local Programs: | Sept. 15 |
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| Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses) | 50% |
| Transitional Housing | 50% |
| Individual Support or Advocacy | 33% |
| Transportation | 33% |

3 Hotline Calls Answered

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

2 Jobs Lost

Without adequate staffing, programs struggle to provide help and advocacy to survivors. In 2010, programs reported letting go or not replacing staff in 2 positions because of a lack of funding.

100% of Programs Reported Increases in Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 100% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 67% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

1 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.

In addition to not enough beds or money for hotel and limited staffing, programs indicated that limited funding for programs and services, a lack of specialized services, and limited accessibility, such as translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment for people who have disabilities were reasons they couldn't meet requests for services.

At times there are service gaps for women and children who have had to flee their homes because of domestic violence. For some women, upon exit from shelter they are left with no place to go and cannot afford accommodations on their own. Women and families who do not qualify for the transitional housing program require our assistance. In addition, the lack of adequate or reliable public transportation also impacts survivor's access to other services.

