

'09 Domestic Violence Counts South Carolina Summary

On September 15, 2009, 13 out of 13, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

376 Victims Served in One Day

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

116 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	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Group Support or Advocacy	77%
Children's Support or Advocacy	77%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	8%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	23%
Advocacy Related to School System	15%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	15%

122 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 approximately 5 hotline calls every hour.

438 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 438 individuals in communities across South Carolina attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

11 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, 4 (36%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 🏠 46% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 38% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 23% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 15% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 8% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"A client needed medication after her abuser injured her eye. But the perscription cost was \$70 and we have no funds available to help her."

"A former client called to tell me that she went on her first vacation without her abuser, and said how free it felt to order food for herself, go where she wanted to go, and do whatever she wanted to do."