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## Domestic Violence Counts Guam Summary

On September 15, 2011, 3 out of 3, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Guam participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 27 Victims Served in One Day

22 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

5 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 (including hotels or safe houses)	33%
Transitional Housing	33%
Children's Support or Advocacy	33%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	33%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	33%
Transportation	33%

### 2 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### Partnerships are Extremely important

On a scale from "not important at all" to "extremely important," the responding program identified regular interaction and networking with community partners such as law enforcement, courts, legal aid, and social services as "extremely important."

"We were successful in helping a woman get a protective order against the father of her two minor children, who attacked her with a machete while she was carrying their infant son. She was grateful that we were able to help explain the legal process which was especially foreign to her, since she is an immigrant and in her culture the extended family typically comes together to resolve domestic violence issues internally."

