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Domestic Violence Counts Hawaii Summary

On September 15, 2011, 16 out of 16, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

485 Victims Served in One Day

192 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.

293 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
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	44%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	19%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	19%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	19%
Translation/Interpretation Services (3rd party translator w/ advocate)	13%
Medical Services/Accompaniment	13%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	13%

78 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 3 hotline calls every hour.

23 Unmet Requests for Services

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.

87% of Unmet Requests Were for Non-Residential Services

With 20 unmet requests, counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support service were among the most requested services.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 50% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 44% reported not enough staff.
- 25% reported not enough specialized services.
- 6% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"Yesterday, a woman came for help filing for a restraining order. Her husband had recently been released from jail after being incarcerated for family abuse. She had hoped things would be better, but he was still very abusive. She planned on going back home that night but decided to stay at the shelter because she felt safer. Today, she had movers get all of her belongings from the house and ship them to the mainland where she has family support and a job waiting."

