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Domestic Violence Counts Idaho Summary

On September 15, 2011, 27 out of 27, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

638 Victims Served in One Day

224 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.

414 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%
Children's Support or Advocacy	52%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	48%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	44%
Adult Therapy/Counseling (by licensed practitioner)	33%
Transitional Housing	30%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	22%

192 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, Idaho programs answered more than 8 hotline calls every hour.

280 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.

61% of Unmet Requests Were for Non-Residential Services

With 172 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:

- 🏠 48% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 33% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 15% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 7% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 7% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"We see victims become more empowered and encouraged because of the support system we provide. Victims can focus on their dignity, safety, self-esteem and freedom. Our efforts are making a difference but there is always an additional need for more resources. This year our agency has seen a 75 percent increase in requests for counseling services and a 45 percent increase in need for emergency shelter."

