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## Domestic Violence Counts Northern Mariana Islands

On September 15, 2011, 1 out of 1, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Northern Mariana Islands participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the participating program about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 78 Victims Served in One Day

67 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.

11 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

### 4 Hotline Calls Answered

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

"On the survey day, a victim was successfully moved into safe transitional housing with her children. She had stayed in our emergency shelter for nearly five months, and given birth to her youngest child while in shelter. While she was in the shelter, she received formal counseling from our therapist as well as emotional support from our staff. She stated in the exit survey, 'What I liked best about the shelter was how I was able to make myself strong each day.'"

### Services Provided on September 15

Individual Support or Advocacy
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)
Transitional Housing
Children's Support or Advocacy
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy
Transportation
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues
Advocacy Related to Immigration
Advocacy Related to Mental Health
Bilingual Advocacy
Financial Skills/Budgeting
Medical Services/Accompaniment
Job Training/Employment Assistance
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)
Therapy/Counseling for Children (by a licensed practitioner)

### Additional Needs

In addition to the services listed above, the participating program reported that victims often seek legal help with other related issues including child custody, child support, divorce, immigration, mortgage and credit issues, and violations of protection orders.