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Domestic Violence Counts North Carolina Summary

On September 15, 2011, 51 out of 93, or 55%, of identified local domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 51 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,526 Victims Served in One Day

682 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.

844 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	98%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	76%
Children's Support or Advocacy	73%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	51%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	35%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	33%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	24%

493 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 20 hotline calls every hour.

287 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.

49% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

With 142 unmet requests, emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be urgent unmet needs. Other frequently requested unmet needs include legal representation, counseling, and legal advocacy.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 🏠 47% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 29% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 24% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 16% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 8% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"Today, a victim shared her story for the first time in over 20 years. She shared how her husband attempted to shoot her twice. After she fled, he shot and killed her mother and attempted to kill her father. Even after all these years, she didn't want her face and name revealed. She and her family members still live in fear of a man whose violence took away a life, a sense of security and innocence."

