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## Domestic Violence Counts Florida Summary

On September 12, 2012, 42 out of 42, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Florida participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 3,090 Victims Served in One Day

1,926 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.

1,164 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 12
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	95%
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Group Support or Advocacy	79%
Children's Support or Advocacy	95%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	43%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	57%
Transitional Housing	45%
Advocacy Related to Technology Use (cyberstalking)	19%

### 714 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### 778 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 778 individuals in communities across Florida attended 37 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 111 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 110 request for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

### 71% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 79 requests unmet.

Of the unmet requests, the following services were the most requested:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Transitional Housing
3. Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment
4. Attorney/Legal Representation

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 29% reported limited funding for needed programs and services.
- 21% reported not enough staff.
- 19% reported no beds and no money for hotel stays.
- 10% reported not enough specialized services (e.g., drug and alcohol counselor).
- 10% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"The work that we do is truly life-saving. It's not just about hotlines, shelters or counseling. We support survivors with their housing, education, employment, and financial needs, but also their emotional and spiritual needs as well. This is a big job, and we're always doing more with less and less."

