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## Domestic Violence Counts Guam Summary

On September 12, 2012, 3 out of 3, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Guam participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 16 Victims Served in One Day

16 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.

Of those seeking shelter, 31 percent found refuge in emergency shelter and 69 percent found safety in transitional housing.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 12
Individual Support or Advocacy	33%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	33%
Transitional Housing	33%
Children's Support or Advocacy	33%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	33%
Transportation	33%

### 13 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### Legal Assistance

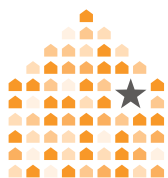
For many survivors, the ability to hire an attorney to help with legal matters is critical. Unfortunately, lack of funds, few pro bono attorneys, and programs without legal attorneys on staff means that many victims face their abusers in court alone.

Below are the top 8 legal requests from survivors.

Child Custody	67%
Child Support	67%
Protection Orders	67%
Divorce	67%
Child Protection Issues	33%
Criminal Justice System Advocacy	33%
Housing	33%
Financial or Economic Issues	33%

"Victims of domestic violence need the support of employers. When leaving an abusive partner, they need to be able to go to court or go to the hospital for treatment, without fear of losing their jobs."

"Knowing that we're there 24 hours a day is comforting to the victims. Our staff is always ready to listen and assist them any time. Here they have found peace."



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