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Domestic Violence Counts Hawaii Summary

On September 12, 2012, 16 out of 17, or 94%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

587 Victims Served in One Day

176 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.

411 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Children's Support or Advocacy	81%
Group Support or Advocacy	50%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	50%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	31%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	25%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	25%
Transitional Housing	25%

84 Hotline Calls Answered

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

150 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 150 individuals in communities across Hawaii attended 4 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

69 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 60 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.

17% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 12 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 63% reported not enough staff.
- 31% reported limited funding for needed programs and services.
- 31% reported not enough specialized services (e.g., drug and alcohol counselor).
- 6% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"Due to delay in our federal funds, we will be operating the next 2 to 3 months without funding. As a temporary solution, we are volunteering to work on the weekends without pay so we can keep our center open. I keep my fingers crossed that our funding comes in by December; otherwise, the center will have to close."

