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Domestic Violence Counts Maryland Summary

On September 12, 2012, 23 out of 23, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Maryland participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,016 Victims Served in One Day

440 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.

576 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)	74%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	74%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults	65%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	30%
Transitional Housing	30%
Therapy/Counseling for Children	52%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	43%
Transportation	48%

417 Hotline Calls Answered

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

264 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 264 individuals in communities across Maryland attended 27 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

134 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 100 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.

40% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 54 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 48% reported not enough staff.
- 26% reported no available beds or money for hotel stays.
- 22% reported limited funding for needed programs and services.
- 9% reported not enough specialized services (e.g., drug and alcohol counselor)
- 9% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

“Women often end up homeless and impoverished when they try to leave their abuser. One woman spent more than \$60,000 in legal fees when her abusive husband took their child while she was at the emergency room receiving treatment for injuries he caused.”

