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Domestic Violence Counts Northern Mariana Islands

On September 12, 2012, 1 out of 2, or 50%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Northern Mariana Islands participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 1 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

64 Victims Served in One Day

63 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 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	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	100%
Transportation	100%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	100%
Group Support or Advocacy	100%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	100%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	100%

2 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	100%
Child Support	100%
Protection Orders	100%
Divorce	100%
Child Protection Issues	100%
Criminal Justice System Advocacy	100%
Housing	100%
Financial or Economic Issues	100%

“Please don’t forget about the territories. Our need for funding can be greater than our sister states.”

“We need adequate funding to support survivors.”

