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Domestic Violence Counts New York Summary

On September 12, 2012, 48 out of 92, or 52%, of identified local domestic violence programs in New York participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 48 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

3,552 Victims Served in One Day

1,713 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.

1,839 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 |
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| Individual Support or Advocacy | 94% |
| Children's Support or Advocacy | 77% |
| Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses) | 73% |
| Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy | 69% |
| Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare | 60% |
| Group Support or Advocacy | 56% |
| Transportation | 54% |
| Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord | 52% |

1,078 Hotline Calls Answered

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

377 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 377 individuals in communities across the New York attended 32 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

596 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 550 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.

42% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 251 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 35% reported not enough staff.
- 27% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 21% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 17% reported not enough specialized services.
- 15% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"For the first time in decades, there are no housing subsidies to help families transition into permanent housing. Domestic violence victims have no affordable housing options, and nowhere to go. Survivors either return to their batterers or end up homeless."

