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Domestic Violence Counts Oregon Summary

On September 12, 2012, 35 out of 47, or 74%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 35 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,176 Victims Served in One Day

605 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.

571 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	97%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	83%
Children's Support or Advocacy	80%
Transitional Housing	37%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	17%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	51%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	17%
Transportation	54%

491 Hotline Calls Answered

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

251 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 251 individuals in communities across the Oregon attended 11 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

279 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 250 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.

88% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 246 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 34% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 34% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 31% reported not enough staff.
- 14% reported not enough specialized services.
- 9% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"We received a letter from an survivor that said: 'Thank you for your diligence, persistence and determination to help us. You provided us with a peace beyond measure and we will FOREVER be appreciative. With humility and gratitude, we thank you.'"

