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Domestic Violence Counts Rhode Island Summary

On September 12, 2012, 6 out of 6, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Rhode Island participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

262 Victims Served in One Day

115 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.

147 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)	100%
Transitional Housing	67%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	67%
Group Support or Advocacy	33%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults	17%
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	17%

108 Hotline Calls Answered

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

124 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 124 individuals in communities across the Rhode Island attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

58 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 50 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.

48% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 28 requests unmet.

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

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Attorney/Legal Representation

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 50% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 50% limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 33% reported not enough staff.
- 33% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 17% reported not enough specialized services.

“Our entire staff worked together to help a survivor who had been severely assaulted. We advocated on her behalf by working with the courts and police, helped her create a safety plan for herself and her children, and arranged a safe location for her. The effects of domestic violence can be devastating for families.”

