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Domestic Violence Counts South Carolina Summary

On September 12, 2012, 9 out of 12, or 75%, of identified local domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 9 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

445 Victims Served in One Day

272 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.

173 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)	89%
Individual Support or Advocacy	89%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	44%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	22%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	22%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	44%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	33%
Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	33%
Transitional Housing	33%

112 Hotline Calls Answered

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

60 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 60 individuals in communities across the South Carolina attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

30 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 30 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.

73% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 22 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 33% reported not enough staff.
- 33% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 22% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 22% reported not enough specialized services.

“All survivors deserve advocacy assistance regardless of gender, sexual orientation or immigration status.”

