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Domestic Violence Counts Texas Summary

On September 12, 2012, 89 out of 98, or 91%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Texas participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 89 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

5,857 Victims Served in One Day

3,533 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.

2,324 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
Children's Support or Advocacy	82%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	79%
Transportation	58%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	56%
Job Training/Employment Assistant	30%
Translation/Interpretation Services (by 3rd party)	21%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	11%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	36%

2,117 Hotline Calls Answered

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

2,826 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 2,826 individuals in communities across the Texas attended 123 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

998 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made almost 1,000 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.

23% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 226 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 26% reported not enough staff.
- 26% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 25% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 16% reported not enough specialized services.
- 6% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"A woman I was working with today said, 'My friend said you could help me and make me feel safe. She was right. I don't feel alone anymore.'"

