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Domestic Violence Counts Utah Summary

On September 12, 2012, 16 out of 17, or 94%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

779 Victims Served in One Day

597 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.

182 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	81%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	88%
Transitional Housing	50%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	88%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	25%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	25%
Rural Outreach	6%
Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	19%

206 Hotline Calls Answered

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

381 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 381 individuals in communities across the Utah attended 16 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

71 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 70 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.

96% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 68 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 19% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 13% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 6% reported not enough specialized services.

“The difference that VAWA has made is impossible to express. We have education programs that reach 5,000 students each year, we provide services in Spanish and English, we have a transitional housing program, and we have very effective collaborations between our programs and community organizations.”

