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Domestic Violence Counts Vermont Summary

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

254 Victims Served in One Day

114 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.

140 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)	67%
Transitional Housing	58%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	67%
Children's Support or Advocacy	67%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	42%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	50%
Transportation	42%
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%

85 Hotline Calls Answered

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

54 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 54 individuals in communities across Vermont attended 6 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

24 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 20 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.

71% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 17 requests unmet.

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

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 33% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 33% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 25% reported not enough staff.

"An older survivor whom we've been working with for a while said that she doesn't smile often, but she smiles when she comes here."

