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Domestic Violence Counts Guam Summary

On September 17, 2013, 4 out of 4 (100%), of identified local domestic violence programs in the Guam participated in the 2013 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

26 Victims Served in One Day

17 domestic violence victims (8 children and 9 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

9 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. 17
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	50%
Transitional Housing	50%
Children's Support or Advocacy	50%
Transportation	50%
Group Support or Advocacy	25%
Legal representation by Legal representation	25%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	25%

13 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 13 calls, averaging 1 hotline call every hour.

1 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1 person was educated by a local domestic violence program, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

2 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 2 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and nonresidential services, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently requested non-residential service that couldn't be provided was housing advocacy and legal representation.

Impact of Unmet Requests for Help

Domestic violence programs do not always know what happens when a survivor courageously calls a stranger to ask for a bed or other help and the services aren't available; however 25% of programs report that victims return to their abuser and 25% report that victims become homeless.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 50% reported reduced government funding.
- 50% reported not enough staff.
- 25% reported reduced individual donations.
- 25% reported cuts from private funding sources.

"Most survivors do not have enough income to support themselves. One survivor was willing to bail her abuser out of jail because, without his income, the power was turned off. For single moms who don't receive child support, it is such a struggle to pay bills, buy diapers and food for the kids, find a job, and find affordable and safe child care."

— Advocate

