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Domestic Violence Counts Kentucky Summary

On September 17, 2013, 15 out of 15 (100%), of identified local domestic violence programs in the Kentucky participated in the 2013 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,097 Victims Served in One Day

594 domestic violence victims (288 children and 306 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

503 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
Emergency Shelter	100%
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Transitional Housing	53%
Group Support or Advocacy	87%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Transportation	100%
Court Advocacy/Legal Accompaniment	87%
Bilingual Advocacy	33%

252 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 252 calls, averaging more than 11 hotline calls every hour.

499 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 499 individuals in communities across Kentucky attended 48 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

90 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 56% (50) Were for Emergency Shelter

Victims made more than 90 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 services that couldn't be provided were housing advocacy and financial assistance, followed by legal representation and transportation.

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 60% of programs report that victims are forced to return to their abuser, 33% report that victims become homeless, and 7% report that the families are forced to live in their cars.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 40% reported reduced government funding.
- 40% reported not enough staff.
- 20% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 7% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Kentucky 24 (5%) staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most of these positions were direct services, such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"On the survey day, a woman with 6 children called seeking emergency shelter. She had fled her abuser and was temporarily staying with her sister's family in a four-room house. Unfortunately, our shelter was full."

— Advocate

