



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Alabama Summary

On September 14, 2016, 17 out of 17 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 17 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 548 Victims Served in One Day

**311** domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

**237** adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

## 323 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **323** individuals in communities across Alabama attended **28** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 37 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 84% (31) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors' requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **37** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

## 123 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 hotline staff answered **123** calls, averaging **5** hotline calls every hour.

 An advocate said, “A survivor was afraid she couldn’t make it without her abuser. When she had to flee abruptly, she didn’t know what to do or where to start. She was embarrassed by her situation, but stepped out on faith and made the call. She said, ‘I don’t know anything about welfare and I’ve never been in the system before.’ I said, ‘I’m so glad you found the courage to call. Let’s get started with your new life.’”