



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Connecticut Summary

On September 14, 2016, 15 out of 15 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Connecticut participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 1,092 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Emergency Shelter	<b>93%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>80%</b>
Bilingual Advocacy	<b>73%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	<b>60%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Health Care or Health Care Systems	<b>47%</b>
Transitional or Other Housing Program	<b>7%</b>

## 282 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 **282** calls, averaging **12** hotline calls every hour.

## 299 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **299** individuals in communities across Connecticut attended **19** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 94 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 60% (57) 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 **94** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Connecticut, **10** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Many (**43%**) of these positions were for direct services such as shelter staff. This means there were fewer staff to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “A victim called our hotline seeking shelter. Our shelter was full so the advocate began safety planning with her and called all of the other shelters in the state to see if there was space for her and her two children. Space was located in another shelter but the victim did not want to go as the shelter was very far from her town of origin. She decided that she would call our shelter daily to see if a room opened up.”