



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Florida Summary

On September 14, 2016, 43 out of 43 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Florida participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 43 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 3,316 Victims Served in One Day

2,336 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

980 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	81%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	53%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	53%

### 600 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 600 calls, averaging 25 hotline calls every hour.

### 1,094 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,094 individuals in communities across Florida attended 50 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 256 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 85% (217) 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 256 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.

❖ An advocate said, “A young woman came into shelter after her ex-boyfriend punched her. She had moved to escape him, but he found her and followed her to the area. A domestic violence advocate assisted with her relocation assistance application. She will be returning to the support of her family and friends. She shared with advocates that she didn’t know what she would have done, or where she would have gone, if not for the Center’s services.”