



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Indiana Summary

On September 14, 2016, 46 out of 46 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 46 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,769 Victims Served in One Day

1,197 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

572 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%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	85%
Transportation	61%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	52%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	52%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	41%

512 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 **512** calls, averaging **21** hotline calls every hour.

❖ An advocate said, “A survivor sought our help after her husband, a US citizen, threatened to divorce her, take their child and have her deported. We connected her with two attorneys, one from ICADV’s Rural Immigrant Project who is helping her get her permanent resident status, and the other who is helping with her divorce and custody cases at a reduced cost.”

1,462 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **1,462** individuals in communities across Indiana attended **64** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

142 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 73% (104) 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 **142** 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.

Across Indiana, **23** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**65%**) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.