



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Iowa Summary

On September 14, 2016, 22 out of 22 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Iowa participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 22 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

973 Victims Served in One Day

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

420 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
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	86%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	77%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	32%
Support/Advocacy Related to Victims of Trafficking	18%

400 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 **400** calls, averaging **17** hotline calls every hour.

445 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **445** individuals in communities across Iowa attended **15** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

30 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 90% (27) 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 **30** 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 Iowa, **22** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**69%**) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “A survivor who we helped secure a place to live for her and her child told us, ‘If it wasn’t for your organization’s help and support, I would have never been able to provide like this for me and my child. Thank you so much!’”

