



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Kansas Summary

On September 14, 2016, 25 out of 25 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 25 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 866 Victims Served in One Day

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

**449** 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 |
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| Individual Support or Advocacy                           | <b>92%</b> |
| Emergency Shelter  | <b>92%</b> |
| Children’s Support or Advocacy                           | <b>88%</b> |
| Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy                    | <b>52%</b> |
| Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare | <b>40%</b> |
| Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs          | <b>40%</b> |

### 231 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 **231** calls, averaging **10** hotline calls every hour.

❖ An advocate said, “After being kept up all night by her abuser screaming, making threats, and throwing things, a survivor packed up and took her child to the closest town. The police called us, and an advocate met her, safety planned and got her to shelter. She later told us, ‘I am so glad you were here, you gave me a safety net I didn’t know I had.’”

### 267 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **267** individuals in communities across Kansas attended **18** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 421 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 42% (177) 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 **421** 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 Kansas, **19.5** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**60%**) 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.

