



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Kentucky Summary

On September 14, 2016, 15 out of 15 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Kentucky 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.

1,106 Victims Served in One Day

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

368 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	93%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	93%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	87%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	80%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	60%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	47%

232 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 **232** calls, averaging **10** hotline calls every hour.

77 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **77** individuals in communities across Kentucky attended **7** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

47 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 70% (33) 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 **47** 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 Kentucky, **14.5** 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

❖ An advocate said, “One survivor called the police numerous times trying to get her spouse arrested for assault but she was too scared to clearly convey what had happened. After getting support from our program, she was able to tell the courts about the incidents and offer proof of the abuse. He is now in jail, and she continues to get support from us.”