



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Louisiana Summary

On September 14, 2016, 16 out of 16 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Louisiana participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

548 Victims Served in One Day

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

208 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%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	69%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	63%
Transportation	63%
Financial Literacy / Budgeting	25%
Transitional or Other Housing Program	13%

154 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 **154** calls, averaging **6** hotline calls every hour.

555 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **555** individuals in communities across Louisiana attended **17** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

144 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 86% (124) 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 **144** 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 Louisiana, **8** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**83%**) 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 mother and her seven children were successfully housed after years of abuse by her husband. The survivor worked with our advocates for an extended period of time. She said she felt happy and relieved to be in her home and not living in fear of her abuser, and that she wanted something different for her children: a life without violence.”

