



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS

New Hampshire

Summary

On September 14, 2016, 13 out of 13 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in New Hampshire participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

232 Victims Served in One Day

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

104 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	85%
Emergency Shelter	77%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	62%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	54%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	54%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	23%

76 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 **76** calls, averaging **3** hotline calls every hour.

❖ An advocate said, "A woman with two young children requested shelter from us. She and her children were homeless due to domestic violence and had been sleeping in her car. Due to our shelter being full, we were unable to house her or her two children for the night."

120 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **120** individuals in communities across New Hampshire attended **7** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

26 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 77% (20) 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 **26** 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 New Hampshire, **11** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**57%**) 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.