

# 11th DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS ANNUAL Oregon Summary

On September 14, 2016, 42 out of 51 **(82%)** identified domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 42 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,440 Victims Served in One Day

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

**741** 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	98%
Emergency Shelter	76%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	60%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	48%
Transitional or Other Housing Program	16%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	0%

#### **490 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 **490** calls, averaging **20** hotline calls every hour.

## **205 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings**

On the survey day, **205** individuals in communities across Oregon attended **15** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining muchneeded information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 192 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 86% (165) 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 **192** 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 Oregon, **25** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most **(65%)** 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.

An advocate said, "We worked with a client in shelter who came here from another county. She has been working diligently to get housing but was running into roadblocks because she can't use her past rental history for fear of her abuser finding her new location. On the day of the Census, she was able to work with her landlord with the help of her advocate to use her shelter stay as part of her past rental history."