



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Rhode Island Summary

On September 14, 2016, 6 out of 6 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Rhode Island participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 6 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

454 Victims Served in One Day

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

289 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	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	83%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	67%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	67%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	50%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	50%

120 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 **120** calls, averaging **5** hotline calls every hour.

❖ An advocate said, “After providing counseling services for a survivor, I received communication from this woman thanking me for helping her gain the strength to leave her abuser. She stated that the work we had done as an organization and together saved her life. She mentioned that five years after starting the counseling process, she was fully emancipated from her abuser and that she and her children are doing well.”

95 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **95** individuals in communities across Rhode Island attended **5** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

202 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 98% (198) 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 **202** 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 Rhode Island, **6** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. All (**100%**) 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.