



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Arkansas Summary

On September 13, 2017, 27 out of 28 (96%) identified domestic violence programs in Arkansas participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 27 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

567 Victims Served in One Day

437 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

130 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	On Census Day
Emergency Shelter	81%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	74%
Transportation	52%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	33%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	26%

212 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in Arkansas answered on average nine hotline calls per hour.

243 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 243 individuals in communities across Arkansas attended 17 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

150 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 99% (149) were for Housing

Victims made 150 requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs.

In the past year, seven local programs in Arkansas laid off or did not fill ten staff positions. Many of these positions (40%) were direct service providers, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ “Our outreach program assisted several families with food. One survivor started crying when she saw that we not only had canned and dried foods for them but included meats, dairy, and fresh produce. She almost didn’t come because she was so financially strapped that she was afraid to use her gas. We were also able to fill her tank up with gas that night.”

