



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Guam Summary

On September 13, 2017, 4 out of 4 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Guam participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 4 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

33 Victims Served in One Day

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

9 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
Children’s Support or Advocacy	50%
Emergency Shelter	50%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	25%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	25%
Transportation	0%

42 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 territory hotline staff in Guam answered on average two hotline calls per hour.

20 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 20 individuals in communities across Guam attended two training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

5 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 100% (5) were for Housing

Victims made five 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.

On a positive note, due to increased funding from the Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA), one local program was able to hire a total of two new staff positions to provide critical services to survivors of abuse.

❖ “On Census day, the Police Department’s Domestic Assault Response Team was able to assist with urgent transportation assistance for one client and minor son but was unsuccessful in picking up another client. Luckily, the client was able to arrange alternate transportation later that evening. That day, all clients were able to secure safe transportation. However, that is not always the case for clients.”

