

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Kansas Summary

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

881 Victims Served in One Day

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

428 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 |
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| Emergency Shelter | 91% |
| Children's Support or Advocacy | 91% |
| Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy | 74% |
| Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/ Landlord | 48% |

240 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 Kansas answered on average ten hotline calls per hour.

337 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 337 individuals in communities across Kansas attended 29 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining muchneeded information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

221 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 71% (157) were for Housing

Victims made more than 220 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, five local programs in Kansas laid off or did not fill 13 staff positions. Most of these positions (57%) 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.

*After coming into shelter on Census Day, a survivor said the information and services we provided today saved her life and made her feel less alone. She told her advocate, 'I am going to be safe for the first time tonight."