



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Oklahoma Summary

On September 13, 2017, 29 out of 30 (97%) identified domestic violence programs in Oklahoma participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 29 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,000 Victims Served in One Day

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

355 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	90%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	86%
Transportation	55%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	41%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	41%

326 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 Oklahoma answered on average 14 hotline calls per hour.

311 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 311 individuals in communities across Oklahoma attended 16 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

119 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 34% (40) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 120 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, nine local programs in Oklahoma laid off or did not fill 20 staff positions. Most of these positions (73%) 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.

❖ “A woman with three children came to our shelter. She wanted to live in the Oklahoma City area so we helped her set up a meeting with low-income housing, taking her to the appointments. She finally got her housing set up, a job, and her children in school. On Census Day, she called to thank us for everything, letting us know that she was doing great, and got a promotion at her job.”

