



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Rhode Island Summary

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

458 Victims Served in One Day

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

250 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	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	83%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	67%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	67%

97 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 Rhode Island answered on average four hotline calls per hour.

❖ "A survivor expressed frustration in trying to seek safe housing while still living with her abuser, who hid her mail, making it difficult to stay on wait lists or follow up with housing authorities. We advocated with a housing authority to reconsider her application and remain on the subsidized housing list. She thanked us and had the brightest smile I had ever seen."

36 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 36 individuals in communities across Rhode Island attended four training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

99 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 44% (44) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 100 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 more positive note, due to increased funding from the Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA), three local programs in Rhode Island were able to hire a total of six new staff positions to provide critical services to survivors of abuse.