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National Census Appendix Increased Demand, Decreased Services

Guidelines in the Affordable Care Act require healthcare providers to screen patients for domestic violence and refer victims to services. Data collected by this study shows a 18.5% increase in referrals to domestic violence programs just this year. A number of experts predict this will only increase as the ACA takes full effect.

Now more than ever, domestic violence programs and shelters across the country are operating with less funding, fewer resources and staff. The expected increase in service requests makes it even more urgent that programs receive increased funding for these life-saving programs.

| Average # of referrals per program | 2012 | 2013 |
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| Average referrals from health care providers to local domestic violence programs in the past year. | 27 | 32 |

| Services Reduced or Eliminated in Past Year | # of Programs which reduced/eliminated the specific service |
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| Hotel/Motel Stays | 127 |
| Transportation | 94 |
| Transitional Housing | 71 |
| Legal Representation by an Attorney | 69 |
| Childcare/Daycare | 64 |
| Bilingual Advocacy Services | 55 |
| Rural Outreach | 51 |
| Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy | 50 |
| Children's Support or Advocacy | 48 |
| Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence | 47 |
| Emergency Shelter | 38 |
| Advocacy Related to Immigration | 35 |
| Financial Skills/Budgeting | 32 |
| Job Training/Employment Assistance | 24 |

