

# '09 Domestic Violence Counts Kansas Summary

On September 15, 2009, 27 out of 27, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

## 918 Victims Served in One Day

281 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

637 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept 15
Individual Support or Advocacy	93%
Emergency Shelter	70%
Children's Support or Advocacy	56%
Rural Outreach	52%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	44%
Transportation	63%
Translation/Interpretation Services	44%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	41%

## 381 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered approximately 16 hotline calls every hour.

## 533 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 533 individuals in communities across Kansas attended 34 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 94 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 63 (67%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 🏠 26% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 15% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 37% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 22% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 7% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"We were able to provide healthcare to a woman and her child who were severely ill after their abuser locked them in their home and starved them. We also helped her get a protection order from the abuser."

"Budget cuts to our programs are not just numbers on a spreadsheet. Funding cuts impact the daily lives of the people we serve, and decreased funding means that the families we serve are at graver risks."