

# '09 Domestic Violence Counts Michigan Summary

On September 15, 2009, 54 out of 62, or 87%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Michigan participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 54 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 2,791 Victims Served in One Day

1,761 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,030 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 |
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| Individual Support or Advocacy                        | 90%     |
| Emergency Shelter                                     | 90%     |
| Court Accompaniment/Advocacy                          | 54%     |
| Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord           | 63%     |
| Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare      | 52%     |
| Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services | 25%     |
| Advocacy Related to Disability Issues                 | 21%     |
| Transportation  | 63%     |

## 943 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 39 hotline calls every hour.

## 602 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 602 individuals in communities across Michigan attended 36 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 350 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.

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

- 🏠 38% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 31% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 23% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 8% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 6% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or ADA accessible equipment.

"A child in our shelter told his mom he was thankful they left their abusive home. What a powerful statement that an 8-year-old would be willing to leave his toys, friends, school, and home, just to feel safe."

"On the Census Day, a woman was literally chased into our shelter by the batterer. We called the police and helped her obtain a protection order."