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Domestic Violence Counts Indiana Summary

On September 12, 2012, 46 out of 46, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

2,038 Victims Served in One Day

1,105 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

933 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 12
Individual Support or Advocacy	96%
Children's Support or Advocacy	80%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	72%
Transportation	59%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	57%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	57%
Group Support or Advocacy	50%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	46%

444 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

958 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 958 individuals in communities across Indiana attended 56 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

298 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 290 request for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

95% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 284 requests unmet.

Of the unmet requests, the following services were the most requested:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Transitional Housing
3. Attorney/Legal Representation
4. Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment
5. Counseling

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 35% reported not enough staff.
- 20% reported limited funding for needed programs and services.
- 20% reported no beds and no money for hotel stays.
- 13% reported imited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 2% reported not enough specialized services (e.g., drug and alcohol counselor).

"On the Survey Day, a survivor and her baby celebrated independence by moving into their apartment. We are honored to be a part of that journey with her."

