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Domestic Violence Counts Kentucky Summary

On September 12, 2012, 15 out of 15, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Kentucky participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,107 Victims Served in One Day

701 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.

406 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	93%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	100%
Transitional Housing	53%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	73%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	20%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	73%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	40%

233 Hotline Calls Answered

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

619 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 619 individuals in communities across Kentucky attended 21 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

84 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 80 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.

82% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 69 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 🏠 53% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 33% reported no beds and no money for hotel stays.
- 🏠 20% reported limited funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 13% reported imited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 🏠 13% reported not enough specialized services (e.g., drug and alcohol counselor).

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