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Domestic Violence Counts New Hampshire Summary

On September 12, 2012, 13 out of 13, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in New Hampshire participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

261 Victims Served in One Day

135 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.

126 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
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	92%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	85%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	38%
Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	15%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	8%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	15%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	8%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	85%

43 Hotline Calls Answered

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

343 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 343 individuals in communities across the New Hampshire attended 11 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

17 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 17 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.

76% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 13 requests unmet.

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

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Attorney/Legal Representation
3. Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment

For many survivors, the ability to hire an attorney to help with legal matters is critical. Unfortunately, lack of funds, few pro bono attorneys, and programs without legal attorneys on staff means that many victims face their abusers in court alone.

Below are the top 5 legal requests from survivors.

Protection orders	100%
Child custody	92%
Child protection issues	77%
Divorce	77%
Child support	62%

“A woman needed to obtain a restraining order, but she lives more than 30 miles from the court. Unfortunately, we couldn’t provide transportation for her because our office in her area has since closed due to funding cuts, and we didn’t have another advocate who could travel an additional 100 miles to take her to court.”

