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Domestic Violence Counts Alabama Summary

On September 10, 2014, 18 out of 18 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 18 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

786 Victims Served in One Day

324 domestic violence victims (168 children and 156 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

462 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. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Emergency Shelter	83%
Transportation	61%
Transitional Housing	50%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%
Childcare/Daycare	50%
Rural Outreach	28%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	6%

161 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, local and state hotlines answered 161 calls, averaging more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

496 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 496 individuals in communities across Alabama attended 17 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

38 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 47% (18) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 25 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and counseling.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 33% reported reduced government funding.
- 17% reported reduced individual donations.
- 17% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 17% reported not enough staff.

Across Alabama, 16 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (52%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-three individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A victim in transitional housing had no resources to access transportation. We were unable to assist her and referred her to the City. The City was able unable to assist her. Her only means of transportation is walking."

— Advocate

