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Domestic Violence Counts Hawaii Summary

On September 10, 2014, 16 out of 23 (70%) identified local domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

547 Victims Served in One Day

198 domestic violence victims (93 children and 105 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

349 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	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	81%
Emergency Shelter	50%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	38%
Transitional Housing	31%
Transportation	25%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	19%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	19%

131 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 131 calls, averaging more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

85 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 85 individuals in communities across Hawaii attended 6 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

33 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 9% (3) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 30 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 legal representation, followed by housing.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 13% reported reduced government funding.
- 6% reported not enough staff.

Across Hawaii, 8 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (92%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Six individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“A survivor needed to file custody documents and our staff was able to print the custody forms for her and referred her to legal aid. However, our staff was unable to provide the victim with a lawyer, as we do not have lawyers in office.”

— Advocate

