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Domestic Violence Counts Maryland Summary

On September 10, 2014, 22 out of 22 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Maryland participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 22 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,085 Victims Served in One Day

375 domestic violence victims (206 children and 169 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

710 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
Emergency Shelter	77%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	64%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	59%
Transportation	41%
Bilingual Advocacy	36%
Therapy/Counseling for Children (by a licensed practitioner)	36%
Transitional Housing	32%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	27%

507 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 507 calls, averaging more than 21 hotline calls every hour.

264 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 264 individuals in communities across Maryland attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

160 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 37% (59) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 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 and financial assistance.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 32% reported reduced government funding.
- 18% reported reduced individual donations.
- 14% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 14% reported not enough staff.

Across Maryland, 27 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (68%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Fourteen individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"Our most recently sheltered mother, who along with her children filled our last open room, was able to receive service coordination, financial, and transportation assistance in order to maintain her part-time employment as she began her stay with us."

— Advocate

