'14 Domestic Violence Counts North Carolina Summary

On September 10, 2014, 63 out of 89 (71%) identified local domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 63 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,678 Victims Served in One Day

860 domestic violence victims (432 children and 428 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

818 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	98%
Children's Support or Advocacy	86%
Emergency Shelter	84%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	52%
Bilingual Advocacy	24%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	17%
Rural Outreach	16%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	10%

637 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 637 calls, averaging more than 26 hotline calls every hour.

670 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 670 individuals in communities across North Carolina attended 42 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

151 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 68% (103) 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 housing, followed by legal representation and financial assistance.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 30% reported reduced government funding.
- 19% reported reduced individual donations.
- 16% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 16% reported not enough staff.

Across North Carolina, 49 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (66%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. One hundred forty individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

> "On Census Day, one program was unable to help a victim with legal representation for child custody. A client had been granted a restraining order against her abuser which included unsupervised visitation with their daughter. When the abuser picked up the child the first time, he was verbally abusive to the victim, then literally threw the 5-year-old in the car with no car seat and left. He did not return her for two months. Since he took her from the city, the police wouldn't help the victim get her back. The client had no money to hire an attorney and was very frightened about what would happen to her child.
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