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Domestic Violence Counts Oregon Summary

On September 10, 2014, 44 out of 52 (85%) identified local domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 44 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,607 Victims Served in One Day

659 domestic violence victims (350 children and 309 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

948 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	73%
Emergency Shelter	70%
Transportation	45%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	41%
Transitional Housing	39%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	39%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	7%

628 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 628 calls, averaging more than 26 hotline calls every hour.

331 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 331 individuals in communities across Oregon attended 25 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

344 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 60% (206) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 340 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.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 32% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 30% reported reduced government funding.
- 23% reported not enough staff.
- 20% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Oregon, 36 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (76%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Fifty-five individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"The Department of Human Services (DHS) in our service area called our hotline looking for help for a survivor trying to leave an abusive partner with her two small children. Our shelter was full, but an advocate was able to give the survivor numbers to other DV shelters in the area, and DHS provided space for her to make the calls. The survivor was accepted into a nearby shelter. Advocates met her to safety plan, buy her gas, and give her some food for the drive to the new shelter."

— Advocate

