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Domestic Violence Counts South Carolina Summary

On September 10, 2014, 11 out of 12 (92%), identified local domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 11 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

390 Victims Served in One Day

217 domestic violence victims (101 children and 116 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

173 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%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	91%
Transportation	73%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	45%
Transitional Housing	36%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	36%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	27%

120 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 120 calls, averaging 5 hotline calls every hour.

480 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 480 individuals in communities across South Carolina attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

9 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 9 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 counseling, and legal representation.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 27% reported reduced government funding.
- 27% reported reduced individual donations.
- 27% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 9% reported not enough staff.

Across South Carolina, 21 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“On September 10, 2014, an advocate took a client to Vocational Rehabilitation for an intake appointment. This will be a giant step for this client. This will help her to either get a job or get the information needed to apply for disability. On the same day the individual was accepted into HUD subsidized housing. She will get her keys on Monday, September 15th. This is the first time she will have her own place and start her journey out of homelessness. This is a milestone for this client who has been in and out of our program for over 18 years.”

— Advocate

