

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 7 out of 12, or 58%, of identified domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 7 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

169 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 110 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 59 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 100% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 29% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

100% Individual Counseling or Advocacy

86% Legal Accompaniment/ Services

71% Advocacy with Social Services

71% Group Counseling or Advocacy

57% Children's Counseling/ Advocacy

57% Emergency Shelter

29% Childcare

29% Transitional Housing

8 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Hawaii reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

NOT ENOUGH STAFF

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims' requests for services. 57% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 43% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

45 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Hawaii answered more than 2 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

16 PEOPLE TRAINED

Individuals across Hawaii attended community education and trainings, gaining much needed information on prevention and early intervention.

Two survivors moved out of the shelter and into new homes of their own. One told me that she is going to miss the shelter because she has done so much healing here.

Finding transitional housing or affordable housing for survivors is a challenge, especially with the high cost of living here in Hawaii.