

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 49 out of 122, or 40%, of identified domestic violence programs in New York participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 49 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,685 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 846 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 1,839 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 96% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 33% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

96%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
82%	Advocacy with Social Services
78%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
69%	Emergency Shelter
53%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
49%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
43%	Childcare
33%	Transitional Housing

259 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in New York 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. 61% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 37% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

729 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in New York answered more than 30 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

541 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

Two shelter clients were moved out of the shelter today and into their own apartments. We advocated with police for the arrest of an abuser who violated a protection order and helped a client get her locks changed.

An elderly victim sought assistance for her rent. She has an order of protection excluding her abuser. Without his contribution, however, she cannot afford her rent.