

# Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 13 out of 14, or 93%, of identified domestic violence programs in Vermont participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 13 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 207 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 52 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 155 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 85% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 31% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

85%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
69%	Advocacy with Social Services
69%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
38%	Childcare
38%	Emergency Shelter
31%	Transitional Housing
23%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
23%	Group Counseling or Advocacy

## 26 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Vermont 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. 92% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 77% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

## 73 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Vermont answered more than 3 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

## 90 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

*A victim and her 11-year-old daughter came in to shelter after being battered and homeless. They both had health issues. We helped get them medication and helped get her daughter in school. They are so happy and secure here after being on the road for months.*

*Inadequate transportation is a huge challenge in our rural area. There is only limited public transportation and not enough time for staff or volunteers to provide transportation. This limits access to shelter as well as to community services.*