# 110 Domestic Violence Counts California Summary

On September 15, 2010, 97 out of 106, or 92%, of identified local domestic violence programs in California participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 97 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

# 5,261 Victims Served in One Day

2,889 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,372 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual 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.
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	87%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	62%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/ Welfare	49%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	42%
Childcare/Daycare	37%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	37%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	33%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	16%

# 1,357 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 57 hotline calls every hour.

## **614 Unmet Requests for Services**

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 310 (50%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 47% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 45% reported not enough staff.
- 26% reported not enough specialized services.
- 22% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 12% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

## 84% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 84% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 88% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"We've been working with a woman who has come a long way, recovering from the abuse she experienced. She's now able to express emotions in a way that she couldn't before, such as hugging her son every day and telling him that she loves him. She also created an art piece to give to her ailing father to provide him with encouragement and reminders of her love."

