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Domestic Violence Counts Kentucky Summary

On September 15, 2011, 15 out of 15, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Kentucky participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,185 Victims Served in One Day

684 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

501 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. 15
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Group Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Transportation	100%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	100%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	100%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	87%
Transitional Housing	60%

274 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, Kentucky programs answered more than 11 hotline calls every hour.

70 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

59% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

With 41 unmet requests, emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs. Other frequently requested unmet needs include legal representation, counseling, and legal advocacy.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 53% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 47% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 47% reported not enough staff.
- 47% reported not enough specialized services.
- 20% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

“During the 24-hour survey period, our advocates accompanied a severely battered woman to the hospital and admitted a pregnant woman and her three children to shelter — after the children witnessed their mother being assaulted. We were able to offer these residential and non-residential services but we must have adequate funding if we are going to have the staff to continue providing them.”

