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Domestic Violence Counts Ohio Summary

On September 15, 2011, 70 out of 70, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,858 Victims Served in One Day

1,016 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.

842 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%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	76%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	61%
Group Support or Advocacy	41%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	31%
Transitional Housing	27%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	26%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	14%

626 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, Ohio programs answered more than 26 hotline calls every hour.

196 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.

70% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

With 138 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:

- 🏠 41% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 20% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 20% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 16% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 4% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"A client shared with her advocate, "The shelter provided me and my children with an opportunity to make some positive changes in our lives. The staff treated me with respect and kindness and my self-confidence grew. We were able to start our new life and move into an apartment of our own. The shelter staff continue to provide us with emotional support."

