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Domestic Violence Counts Oregon Summary

On September 15, 2011, 46 out of 47, or 96%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 46 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,692 Victims Served in One Day

738 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.

954 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
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	78%
Children's Support or Advocacy	69%
Transitional Housing	38%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	18%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	18%
Therapy/Counseling for Children (by a licensed practitioner)	11%
Advocacy Related to Technology (Cyberstalking)	9%

650 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, Oregon programs answered more than 27 hotline calls every hour.

423 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 298 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:

- 42% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 40% reported not enough staff.
- 38% reported not enough specialized services.
- 31% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 9% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"Today, our program sheltered a family whose abuser tried to kill them by wrecking the car they were driving in the middle of the night. The family was scared and confused and was given safe shelter, resources and information, as well as safety planning. Had our agency not been a resource, this family may not be alive."

