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Domestic Violence Counts Virgin Islands Summary

On September 15, 2010, 2 out of 3, or 67%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Virgin Islands participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 2 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

72 Victims Served in One Day

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

19 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 |
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| Individual Support or Advocacy | 100% |
| Group Support or Advocacy | 100% |
| Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses) | 50% |
| Transitional Housing | 50% |
| Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy | 50% |
| Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord | 50% |
| Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services | 50% |
| Advocacy Related to Immigration | 50% |
| Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate) | 50% |

2 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

20 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 20 individuals in communities across the Virgin Islands attended 2 trainings sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

100% of Programs Reported Increases in Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 100% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time programs reported a decrease in both government grants and private funding.

50% of Programs Reported Decreases in Community Resources

For many survivors, moving on from domestic violence often requires community support and resources. Yet 50% of programs reported decreases in community resources available to survivors. Without community resources to support the work that programs do, program provide those services to survivors, often with insufficient staffing and funding.

"A survivor, who has been waiting since 2009 for her abuser to stand trial, was notified by the U.S. Marshalls that she would be appearing in court. Court proceedings often take a long time."

