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## Domestic Violence Counts Guam Summary

On September 16, 2015, 4 out of 4 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Guam participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 4 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 10 Victims Served in One Day

8 domestic violence victims (5 children and 3 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	75%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	50%
Emergency Shelter	25%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	25%
Transportation	25%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	25%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	25%

### 9 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 9 hotline calls.

### Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, training sessions on domestic violence prevention and intervention, provided by local domestic violence programs, were not held.

### Requests for Services

Guam faces a number of unique barriers for survivors to access services. Transportation is often one of the highest barriers for survivors to receive services at a local domestic violence program. Due to this barrier and many others, domestic violence is often underreported and survivors are underserved.

### Reduction of Services

Across Guam, 2 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“A client who does not have housing was provided assistance with filling out applications for programs that assist persons with low income in obtaining affordable housing.”

— Advocate

“We assisted a woman and her two children in our program for less than six months. She was able to secure a full-time job and housing. She has moved out on her own with her children and is doing great.”

— Advocate

