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Domestic Violence Counts North Carolina Summary

On September 16, 2015, 60 out of 86 (70%) identified domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 60 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,576 Victims Served in One Day

820 domestic violence victims (429 children and 391 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

756 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	98%
Children's Support or Advocacy	93%
Emergency Shelter	90%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	60%
Transportation	52%
Group Support or Advocacy	47%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	23%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	10%

461 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 more than 19 hotline calls every hour.

913 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 913 individuals in communities across North Carolina attended 39 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

102 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 61% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across North Carolina, 68 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 25% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 17% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 17% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 12% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across North Carolina, 27 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (73%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A survivor and her three kids were literally thrown out of their house. The dad said he would call the police on her if she returned. She came to our shelter with a broken jaw and lacerations on her face. The children had burn scars. She and the kids came to us on Census Day. The children kept saying, 'Is this really our room?' They were all very grateful to have a safe place to stay."

— Advocate