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Domestic Violence Counts Kansas Summary

On September 15, 2010, 26 out of 27, or 96%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 26 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,055 Victims Served in One Day

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

697 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	96%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	85%
Transportation	73%
Children's Support or Advocacy	69%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	65%
Rural Outreach	58%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	50%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	42%

436 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 18 hotline calls every hour.

191 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 79 (41%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 46% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 42% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 35% reported not enough staff.
- 35% reported not enough specialized services.
- 15% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

88% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 88% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 88% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"In our rural area, lack of funding and resources make it difficult to meet the needs of survivors. We must contemplate the miles we'll need to travel when we develop service and safety plans. In addition, survivors need more because rural communities often don't have adequate resources to provide necessary help for rent, deposits, transportation, childcare and other basic needs."

