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Domestic Violence Counts Ohio Summary

On September 15, 2010, 70 out of 70, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

2,007 Victims Served in One Day

1,070 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

937 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	91%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	71%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	53%
Children's Support or Advocacy	47%
Transportation	46%
Group Support or Advocacy	40%
Transitional Housing	21%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	20%

769 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 32 hotline calls every hour.

244 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, 178 (73%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 33% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 27% reported not enough staff.
- 21% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 14% reported not enough specialized services.
- 3% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

935 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 935 individuals in communities across Ohio attended 42 trainings sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

"A 67-year-old survivor who had been living in our emergency shelter returned to her abuser after he promised to stop the abuse. Because of her age and the fact that she had no minor children, she felt that there were no resources to help her with housing or medical assistance."

