



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS

## the National Census of Domestic Violence Services

### Executive Summary for

# Hawaii

The complexity of the issues is very diverse – the lives we touch on a daily basis. How does one capture the joy of a woman finding a job? How does one capture in one day the numerous systems we interact with, to advocate, to seek change? And how we do that today is different than how it will look tomorrow.”  
-An urban program

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006, 8 out of 18 identified local domestic violence programs (44%) in Hawaii participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services (NCDVS). Designed to address the safety and confidentiality needs of victims, the Census collected an unduplicated, non-invasive count of adults and children who received critical services from local domestic violence programs during the 24-hour survey period. Since some local programs did not participate, this Census provides a powerful glimpse but remains an undercount of the actual number of victims who sought and received services.

### VICTIMS SERVED

During the 24-hour survey period 117 victims of domestic violence received housing services from a domestic violence program, either in emergency shelter or transitional housing.

**182 adults and children were served in Hawaii.**

- **96** adults and children found refuge in emergency domestic violence shelters
- **21** adults and children were living in transitional housing programs, designed specifically for domestic violence survivors
- **65** adults and children sought non-residential advocacy and services such as individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups

### HOTLINE CALLS

Domestic violence hotlines provide critical support and information for victims in danger. **102 hotline calls were answered.**

“Today was quieter than normal due to torrential rains and a flash flood watch. Power outages disabled phone and alarm systems twice today”  
A Hawaii local program

### PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

Local domestic violence programs implement prevention and early intervention curricula at schools, and provide trainings in the workplace and to the broader community.

- **10 people** were trained during the survey day by local domestic violence programs.

### LIMITED RESOURCES

Programs reported a difficulty meeting the demand for services due to a lack of resources, including limited staffing and overflowing shelters.

- **6%** of participating local programs have an annual budget under \$50,000
- **6%** have an annual budget of \$50,000-\$90,000
- **17%** have an annual budget of \$100,000-\$400,000
- **11%** have a budget over \$500,000
- **50%** budget unknown

“Today I had a client that had a weapon pulled on her when I was talking to her on the phone so she had to hang up. When I called back, all phones had been disconnected.”  
- A rural program

### LIMITED STAFF

Most programs operate with relatively few staff.

- **22%** of participating local programs employ less than 10 staff
- **6%** employ 10-20 paid staff
- **11%** employ 21-40 paid staff
- **6%** employ over 40 paid staff
- **56%** staff numbers not provided

### COMMUNITY POPULATIONS

Across Hawaii, local programs provide support to victims in a variety of communities.

- **28%** of local programs are primarily rural
- **11%** of local programs are primarily urban
- **61%** community type not reported