

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 28 out of 47, or 60%, of identified domestic violence programs in Georgia participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 28 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,650 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 867 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 783 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.
- In just one day, 96% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 46% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

96%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
86%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
79%	Advocacy with Social Services
79%	Emergency Shelter
68%	Childcare
68%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
57%	Children’s Counseling/ Advocacy
46%	Transitional Housing

392 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Georgia reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

NOT ENOUGH STAFF

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims’ requests for services. 79% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 18% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

428 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Georgia answered more than 18 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

579 PEOPLE TRAINED

Individuals across Georgia attended community education and trainings, gaining much needed information on prevention and early intervention.

By the end of the survey day, one of our advocates had met with 11 women and 14 children. She advocated for their financial needs, car repairs, doctor appointments, and found extra funding to help them purchase medications. She even rescued a victim with a flat tire!

Everyday we help our clients face the dilemmas of inadequate housing, finding jobs that pay more than minimum wage, affordable childcare, and lack of pro bono legal help.