

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 14 out of 14, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Kentucky participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 14 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,189 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 567 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 622 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.
- In just one day, 100% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 64% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

100%	Children’s Counseling/ Advocacy
100%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
100%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
93%	Advocacy with Social Services
93%	Emergency Shelter
86%	Childcare
86%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
64%	Transitional Housing

106 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Kentucky 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. 64% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff.

462 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Kentucky answered more than 19 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

712 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

During the survey day, three families we had been working with received housing vouchers, which will allow them to move into their own apartments. Our shelter was able to provide shoes and clothing to a family who entered the shelter without anything.

Financial resources are almost nonexistent in our communities to help clients with rent, medical care costs, and daily living costs. We were unable to shelter two families today, and we are forced to turn away several people for shelter every day.