

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 12 out of 12, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in New Hampshire participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 12 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

235 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 94 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 141 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.
- In just one day, 92% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 17% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

92%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
83%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
75%	Emergency Shelter
67%	Advocacy with Social Services
50%	Children’s Counseling/ Advocacy
50%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
17%	Childcare
17%	Transitional Housing

19 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in New Hampshire 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. 100% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 58% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

89 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in New Hampshire answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

57 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

Our program did quite a lot today. We assisted an individual in obtaining free medications. We had a survivor move back in with her abuser because she couldn’t make it on her own economically. A police department contacted us for information and training resources for evidence-based prosecutions.

We received a call from a mom with 4 children fleeing from her very abusive husband who lives in a neighboring state. Our shelter was full, and we had to refer her to other agencies within the state.