

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 72 out of 72, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 72 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,152 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 905 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 1,247 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 86% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 19% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

86%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
69%	Emergency Shelter
67%	Advocacy with Social Services
67%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
56%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
49%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
31%	Childcare
19%	Transitional Housing

141 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Ohio 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 47% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

684 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Ohio answered more than 29 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

1,752 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

Our program successfully assisted a client in getting a job. Now that she has been hired, she will be able to get off public assistance and provide for her three children, all under the age of six.

Due to a limited number of beds and a lack of funds to house women and children at locations other than our emergency shelter, women and children had to sleep on the floor during this 24 hour period. We do not turn women away who are in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. It is an unfortunate reality that there are more women in danger in our community than there are beds for them to sleep in.