

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 65 out of 103, or 63%, of identified domestic violence programs in Texas participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 65 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

3,962 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 2,321 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 1,641 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 35% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

92%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
85%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
83%	Emergency Shelter
69%	Advocacy with Social Services
68%	Children’s Counseling/ Advocacy
68%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
42%	Childcare
35%	Transitional Housing

656 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Texas 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. 52% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 18% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

1,750 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Texas answered more than 73 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

2,819 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

A victim of domestic violence came into our Thrift Store and picked up a brochure. She called the hotline from her car outside the store. An emergency session was scheduled with a counselor at our outreach office, and she was escorted to our protective shelter.

We are turning away women who desperately need help obtaining protective orders because we no longer have funding for an attorney. Schools are begging for our educator to come, but we no longer have the funding for that either.