

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 31 out of 64, or 48%, of identified domestic violence programs in Washington participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 31 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,155 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 637 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 518 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 87% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 45% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

94%	Emergency Shelter
87%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
84%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
68%	Advocacy with Social Services
55%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
45%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
45%	Transitional Housing
42%	Childcare

328 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Washington 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. 68% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 35% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

470 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Washington answered more than 20 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

106 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

We were able to bring a woman who is Deaf into the shelter. She was able to go to a Deaf center to get assistance, and we worked with them to bring her in. Once we were able to help her get to the shelter safely, we began the work of assisting her in achieving her goals of safety and independence.

Bed space for our emergency shelter is always an issue. On average, we turn away 14 individuals daily.