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Domestic Violence Counts Maryland Summary

On September 15, 2010, 24 out of 24, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Maryland participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,635 Victims Served in One Day

966 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

669 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 15
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	75%
Adult Therapy/Counseling (by licensed practitioner)	63%
Group Support or Advocacy	50%
Transitional Housing	38%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	33%
Childcare/Daycare	29%
Children Therapy/Counseling (by licensed practitioner)	25%
Transportation	25%

454 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 19 hotline calls every hour.

188 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 73 (39%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 46% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 25% reported not enough staff.
- 17% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 13% reported not enough specialized services.
- 4% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

67% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 67% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 71% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"A victim came to us today who had been beaten by her boyfriend so badly both eyes were swollen shut and she was covered in bruises. We got her medical treatment, helped her fill out a temporary protective order, which was granted, and referred her to an attorney to represent her at her final hearing. Because of our assistance, the state attorney stepped in and coordinated with law enforcement to charge her boyfriend with first degree assault."

