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## Domestic Violence Counts Oklahoma Summary

On September 15, 2010, 30 out of 33, or 91%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Oklahoma participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 30 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 947 Victims Served in One Day

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

493 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 |
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| Individual Support or Advocacy                        | 100%     |
| Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)      | 83%      |
| Children's Support or Advocacy                        | 63%      |
| Transportation  | 57%      |
| Group Support or Advocacy                             | 53%      |
| Adult Therapy/Counseling (by a licensed practitioner) | 40%      |
| Transitional Housing                                  | 30%      |
| Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy                    | 30%      |
| Financial Skills/Budgeting                            | 30%      |

### 430 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 17 hotline calls every hour.

### 97 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, 67 (69%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 30% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 17% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 13% reported not enough specialized services.
- 10% reported not enough staff.
- 7% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

### 87% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 87% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 77% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"We need more funding for our shelters because without them, abused women and children have no where else to go. They are homeless and are too frightened to go back to their abusers. They need safety, homes, food, clothing, and necessities. Unfortunately because of this depressed economy, we're seeing an increase in survivors who need help but we have less funding to help them."

