

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 63 out of 63, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Missouri participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 63 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,116 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 1,119 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 997 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 89% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 17% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

89%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
76%	Emergency Shelter
59%	Advocacy with Social Services
59%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
57%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
49%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
48%	Childcare
17%	Transitional Housing

375 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Missouri 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. 78% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 40% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

552 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Missouri answered more than 23 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

676 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

We had a resident that has never lived on her own before get approved for public housing, and we got her an apartment on the survey day. It was amazing to see the changes in her since she came into the shelter. She now looks forward to being on her own with her daughter.

Because of our location and lack of staff, funding, transportation, and housing, it is extremely difficult for families to successfully start over. We need more funding to improve conditions of our very old shelter building. The more resources and advocacy victims receive, the better chance they have of breaking the cycle. Cuts in funding eventually cost lives.