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Domestic Violence Counts Georgia Summary

On September 15, 2010, 46 out of 52, or 88%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Georgia participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 46 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,085 Victims Served in One Day

1,112 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

973 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
Transportation	72%
Children's Support or Advocacy	61%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	57%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	48%
Group Support or Advocacy	48%
Transitional Housing	33%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	28%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	9%

472 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 20 hotline calls every hour.

432 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, 221 (51%) 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.
- 26% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 20% reported not enough staff.
- 17% reported not enough specialized services.
- 17% 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 83% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"Our staff does whatever it takes to help victims live a life free from fear of violence. They work on weekends to take survivors to their jobs and pick up donated meals so the residents have warm food on the table. They continue working after hours so they can have time to meet with survivors to help them find stability as quickly as possible."

