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Domestic Violence Counts Indiana Summary

On September 15, 2010, 45 out of 49, or 92%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 45 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,001 Victims Served in One Day

1,042 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

959 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	64%
Transportation	49%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	29%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	24%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	24%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	13%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	4%

446 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.

100 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 (73%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 38% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 27% reported not enough staff.
- 18% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 18% reported not enough specialized services.
- 11% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

82% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 82% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 76% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"A survivor came to our program today for help because she was inspired by her 22-year-old daughter who is also in an abusive relationship and has been coming to our support group."

