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Domestic Violence Counts Rhode Island Summary

On September 15, 2010, 6 out of 6, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Rhode Island participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

273 Victims Served in One Day

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

206 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	100%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	100%
Group Support or Advocacy	67%
Children's Support or Advocacy	67%
Transitional Housing	50%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	33%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	33%
Adult Therapy/Counseling (by a licensed practitioner)	17%

109 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 4 hotline calls every hour.

60 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, 20 (33%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 50% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 50% reported not enough specialized services.
- 33% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 17% reported not enough staff.

83% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 83% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 100% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"We only scratch at the surface of the problem of domestic violence. We need to change norms and standards in our society where victims don't have to leave everything behind or get an order of protection simply to be safe. The victim has done nothing wrong. We need to hold abusers accountable, inconvenienced, and humbled for their crimes."

