

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 27 out of 49, or 55%, of identified domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 27 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

853 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 361 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 492 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 93% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 48% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

93%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
78%	Emergency Shelter
74%	Advocacy with Social Services
70%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
59%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
52%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
48%	Transitional Housing
37%	Childcare

212 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Oregon 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. 74% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 63% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

333 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Oregon answered more than 14 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

153 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

A woman fled from her husband, who was very lethal, and came into shelter today. He did not let her take her purse. She tried to get new identification cards and a drivers license but could not since she did not have any identification documents with her.

Clients live up to 50 miles from our shelter. A woman called today, needing to come to shelter but this was not a viable option because she needed to stay in the small town she lives in so her children could attend their school and she could keep her job. We only have enough funding to put her and her children in a motel for 3 days. This will provide for her immediate safety tonight, but won't allow her time to really plan for a new start.