

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Connecticut Summary

On September 15, 2009, 16 out of 16, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Connecticut participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

926 Victims Served in One Day

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

700 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%
Emergency Shelter	81%
Group Support or Advocacy	88%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	50%
Legal Accompaniment/Court Advocacy	88%
Transportation	75%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	50%

192 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 approximately 8 hotline calls every hour.

489 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 489 individuals in communities across Connecticut attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

67 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, 39 (58%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 🏠 38% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 38% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 38% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 31% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 25% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"A survivor was unable to obtain child support from her abusive ex-husband because we don't have a staff attorney and there is no legal assistance available to help her. As a result, she's unable to afford housing for her and her children."

"Since demand for services has increased so dramatically in the past two years, we've collaborated and coordinated with other agencies to increase victim safety."