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## Domestic Violence Counts Connecticut Summary

On September 10, 2014, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Connecticut participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,109 Victims Served in One Day

321 domestic violence victims (148 children and 173 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

788 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	87%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	80%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	80%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	67%
Advocacy Related to Health Care or Healthcare Systems	40%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	27%

### 325 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, local and state hotlines answered 325 calls, averaging more than 13 hotline calls every hour.

### 741 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 741 individuals in communities across Connecticut attended 29 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 44 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 82% (36) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 40 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 13% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 7% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Connecticut, 8 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (73%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twelve individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“A woman fleeing her abuser with her child called our hotline looking for shelter space. All of the shelters in the state of Connecticut were full. The woman and her child had to stay with a family member but we were able to offer them community-based services.”

— Advocate

