

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Delaware Summary

On September 15, 2009, 7 out of 7, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Delaware participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

194 Victims Served in One Day

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

144 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	86%
Emergency Shelter	57%
Group Support or Advocacy	43%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	43%
Transportation	43%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	29%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by licensed practitioner)	29%
Rural Outreach	29%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	29%

37 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

50 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 50 individuals in communities across Delaware attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

23 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, 7 (30%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 57% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 29% reported not enough staff.
- 29% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.

"Our program is struggling to provide services to victims. It's difficult when we literally don't have enough food, toiletries, and linens for our residents in the shelter."

"The number of homeless families is rising, including those who are homeless due to domestic violence. Today, we were unable to take in three women because our shelter is full. Although we know they're safe tonight, it's frustrating that we don't have space for them."

