



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS New Jersey Summary

On September 14, 2016, 28 out of 28 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in New Jersey participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 28 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,044 Victims Served in One Day

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

**565** adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Individual Support and Advocacy	<b>100%</b>
Transitional or Other Housing Program	<b>79%</b>
Emergency Shelter	<b>68%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>68%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	<b>64%</b>
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	<b>39%</b>
Legal Representation by an Attorney	<b>21%</b>

### 504 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 hotline staff answered **504** calls, averaging **21** hotline calls every hour.

❖ An advocate said, “A hotline caller was unable to come to an available appointment due to a lack of transportation. She needed mental health care to address the trauma caused by her abuser’s severe beating that resulted in hospitalization in the ICU due to brain trauma. She is also facing the loss of housing because the abuser is the owner of the home and he stopped paying the bills.”

### 174 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **174** individuals in communities across New Jersey attended **19** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 96 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 51% (49) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **96** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across New Jersey, **33.5** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. All (**100%**) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

