



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Indiana Summary

On September 13, 2017, 46 out of 46 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 46 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,868 Victims Served in One Day

1,214 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

654 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	On Census Day
Children’s Support or Advocacy	87%
Emergency Shelter	76%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	65%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	28%

### 479 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in Indiana answered on average 20 hotline calls per hour.

### 1,764 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 1,764 individuals in communities across Indiana attended 85 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 219 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 83% (181) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 220 requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs.

In the past year, 12 local programs in Indiana laid off or did not fill 20 staff positions. Most of these positions (56%) were direct service providers, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ “A client leaving her abuser wanted to relocate. We provided services to help her reach her goals. She was offered a job but the offer was rescinded when her background check revealed a low-level felony 15 years ago. We used economic justice funds to pay her fines and a local attorney helped with getting her record expunged. She is now living independently.”

