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California 2012 Domestic Violence Census Released; Over 1,100 Service Requests Went Unmet Due to Lack of Resources

Sacramento, May 8, 2013—The [new Domestic Violence Counts: A 24-hour Census of Domestic Violence Shelters and Programs](#) report released by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) reveals that in 2012, California domestic violence programs lacked sufficient resources to meet all the needs of domestic violence victims in their communities. The report shows that programs were unable to meet 1,170 requests in just one 24-hour period. Over two-thirds of these requests were for emergency shelter or transitional housing, essential services for victims seeking safety and stability.

Each year, NNEDV conducts a 24-hour survey of local domestic violence programs across the US. On September 12, 2012, domestic violence programs nationwide provided services to more than 60,000 adults and children in one day alone. In California, over 5,000 adults and children received services at domestic violence agencies across the state, and programs answered over 1,300 crisis hotline calls. The services provided included emergency shelter, counseling, and advocacy to help survivors navigate the often confusing and complicated court system.

Sadly, because of lack of resources, programs were unable to provide these critical services to all victims in need. The unmet need detailed in the 2012 report echoes findings from prior years and other data sources.

The 1,170 unmet requests for services is a particularly troublesome number, and illustrates the need for increased funding to these vital programs. Tara Shabazz, executive director of the [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence](#), said that she hopes the report will be a wake-up call.

"Californians rely on domestic violence agencies to protect families and preserve public safety," she said. "Too many domestic violence agencies lack sufficient resources to meet their communities' needs. These programs must be supported at a level that reflects the importance of the life-saving services they provide."

About the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (the Partnership) is California's statewide domestic violence coalition, with organizational and individual members across the state. Working at the local, state and national levels for nearly 30 years, the Partnership has a long track record of successfully passing over 100 pieces of legislation on behalf of domestic violence victims and their children. The Partnership believes that by sharing expertise, advocates and legislators can end domestic violence. Every day we inspire, inform and connect all those concerned with this issue, because together we're stronger. With offices in Sacramento, the Partnership's member programs span the entire state.

Related Web Sites:

Full National Domestic Violence Census Report:

<http://www.nnedv.org/resources/census/2012-report.html>

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