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Domestic Violence Counts Arizona Summary

On September 16, 2015, 37 out of 40 (93%) identified domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 37 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,652 Victims Served in One Day

1,106 domestic violence victims (613 children and 493 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

546 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	86%
Emergency Shelter	84%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	35%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	27%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing /Landlord	24%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	14%

239 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 9 hotline calls every hour.

450 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 450 individuals in communities across Arizona attended 36 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

223 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 90% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities, Attorney/Legal Representation, and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Arizona, 36 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 22% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 16% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 11% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 8% of programs reported reductions in private funding.

Across Arizona, 36 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (67%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Our legal advocate helped a victim prepare for court because she was terrified to speak to a judge with her abuser there, too. She was able to convey her concerns to the judge and was granted the order. She said had it not been for the legal advocate, she might not have attended the hearing or even returned to her abuser. She thanked us for helping her find the courage to move forward.”

— Advocate

