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Domestic Violence Counts Nebraska Summary

On September 16, 2015, 21 out of 21 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Nebraska participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 21 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

472 Victims Served in One Day

153 domestic violence victims (86 children and 67 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

319 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	95%
Emergency Shelter	67%
Transportation	62%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	57%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	52%
Rural Outreach	38%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	5%

222 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.

1,053 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,053 individuals in communities across Nebraska attended 51 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

105 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 76% 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, Attorney/Legal Representation and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Nebraska, 15 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 24% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 10% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 10% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 5% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Nebraska, 10 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (78%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“A survivor called stating that she had fled a domestic violence relationship, and needed legal representation in order to address child custody. She was unable to access services from Legal Aid due to a conflict of interest, and the WCA’s legal program was unable to represent her as a result of capacity issues.”

— Advocate

