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Domestic Violence Counts Nevada Summary

On September 16, 2015, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

334 Victims Served in One Day

182 domestic violence victims (98 children and 84 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

152 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	87%
Children's Support or Advocacy	80%
Emergency Shelter	73%
Group Support or Advocacy	60%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	47%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	47%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	40%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	13%

105 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 4 hotline calls every hour.

75 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 75 individuals in communities across Nevada attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

108 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 69% 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 and Transportation/Gas services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Nevada, 34 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 33% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 33% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 7% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 7% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Nevada, 20 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (86%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Due to the reduction in funding, our organization no longer has a full-time staff member available to provide legal advocacy to victims, especially those needing assistance with protection orders or in court. If things don't change, rural victims are going to be left to fend for themselves and that will be a death sentence for many of them."

— Advocate