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Domestic Violence Counts North Dakota Summary

On September 16, 2015, 20 out of 20 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in North Dakota participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 20 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

300 Victims Served in One Day

129 domestic violence victims (65 children and 64 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

171 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	70%
Children's Support or Advocacy	55%
Emergency Shelter	45%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	35%
Transportation	30%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	20%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	15%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	10%

95 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 3 hotline calls every hour.

291 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 291 individuals in communities across North Dakota attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

14 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

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 North Dakota, 16 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 35% 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 North Dakota, 19 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and all of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A client wants to leave an abusive relationship but cannot find housing. Due to the oil boom in ND in recent years, any housing is difficult to find--especially affordable housing. This client did not want to go to a shelter because she would have to take her children to school in a different community and does not have a vehicle. This client stayed with friends for a while but ended up returning to the home."

— Advocate