



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS New Mexico Summary

On September 14, 2016, 24 out of 30 **(80%)** identified domestic violence programs in New Mexico participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 24 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,017 Victims Served in One Day

763 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

254 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	25%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	17%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	13%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	8%
Transitional or Other Housing Program	0%

157 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, local and state hotline staff answered **157** calls, averaging **7** hotline calls every hour.

148 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **148** individuals in communities across New Mexico attended **13** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

219 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 18% (39) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **219** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across New Mexico, **19** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Many **(46%)** of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “A survivor who was pregnant entered shelter with her five children. While in shelter, she enrolled her children in school, obtained full-time employment, obtained a protection order, and filed for child custody. She was referred to our transitional housing program where she and her children continue to live independently and are doing very well. ”

