

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 18 out of 18, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Alaska participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 18 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

496 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 300 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 196 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 94% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 28% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

94%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
78%	Childcare
78%	Emergency Shelter
78%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
67%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
61%	Advocacy with Social Services
61%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
28%	Transitional Housing

15 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Alaska reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

BUDGET

Programs reported that limited financial resources impacted their ability to meet victims' request for services. In Alaska, 34% of programs have an annual budget below \$499,000.

113 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Alaska answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

90 PEOPLE TRAINED

Individuals across Alaska attended community education and trainings, gaining much needed information on prevention and early intervention.

Today was a good day. Our legal advocates helped a mother regain custody of her children, and we received a call from a previous client who has since finished school, started a new career, and is living successfully in another town.

In our small community, no other emergency shelters for women and children are available. It is an honor to do this work, but it becomes more and more overwhelming as need rises and our funding does not keep pace with the need.