

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 32 out of 46, or 70%, of identified domestic violence programs in Colorado participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 32 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,061 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 441 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 620 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 41% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

94%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
66%	Emergency Shelter
63%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
56%	Children’s Counseling/ Advocacy
53%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
47%	Advocacy with Social Services
41%	Transitional Housing
13%	Childcare

301 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Colorado 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.

NOT ENOUGH STAFF

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims’ requests for services. 84% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 72% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

621 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Colorado answered more than 26 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

364 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

We provide services unique to working with survivors with disabilities, but it truly takes a village to help any woman get free from domestic violence. Today, a survivor was connected with a family attorney after a month of seeking pro bono legal services.

A mother with two toddlers called looking for help. We did not have the space to accommodate them. It is very frustrating to have to turn down women who have no place to go and who are afraid for their safety.