

# Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 12 out of 28, or 43%, of identified domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 12 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 352 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 178 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 174 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 83% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 33% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

83%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
67%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
67%	Emergency Shelter
67%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
58%	Advocacy with Social Services
58%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
42%	Childcare
33%	Transitional Housing

## 50 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Idaho 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. 75% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 58% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

## 144 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Idaho answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

## 169 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

Due to private grant funding for a new shelter facility we purchased in January, we were able to provide shelter to a woman and four children. This is something that wasn't available less than a year ago in our rural community. It gave this family a safe haven until the perpetrator was apprehended.

Being a rural service provider has unique problems in regards to funding. The cost of transportation climbs dramatically when you provide services to victims in an area that covers over 1,200 square miles with no public transportation.