

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 25 out of 70, or 36%, of identified domestic violence programs in Minnesota participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 25 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

842 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 281 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 561 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 100% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 28% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

100% Individual Counseling or Advocacy

72% Legal Accompaniment/ Services

60% Emergency Shelter

60% Group Counseling or Advocacy

52% Children's Counseling/ Advocacy

44% Advocacy with Social Services

40% Childcare

28% Transitional Housing

110 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Minnesota 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. 60% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 40% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

321 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Minnesota answered more than 13 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

195 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

We used to have a youth and children's program, but due to lack of funding we no longer have that.

Although a survivor requested services, an appointment had to be scheduled 2 days later because we do not have enough counselors. Providing quality services for healing, outreach, prevention, and education can be extremely challenging while operating on a shoestring budget.