

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 19 out of 19, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in North Dakota participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 19 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

296 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 144 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 152 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.
- In just one day, 68% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 26% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

68%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
37%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
37%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
32%	Children’s Counseling/ Advocacy
32%	Emergency Shelter
26%	Transitional Housing
21%	Advocacy with Social Services
16%	Childcare

25 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in North Dakota 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. 68% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 63% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

82 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in North Dakota answered more than 3 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

415 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

We held our “Take Back the Night” march and rally, and approximately 200 individuals attended. We were able to help one survivor get a place to live, and we helped with visitation and protection orders for another family.

Transportation is a primary issue surrounding service delivery to families. We are able to refer families to multiple support services but can’t find transportation to get them there. It is extremely frustrating for everyone.